

Supporting information for:

**Steric shielding of the KRAS4B hypervariable region enables isoform-specific inhibition of prenylation**

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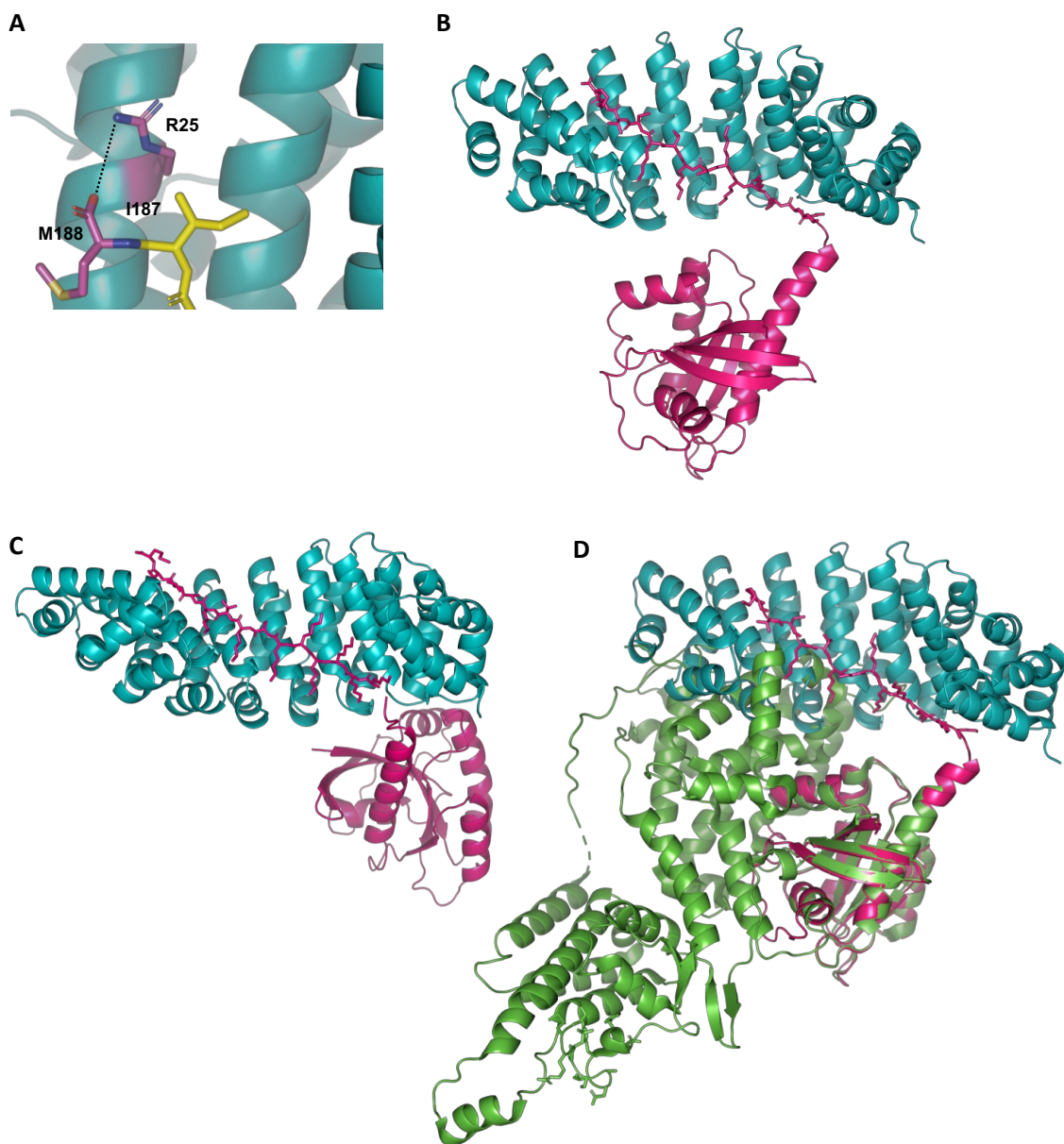
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KRAS4B	K	H	K	-	E	K	M	S	K	D	G	K	K	K	K	S	K	T	K	C	V	I	M		
KRAS4A	Q	Y	R	L	K	K	I	S	K	E	E	K	T	P	G	C	V	K	I	K	K	C	I	I	M
HRAS	Q	H	K	L	R	K	L	N	P	P	D	E	S	G	P	G	C	M	S	C	K	C	V	L	S
NRAS	Q	Y	R	M	K	K	L	N	S	S	D	D	G	T	Q	G	C	M	G	L	P	C	V	V	M

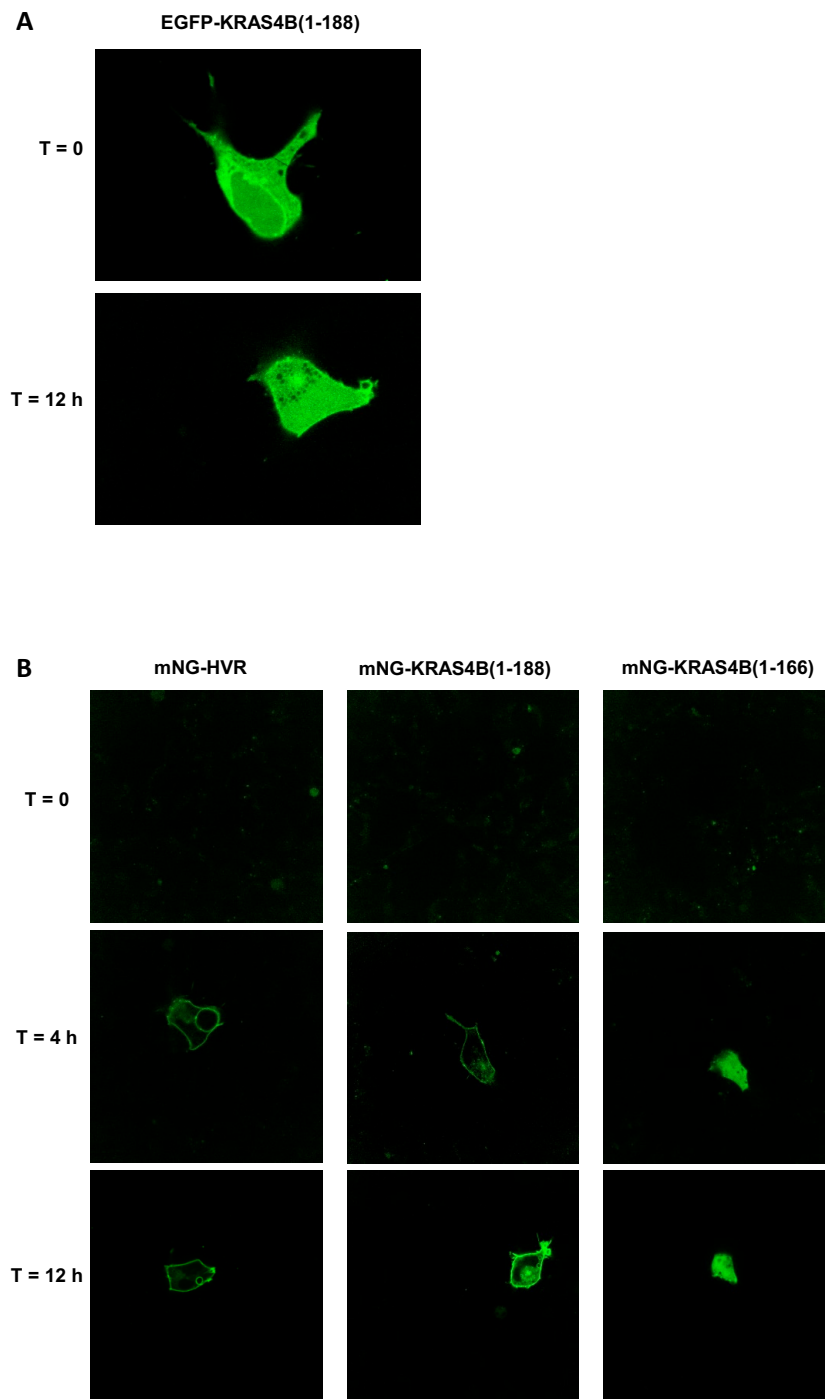
**Figure S1.** Sequence alignment of the hypervariable regions of the four main RAS isoforms.



**Figure S2.** (A) The S25R mutation in the N-terminal cap of the selected dArmRPs enables the formation of a salt-bridge with the free carboxyl group of the C-terminal amino acid. (B) AF3-generated model of M6\_G1 (cyan) bound to KRAS4B (pink). (C) AF3-generated model of M7\_D5 (cyan) bound to KRAS4B (pink). (D) Overlay of SOS1-bound KRAS in green (PDB: 7KFZ) with the predicted structure of the dArmRP M6\_G1 (cyan) bound to KRAS4B (pink).

KRAS4B-HVR		K	K	K	K	K	S	K	T	K	C	V	I	M		
Gametogenetin-binding protein 2	531	K	N	K	K	K	K	K	S	K	-	-	-	-	540	
PHD finger protein 20	543	K	K	K	K	K	K	K	T	K	-	-	-	-	552	
NKAP-like protein	229	K	K	K	K	K	T	K	K	K	-	-	-	-	239	
Putative methyltransferase NSUN7	543	K	K	K	K	S	K	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	550	
HMG box transcription factor BBX	528	K	K	K	K	K	K	S	K	S	-	-	-	-	542	
PHD finger protein 20-like protein 1	570	K	K	E	K	S	K	S	K	-	-	-	-	C	579	
RAD51-associated protein 1	245	K	R	K	E	K	-	L	K	G	K	C	V	I	M	254
Chromodomain-helicase-DNA-binding protein 7	641	K	K	K	K	K	S	K	T	-	-	-	-	-	650	
GTP-binding protein Di-Ras2	187	K	K	K	K	M	S	K	E	K	-	-	-	-	199	
Proliferation-associated protein 2G4	368	K	K	K	K	R	S	K	A	K	-	-	-	-	377	

**Figure S3.** Alignment of the ten protein sequences with the highest homology to the residues 175-188 of KRAS4B as identified by protein BLAST.



**Figure S4. (A)** Localization of recombinant EGFP-KRAS(1-188) upon microinjection as a function of time. **(B)** Localization of mNeonGreen fusions of the KRAS4V-HVR, KRAS(1-188) and KRAS(1-166) upon expression from a microinjected plasmid as a function of time.

**Table S1.** Selection conditions during affinity maturation.

Input library	Output library	Concentration during sort			Off-rate selection	Sorted Cells	Theoretical max. Diversity
		EGFP-KRAS4B [nM]	KRASless HeLa lysate	dGFP [nM]			
parental	G1 F0	<b>1<sup>st</sup> randomization</b>					<b>9.0·10<sup>7</sup></b>
G1 F0	G1 F1	750	-	-	no	923,000	923,000
G1 F1	G1 F2	125	-	-	no	100,000	100,000
G1 F2	G1 F3	125	yes	-	no	26,000	26,000
G1 F3	G1 F4	100	yes	2000	no	12,000	12,000
G1 F4	G1 F5	62.5	yes	-	no	67,000	12,000
G1 F5	G2 F0	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> randomization</b>					<b>1.4·10<sup>6</sup></b>
G2 F0	G2 F1	62.5	-	-	no	163,000	163,000
G2 F1	G2 F2	62.5	-	625	no	72,000	72,000
G2 F2	G2 F3	31.25	yes	312	30 min	51,000	51,000

**Table S2.** Affinities of the selected KRAS4B-binding dArmRPs determined by fluorescence anisotropy.

dArmRP variant	K <sub>D</sub> (nM) <sup>a</sup>			
	uncleaved, unmodified HVR <sup>a</sup>	cleaved (-VIM), unmodified HVR <sup>b</sup>	cleaved (-VIM), carboxymethylated HVR <sup>c</sup>	cleaved (-VIM), fully modified HVR <sup>d</sup>
M6_parental	874.8 ± 30.0	883.2 ± 58.1	2234 ± 136	n.b.
M6_G2	9.0 ± 1.2	136.5 ± 7.8	273.9 ± 14.7	n.b.
M6_G1	0.4 ± 0.2	25.2 ± 1.9	36.7 ± 1.5	n.b.
M6_F1	0.8 ± 0.2	83.9 ± 6.3	165.8 ± 7.3	n.b.
M7_A6	1.3 ± 0.2	35.2 ± 2.4	74.8 ± 4.1	n.b.
M7_D5	0.5 ± 0.1	60.6 ± 3.9	147.3 ± 5.4	n.b.
M7_D6	0.6 ± 0.3	93.2 ± 3.8	150.5 ± 5.4	n.b.
M8_F6	1.4 ± 0.2	32.8 ± 2.5	95.0 ± 2.3	n.b.
M8_F8	1.3 ± 0.3	33.0 ± 1.9	77.2 ± 2.4	n.b.
M8_D8	0.5 ± 0.1	39.4 ± 2.1	124.5 ± 3.5	n.b.
M8_E6	0.7 ± 0.2	36.1 ± 1.8	85.9 ± 1.7	n.b.

n.b., no binding

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**Table S3.** X-ray crystallography data collection and refinement statistics

<b>PDB ID:</b>	<b>M6_G1, trigonal</b>	<b>M6_G1, tetragonal</b>
	<b>29IQ</b>	<b>29IS</b>
<b>Data statistics</b>		
Wavelength	1.0000	1.0000
Resolution	74.90 - 2.07 (2.29-2.07)	49.48 - 2.84 (3.02 - 2.84)
Space group	P3 <sub>2</sub>	P4 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2
Unit cell	86.497 86.497 206.428 90.0 90.0 120.0	156.998 156.998 278.995 90.0 90.0 90.0
Total reflections	714674 (29664)	2244050 (325493)
Unique reflections	79286 (3964)	78077 (12516)
Multiplicity	9.0 (7.5)	28.7 (26.0)
Completeness (%)	95.1 (60.7)	99.8 (99.0)
Mean I/sigma(I)	9.1 (1.7)	10.9 (0.8)
Wilson B-factor	43.80	83.09
R-merge	0.140 (1.924)	0.231 (3.532)
R-meas	0.148 (2.065)	0.240 (3.677)
R-pim	0.049 (0.738)	n.d.
CC1/2	0.998 (0.415)	0.999 (0.561)
ISa	21.99	30.98
<b>Refinement</b>		
Resolution	50.01 - 2.07 (2.10 - 2.07)	49.48 - 2.84 (2.92 - 2.84)
Reflections used in refinement	75316 (350)	78077 (5642)
Reflections used for R-free	3962 (21)	4110 (297)
R-work	0.2283	0.2200
R-free	0.3072	0.2504
Number of non-hydrogen atoms	15207	19895
macromolecules	14922	19895
ligands	0	0
solvent	285	0
Protein residues	2022	2700
RMS(bonds)	0.009	0.010
RMS(angles)	1.67	1.75
Ramachandran favored (%)	96.10	98.05
Ramachandran allowed (%)	3.70	1.57
Ramachandran outliers (%)	0.20	0.37
Rotamer outliers (%)	7.80	6.70
Clashscore	10.98	4.89
Average B-factor macromolecules	57.61	113.89
solvent	57.80	113.89
	47.81	

**Table S4.** Protein sequences of expression constructs used in this study.

<b>ID</b>	<b>Protein Sequence</b>
<b>EGFP-KRAS4B (1-188)</b>	GSMVSKGEELFTGVVPIILVELDGDVNGHKFSVSGEGEGDATYGKLTCLKFICTTGKLPVPWPTLVTTTLTYGVQCF SRYPDHMKQHDFFKSAMPEGYVQERTIFFKDDGNYKTRAEVKFEEDTLVNRIELKIDFKEDGNILGHKLEYNY NSHNVYIMADKQKNGIKVNFKIRHNIEDGSQLADHYQQNTPIGDGPVLLPDNHYLSTQSALS KDPNEKRDH MV LLEFVTAAGITLGMDELYKGGGGSGMTEYKLVVVGAGGVGKSALTIQLIQNHVFVEYDPTIEDSYRKQVVIDGE TCLLDILD TAGQEEYSAMRDQYMRTGEGFLCVFAINNTKSFEDIH HYREQIKRVK DSE DVPMVLVGNKCDLPSR TVDTKQAQDLARSYGIPFIETSAKTRQGVDDAFYTLVREIRKHKEKMSKDGK K K K K K S K T K C V I M
<b>sfGFP-HVR</b>	GSMSKGEELFTGVVPIILVELDGDVNGHKFSVRGEGEGDATNGKLTCLKFICTTGKLPVPWPTLVTTTLTYGVQCF S RYPDHMKRHDFFKSAMPEGYVQERTISFKDDGTYKTRAEVKFEEDTLVNRIELKIDFKEDGNILGHKLEYNFN SHNVYITADKQKNGIKANFKIRHNVEDGSQLADHYQQNTPIGDGPVLLPDNHYLSTQSVLSKDPNEKRDH MV L LEFVTAAGITHGMDELYKGGASKHKEKMSKDGK K K K K K S K T K C V I M
<b>Avi-KRAS (1-166)</b>	MAGLNDFEAQKIEWHEGSMGSMTEYKLVVVGAGGVGKSALTIQLIQNHVFVEYDPTIEDSYRKQVVIDGETCL LDILD TAGQEEYSAMRDQYMRTGEGFLCVFAINNTKSFEDIH HYREQIKRVK DSE DVPMVLVGNKCDLPSRTVD TKQAQDLARSYGIPFIETSAKTRQGVDDAFYTLVREIRKLAHHHHHH
<b>Avi-KRAS (1-188)</b>	GSGLNDFEAQKIEWHEGGGGSGGGSGMTEYKLVVVGAGGVGKSALTIQLIQNHVFVEYDPTIEDSYRKQV VIDGETCLLDILD TAGQEEYSAMRDQYMRTGEGFLCVFAINNTKSFEDIH HYREQIKRVK DSE DVPMVLVGNK DLPSRTVDTKQAQDLARSYGIPFIETSAKTRQGVDDAFYTLVREIRKHKEKMSKDGK K K K K K S K T K C V I M

**Table S5.** EP-PCR parameters for the generation of the libraries G1 F0 and G2 F0.

Components	Volume (µL)	Concentration	Step	Time (s)	Temp. (°C)	Cycles
10 · Mutazyme II Buffer	5	1·	Initial Denaturation	120	95	1
ddH <sub>2</sub> O	x	-	Denaturation	20	95	
forward primer (HR1-for)	2.5	0.5 µM	Annealing	20	56	25, 30
reverse primer (HR2-rev)	2.5	0.5 µM	Elongation <sup>b</sup>	x	72	
template DNA <sup>a</sup>	x	x	Final Elongation	600	72	1
40 mM dNTP mix	1	200 µM each	Hold	∞	8	1
Mutazyme II DNA pol.	1	2.5 unit				
	50					

<sup>a</sup> amount according to library generation (see below)

<sup>b</sup> an elongation time of 60 s per kbp was used and adjusted to the length of the amplified region

library name	reaction volume	amplification cycles	template amount	mutations per insert
G1 F0	50 µL	25	500 ng	
G1 F0	50 µL	30	500 ng	1 - 2
G2 F0	50 µL	25	50 ng	
G2 F0	50 µL	30	50 ng	4 - 5