

# “Identification of promising drug candidates against prostate cancer through computationally-driven drug repurposing”

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**Table S3.** All targets that emerged from the analysis of activity annotations of ligands with PC-3, DU-145, and LNCaP cell-based activity data reported in ChEMBL. The targets with significant Spearman's Rho coefficient of correlation ( $\rho_s \geq 0.4$ , p-value < 0.001) are highlighted in bold.

Target Name	Protein family	Target ChEMBL ID	Uniprot ID *	Cell lines
Serine/threonine-protein kinase PIM1	Protein kinase superfamily, CAMK Ser/Thr protein kinase family, PIM subfamily	CHEMBL2147	PIM1	PC-3
PI3-kinase p110-alpha subunit	PI3/PI4-kinase family	CHEMBL4005	PK3CA	PC-3
Tyrosine-protein kinase LCK	Protein kinase superfamily, Tyr protein kinase family, SRC subfamily	CHEMBL258	LCK	PC-3
Glycogen synthase kinase-3 beta	Protein kinase superfamily, CMGC Ser/Thr protein kinase family, GSK-3 subfamily	CHEMBL262	GSK3B	PC-3
Cyclin-dependent kinase 2	Protein kinase superfamily, CMGC Ser/Thr protein kinase family, CDC2/CDKX subfamily	CHEMBL301	CDK2	PC-3; DU-145
<b>Cyclin-dependent kinase 1</b>	<b>Protein kinase superfamily, CMGC Ser/Thr protein kinase family, CDC2/CDKX subfamily</b>	<b>CHEMBL308</b>	<b>CDK1</b>	<b>PC-3; DU-145</b>
Serine/threonine-protein kinase AKT2	Protein kinase superfamily, AGC Ser/Thr protein kinase family, RAC subfamily	CHEMBL2431	AKT2	PC-3
Serine/threonine-protein kinase TAO1	Protein kinase superfamily, STE Ser/Thr protein kinase family, STE20 subfamily	CHEMBL5261	TAOK1	PC-3
Serine/threonine-protein kinase D2	Protein kinase superfamily, CAMK Ser/Thr protein kinase family, PKD subfamily	CHEMBL4900	KPCD2	PC-3
Dual specificity mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 5	Protein kinase superfamily, STE Ser/Thr protein kinase family, MAP kinase kinase subfamily	CHEMBL4948	MP2K5	PC-3
PI3-kinase p110-delta subunit	PI3/PI4-kinase family	CHEMBL3130	PK3CD	PC-3
PI3-kinase p110-beta subunit	PI3/PI4-kinase family	CHEMBL3145	PK3CB	PC-3
<b>PI3-kinase p110-gamma subunit</b>	<b>PI3/PI4-kinase family</b>	<b>CHEMBL3267</b>	<b>PK3CG</b>	<b>PC-3</b>
Serine/threonine-protein kinase mTOR	PI3/PI4-kinase family	CHEMBL2842	MTOR	PC-3
MAP kinase p38 alpha	Protein kinase superfamily, CMGC Ser/Thr protein kinase family, MAP kinase subfamily	CHEMBL260	MK14	PC-3
<b>Histone deacetylase 1</b>	<b>Histone deacetylase family, HD type 1 subfamily</b>	<b>CHEMBL325</b>	<b>HDAC1</b>	<b>PC-3; DU-145; LNCaP</b>
Histone deacetylase 10	Histone deacetylase family, HD type 2 subfamily	CHEMBL5103	HDA10	PC-3
Histone deacetylase 8	Histone deacetylase family, HD type 1 subfamily	CHEMBL3192	HDAC8	PC-3
<b>Histone deacetylase 4</b>	<b>Histone deacetylase family, HD type 2 subfamily</b>	<b>CHEMBL3524</b>	<b>HDAC4</b>	<b>PC-3</b>
Histone deacetylase 5	Histone deacetylase family, HD type 2 subfamily	CHEMBL2563	HDAC5	PC-3
DNA topoisomerase II alpha	Type II topoisomerase family	CHEMBL1806	TOP2A	PC-3; DU-145
Proteasome Macropain subunit MB1	Peptidase T1B family	CHEMBL4662	PSB5	PC-3
Proteasome Macropain subunit	Peptidase T1B family	CHEMBL3492	PSB2	PC-3
Histone deacetylase 2	Histone deacetylase family, HD type 1 subfamily	CHEMBL1937	HDAC2	PC-3
Histone deacetylase 11	Histone deacetylase family	CHEMBL3310	HDA11	PC-3
Dihydrofolate reductase	Dihydrofolate reductase family	CHEMBL202	DYR	PC-3; DU-145
Androgen Receptor	Nuclear hormone receptor family, NR3 subfamily	CHEMBL1871	ANDR	PC-3
DNA topoisomerase I	Type IB topoisomerase family	CHEMBL1781	TOP1	PC-3
<b>Heat shock protein HSP 90-alpha</b>	<b>Heat shock protein 90 family</b>	<b>CHEMBL3880</b>	<b>HS90A</b>	<b>PC-3</b>
Alpha-1b adrenergic receptor	G-protein coupled receptor 1 family, Adrenergic receptor subfamily, ADRA1B sub-subfamily	CHEMBL232	ADA1B	PC-3
<b>Kinesin-like protein 11</b>	<b>TRAFAC class myosin-kinesin ATPase superfamily, Kinesin family, BimC subfamily</b>	<b>CHEMBL4581</b>	<b>KIF11</b>	<b>PC-3</b>
Nicotinamide phosphoribosyltransferase	NAPRTase family	CHEMBL1744525	NAMPT	PC-3; DU-145
Fatty acid synthase		CHEMBL4158	FAS	PC-3
<b>Voltage-gated T-type calcium channel alpha-1G subunit</b>	<b>Calcium channel alpha-1 subunit (TC 1.A.1.11) family, CACNA1G subfamily</b>	<b>CHEMBL4641</b>	<b>CAC1G</b>	<b>DU-145</b>
Citron Rho-interacting kinase	Protein kinase superfamily, AGC Ser/Thr protein kinase family	CHEMBL5579	CTRO	DU-145
Signal transducer and activator of transcription 3	Transcription factor STAT family	CHEMBL4026	STAT3	DU-145
Serine/threonine-protein kinase RIPK2	Protein kinase superfamily, TKL Ser/Thr protein kinase family	CHEMBL5014	RIPK2	DU-145
Vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 2	Protein kinase superfamily, Tyr protein kinase family, CSF-1/PDGF receptor subfamily	CHEMBL279	VGFR2	DU-145

1-acylglycerol-3-phosphate O-acyltransferase beta	1-acyl-sn-glycerol-3-phosphate acyltransferase family	CHEMBL4772	PLCB	DU-145
Epidermal growth factor receptor erbB1	Protein kinase superfamily, Tyr protein kinase family, EGF receptor subfamily	CHEMBL203	EGFR	DU-145
Serine/threonine-protein kinase Aurora-A	Protein kinase superfamily, Ser/Thr protein kinase family, Aurora subfamily	CHEMBL4722	AURKA	LNCaP
Bromodomain-containing protein 4		CHEMBL1163125	BRD4	LNCaP

Note: \* the complete UniProt name of proteins includes also the suffix “\_HUMAN”.

**Table S4.** Spearman's Rho correlation coefficient ( $\rho_s$ ) with confidence interval (CI) of the targets that emerged as relevant from the analysis of activity annotations of ligands with PC-3, DU-145, and LNCaP data in ChEMBL. The targets with an acceptable Spearman's Rho coefficient ( $\rho_s \geq 0.4$ , p-value < 0.001) are highlighted in bold.

PI3-kinase p110-alpha subunit	PK3CA	0,46	2,93E-12	203	0,34	0,57					
Tyrosine-protein kinase LCK	LCK	0,44	1,07E-02	33	0,09	0,69					
Histone deacetylase 10	HDA10	0,42	3,40E-02	26	0,01	0,70					
Histone deacetylase 8	HDAC8	0,37	4,99E-04	87	0,16	0,54					
<b>Voltage-gated T-type calcium channel alpha-1G subunit</b>	<b>CAC1G</b>						<b>0,93</b>	<b>3,97E-05</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0,68</b>	<b>0,99</b>
Citron Rho-interacting kinase	CTRO						0,64	4,79E-02	10	-0,08	0,92
Signal transducer and activator of transcription 3	STAT3						0,56	1,62E-02	18	0,08	0,83
Serine/threonine-protein kinase RIPK2	RIPK2						0,55	4,16E-02	14	-0,03	0,85
Vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 2	VGFR2						0,45	1,17E-03	50	0,18	0,65
1-acylglycerol-3-phosphate O-acyltransferase beta	PLCB						0,41	4,24E-02	25	-0,01	0,70
Epidermal growth factor receptor erbB1	EGFR						0,39	1,05E-03	69	0,15	0,58
Serine/threonine-protein kinase Aurora-A	AURKA						0,33	2,90E-02	43	0,02	0,58
Bromodomain-containing protein 4	BRD4									0,77	8,88E-03
										10	0,18
											0,95

Note: \* the complete UniProt Name of proteins includes also the suffix “\_HUMAN”.

**Table S5.** 138 DrugBank ligands identified from the similarity calculations together with their ChEMBL IDs.

DrugBank ID	ChEMBL ID	CAS Number	Name
DB00210	CHEMBL1265	106685-40-9	Adapalene
DB00406	CHEMBL459265	7438-46-2	Gentian violet cation
DB00432	CHEMBL1129	70-00-8	Trifluridine
DB00518	CHEMBL1483	54965-21-8	Albendazole
DB00555	CHEMBL741	84057-84-1	Lamotrigine
DB00928	CHEMBL1489	320-67-2	Azacitidine
DB01157	CHEMBL119	52128-35-5	Trimetrexate
DB01958	CHEMBL329985		5-[4-Tert-Butylphenylsulfanyl]-2,4-Quinazolinediamine
DB02026	CHEMBL104829		Furo[2,3d]Pyrimidine Antifolate
DB02104	CHEMBL50514		2,4-Diamino-5-Methyl-6-[(3,4,5-Trimethoxy-N-Methylanilino)Methyl]Pyrido[2,3-D]Pyrimidine
DB02152	CHEMBL281948	97161-97-2	K-252a
DB02240	CHEMBL1190232	64046-79-3	Quinacrine mustard
DB02256	CHEMBL353955	951-78-0	2'-Deoxyuridine
DB02281	CHEMBL471524	6742-12-7	Formycin
DB02282	CHEMBL277041	2457-80-9	5'-S-methyl-5'-thioadenosine
DB02390			5-Bromo-N[2-(Dimethylamino)Ethyl]-9-Aminoacridine-4-Carboxamide
DB02427	CHEMBL325434		2,4-Diamino-6-[N-(2',5'-Dimethoxybenzyl)-N-Methylamino]Quinazoline
DB02472			7,8-dihydroinosine
DB02583	CHEMBL32113	175354-76-4	N6-(2,5-Dimethoxy-Benzyl)-N6-Methyl-Pyrido[2,3-D]Pyrimidine-2,4,6-Triamine
DB02753		40093-99-0	Selenoinosine
DB02798			Alpha-Methylene Adenosine Monophosphate
DB02842	CHEMBL287038		9-amino-n-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]acridine-4-carboxamide
DB02857	CHEMBL375655	118-00-3	Guanosine
DB02896	CHEMBL388931	342-69-8	Methylthioinosine
DB02933	CHEMBL551561		5'-Deoxy-5'-(Methylthio)-Tubercidin
DB03034	CHEMBL420937	100986-86-5	D-Levofloxacin
DB03060			Sri-9662

DB03068	CHEMBL504567	3690-10-6	Zebularine
DB03199			4-Methoxy-E-Rhodomycin T
DB03351	CHEMBL151958		Sri-9439
DB03480	CHEMBL220467		Brequinar Analog
DB03626	CHEMBL94277		5-Methoxy-1,2-Dimethyl-3-(Phenoxy methyl)Indole-4,7-Dione
DB03671	CHEMBL1153	1672-46-4	Digoxigenin
DB03716	CHEMBL1212979		5'-Fluoro-5'-Deoxyadenosine
DB03735	CHEMBL1234254		9-(2-Deoxy-Beta-D-Ribofuranosyl)-6-Methylpurine
DB03763		65358-15-8	5-methyl-2'-deoxypseudouridine
DB03765	CHEMBL582887	85-94-9	2'-cytidylic acid
DB03804	CHEMBL1231486		5-Bromo thiényl deoxyuridine
DB03952			9-(6-deoxy-beta-D-allofuranosyl)-6-methylpurine
DB03986			6-methyl-formycin A
DB03987	CHEMBL36245		2,4-Diamino-6-[N-(3',5'-Dimethoxybenzyl)-N-Methylamino]Pyrido[2,3-D]Pyrimidine
DB04011			2'-(4-Dimethylaminophenyl)-5-(4-Methyl-1-Piperazinyl)-2,5'-Bi-Benzimidazole
DB04163	CHEMBL100239		5-Phenylsulfanyl-2,4-Quinazolinediamine
DB04306	CHEMBL83547		5-[(4-Methylphenyl)Sulfanyl]-2,4-Quinazolinediamine
DB04385	CHEMBL1231969		3-Deazacytidine
DB04440	CHEMBL1399702	550-33-4	Nebularine
DB04441	CHEMBL290077	146-78-1	2-Fluoroadenosine
DB04546	CHEMBL202701	6736-58-9	3-Deazaadenosine
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DB04616	CHEMBL1082738		TACRINE(8)-4-AMINOQUINOLINE
DB04662	CHEMBL1094304		OLOMOUCINE II
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DB04954	CHEMBL392149	204512-90-3	Tecadenoson
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DB06961	CHEMBL398346		5-(5-chloro-2,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-N-ethyl-4-[4-(morpholin-4-ylmethyl)phenyl]isoxazole-3-carboxamide
DB07052	CHEMBL195660		5'-S-ethyl-5'-thioadenosine
DB07153	CHEMBL1230365		6-methyl-5-[3-methyl-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)but-1-yn-1-yl]pyrimidine-2,4-diamine
DB07226			N-[4-(2-CHLOROPHENYL)-1,3-DIOXO-1,2,3,6-TETRAHYDROPYRROLO[3,4-C]CARBAZOL-9-YL]FORMAMIDE
DB07309	CHEMBL212522		5-BROMO-2-{[(4-CHLOROPHENYL)SULFONYL]AMINO}BENZOIC ACID
DB07322	CHEMBL380394		2-[(PHENYLSULFONYL)AMINO]-5,6,7,8-TETRAHYDRONAPHTHALENE-1-CARBOXYLIC ACID
DB07423	CHEMBL125236	401900-40-1	Andarine
DB07574			2-MERCAPTO-N-[1,2,3,10-TETRAMETHOXY-9-OXO-5,6,7,9-TETRAHYDRO-BENZO[A]HEPTALEN-7-YL]ACETAMIDE
DB07577	CHEMBL22148	27653-49-2	2,4-Diamino-5-phenyl-6-ethylpyrimidine
DB07638	CHEMBL236718		(3AS,4R,9BR)-2,2-DIFLUORO-4-(4-HYDROXYPHENYL)-1,2,3,3A,4,9B-HEXAHYDROCYCLOPENTA[C]CHROMEN-8-OL
DB07664	CHEMBL261720	443798-47-8	K-00546
DB07678			(9ALPHA,13BETA,17BETA)-2-[(1Z)-BUT-1-EN-1-YL]ESTRA-1,3,5(10)-TRIENE-3,17-DIOL
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DB08473	CHEMBL375530	53-85-0	Dichlororibofuranosylbenzimidazole
DB08541			[(3S)-9-hydroxy-1-methyl-10-oxo-4,10-dihydro-3H-benzog[g]isochromen-3-yl]acetic acid

DB08737			(3AS,4R,9BR)-4-(4-HYDROXYPHENYL)-1,2,3,3A,4,9B-HEXAHYDROCYCLOPENTA[C]CHROMEN-9-OL
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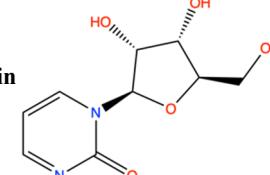
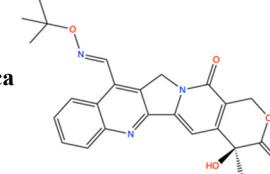
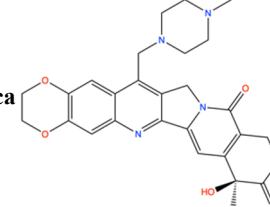
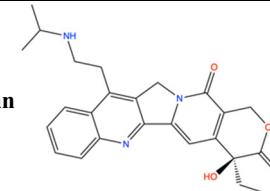
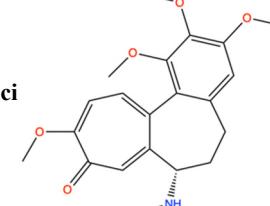
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DB13756	CHEMBL1075790	1182-87-2	Peruvoside
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DB14122	CHEMBL378104	19309-14-9	Dihydroxymethoxychalcone
DB14178	CHEMBL571700	97-74-5	Tetramethylthiuram monosulfide
DB14846	CHEMBL4084907	1225037-39-7	Bimiralisib
DB14930		287114-80-1	Alovudine F-18
DB14933	CHEMBL438497	1341-23-7	Nicotinamide riboside
DB15273	CHEMBL3040440	1061353-68-1	VS-4718
DB15590	CHEMBL330498	477-52-1	beta-Apopicropodophyllin
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DB16103	CHEMBL79280	195533-53-0	Batabulin
DB16407	CHEMBL519846	1011529-10-4	Azvudine

**Table S6.** 48 DrugBank ligands that are more similar to molecules of the ChEMBL dataset. The table includes fingerprint values, activity value on PC cell lines of the most similar molecule, and total number of similarities identified.

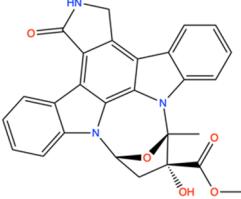
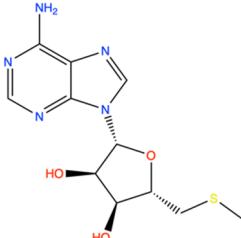
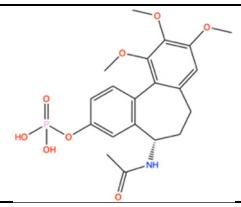
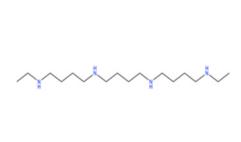
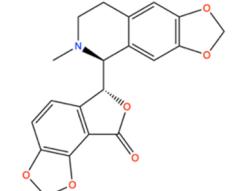
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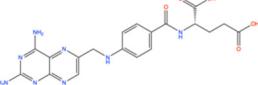
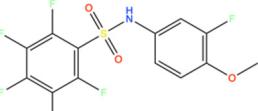
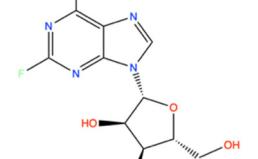
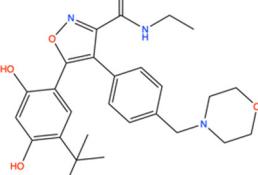
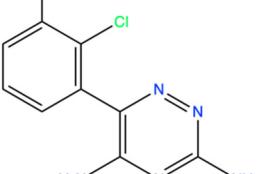
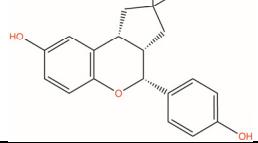
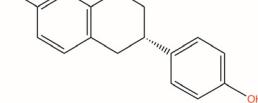
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<b>DB11674</b>	CHEMBL278703	0,846	0,56	1,532	0,873	0,659	EC50 = 0.66 nM		1
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<b>DB06813</b>	CHEMBL308279	0,842	0,732	1,519	0,913	0,606	GI50 = 52.72 nM	GI50 = 1000.0 nM	1
<b>DB12359</b>	CHEMBL3891745	0,98	0,759	1,518	0,772	0,746	GI50 = 610.0 nM	GI50 = 870.96 nM	1
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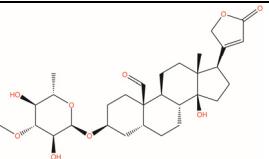
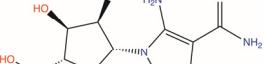
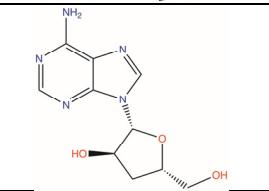
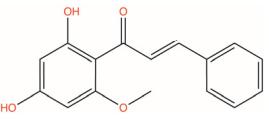
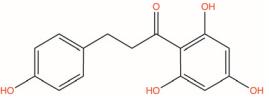
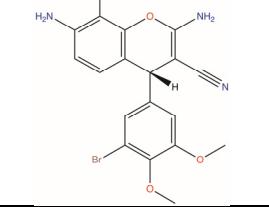
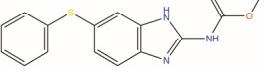
**Table S7.** DrugBank ligands with reported activity on PC cell lines identified from the similarity screening, which did not result as particularly promising for repurposing on PC according to the performed analyses and literature data.

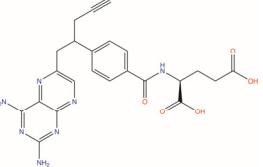
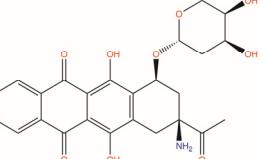
Molecule Name	2D structure	Activity <i>in vitro</i>	Activity <i>in vivo</i>	Max phase	Clinical trial /Patent	Disease	Primary target
Zebularine		Doubling time of PC-3 cells is almost doubled 39hrs to 59hrs		0			
Gimatecan		IC50 = 0.0026 µg/ml (PC-3); IC50 = 0.0034 µg/ml (DU-145)		2		Breast cancer (Phase 2)	DNA topoisomerase I (TOP1) [Inhibitor]
Lurtotecan		IC50 = 1.61 ng/ml (DU-145); IC50 = 0.44 ng/ml for liposomal formulation (DU-145)		2	Ovarian cancer (Discontinued in Phase 2); Lung cancer (Discontinued in Phase 1)		DNA topoisomerase I (TOP1) [Inhibitor]
Belotocan			Phase I on 2 PC patients		Solid tumour/cancer (Phase 2)		DNA topoisomerase I (TOP1) [Inhibitor]
Demecolcine		Activity = 31 nM (PC-3)		0	Solid tumour/cancer (Approved)		Microtubule-associated protein (MAP) [Modulator]

<b>Verubulin</b>		2	Phase I on 3 PC patients	Solid tumour/cancer (Phase 2); Brain metastases (Phase 2); Glioblastoma multiforme (Phase 2); Recurrent glioblastoma (Phase 2)	
<b>K-00546</b>		Tested on PC-3, (data not shown)	0	Cyclin-dependent kinase 1 (CDK1) [Inhibitor]; Cyclin-dependent kinase 2 (CDK2) [Inhibitor]; VEGFR1 messenger RNA (VEGFR1 mRNA) [Inhibitor]	
<b>Oleandrin</b>		IC50 = 0.001 µg/ml (PC-3); IC50 = 0.002 µg/ml (DU-145)	1	Solid tumour/cancer (Phase 2); Pancreatic cancer (Phase 2)	Sodium/potassium-transporting ATPase (SPT ATPase) [Inhibitor]
<b>Tezacitabine</b>		Cell viability decrease at 10µM (PC-3)	2	Gastric adenocarcinoma (Discontinued in Phase 2)	Ribonucleoside-diphosphate reductase M2 (RRM2) [Modulator]
<b>Dichlororibofuranosylbenzimidazazole (DRB)</b>		Apoptotic effect on PC-3 cells cotreated with API-2	0		Casein kinase II alpha (CSNK2A1) [Inhibitor]
<b>Annamycin</b>		Tested on LNCaP-Pro5 cells, (data not shown)	1	Acute myeloid leukaemia (Phase 1/2)	[DNA topoisomerase II alpha (TOP2A); NaN]

<b>K-252a</b>		Cell viability = 91% (PC-3), =94% (DU-145) at 100 nM	0	Solid tumour/cancer (Investigative)	[Protein kinase D (PRKD1); Inhibitor]
<b>4'-Thio-Fac (FF-10502)</b>			1 Phase I 2 PC patients (NCT02661542)	Solid tumour/cancer (Phase 1/2)	[DNA polymerase beta (POLB); Inhibitor]
<b>5'-Deoxy-5'-methylthio adenosine</b>		Tumor volume 64% at 100mg/kg (MTA) + 75 mg/kg 6-TG (LTL352)	0	Multiple sclerosis (Terminated)	Adenosine A2b receptor (ADORA2B) [Inhibitor]; Adenosine A2a receptor (ADORA2A) [Inhibitor]; Adenosine A1 receptor (ADORA1) [Inhibitor]; Adenosine A3 receptor (ADORA3) [Inhibitor]; S-methyl-5-thioadenosine phosphorylase (MTAP) [Inhibitor]
<b>ZD-6126</b>		Necrosis >80-90% at 200 mg/kg (PC-3)	2 Halted in phase II for toxic effects on humans	Solid tumour/cancer (Phase 2)	
<b>Diethylho mospermine (DEHSPM )</b>		ID50 = 0.7 µM(PC-3); ID50 = 0.03 µM(DU-145); ID50 = 0.1 µM(LNCaP); ID50 = 0.2µM(DuPro)	1 Phase I on 2 PC patients. Halted for toxic effects		
<b>Bicuculline</b>		Data not shown, inactive on PC-3, DU-145, LNCaP, MDA-PCA-2B	0		Gamma-aminobutyric acid receptor (GAR); [Antagonist]; Glutamate receptor AMPA (GRIA) [Antagonist]

<b>Aminopterin</b>		2	PATENT WO9818493A2	Leukaemia (Withdrawn from market)	Polypeptide deformylase (PDF) [Inhibitor]	
<b>Batabulin</b>		2	PATENT WO2011057064A1	Solid tumour/cancer (Phase 2/3)		
<b>2-Fluoroade nosine</b>		0	PATENT EP2711007			
<b>AUY922</b>		0	PATENT EP2370076A2			
<b>Lamotrigine</b>		4	Associated with PC risk reduction	Bipolar disorder (Approved); Epilepsy (Approved)	Voltage-gated sodium channel alpha Nav1.9 (SCN11A) [Blocker]	
<b>LY3201</b>		0	Cellular proliferation decrease from 1µM (LNCaP)		Estrogen receptor beta (ESR2) [Agonist]; Estrogen receptor alpha (ESR1) [Agonist]	
<b>S-Equol</b>		2	Cell viability decrease at 10µM (LNCaP)	NCT00962390	Hot flushes (Phase 2); Alzheimer (Phase 1/2)	Estrogen receptor beta (ESR2) [Agonist]

<b>Peruvoside</b>		Block of cell growth at 50nM (LNCaP-abl)	0	Cardiac glycoside
<b>Acadesine</b>		IC50 = 40-50 $\mu$ M (PC-3, DU-145); IC50 ~ 50 $\mu$ M (LNCaP)	3	Diabetic complication (Phase 3) AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK) [Modulator]
<b>Cordycepin</b>		Cell viability decrease from 5 $\mu$ g/ml (PC-3; LNCaP), from 15 $\mu$ g/ml (DU-145)	1	
<b>Cardamomin</b>		GI50 = 11.35 $\mu$ g/ml (PC-3); Cell proliferation = 60 % (DU-145), = 80 % (LNCaP) at 10 $\mu$ M	0	
<b>Phloretin</b>		IC50 = 25 $\mu$ M (LNCaP); IC50 = 39.4 $\mu$ M (PC-3)	0	Aquaporin-9 (AQP9) [Inhibitor]; Chloride channel protein 3 (CLC-3) [Blocker]; Solute carrier family 23 member 1 (SLC23A1) [Inhibitor]
<b>Crolibulin</b>			1	Phase I/II in combination with cisplatin Solid tumour/cancer (Phase 1/2) NCT01240590
<b>Fenbendazole</b>		ED50 = 1.82 $\mu$ M (PC-3); ED50 = 10.4 $\mu$ M (DU-145)	0	TCI = 91% with FBZ 100mg/kg (Dunning rat AT6.1)

<b>Pralatrexate</b>		IC50 = 0.01 μM(PC-3); IC50 = 0.015 μM(DU-145)	4	Breast cancer (Approved); Peripheral T-cell lymphoma (Approved)	Polypeptide deformylase (PDF) [Inhibitor]
<b>Amrubicin</b>		Tested on PC-3 and LNCaP (data not shown)	3	Case report on small cell PC-3	Small-cell lung cancer (Phase 3)

**Table S8.** *In vitro* activity records on other tumor cell lines for the 10 candidates proposed for PC repurposing, retrieved from ChEMBL. Only activity data expressed by means of: (i) “Standard Type” equal to GI<sub>50</sub>, EC<sub>50</sub>, or IC<sub>50</sub>; (ii) “Standard Relation” equal to “=”, and; (iii) “Standard Unit” in the nanomolar range (i.e., “nM”) was retained.

Drug	Disease	Cell line	Activity
<b>Bimiralisib</b>	Amelanotic melanoma	A2058	IC50 = 2333 nM
	Ovarian serous cystadenocarcinoma	SKOV3	IC50 = 237 nM
<b>Onatasertib (CC-223)</b>	Breast carcinoma	CAL-51	IC50 = 140 nM
	Lung adenocarcinoma	A549	IC50 = 208 nM
	Invasive breast carcinoma of no special type	T47D	IC50 = 92 nM
	Lung large cell carcinoma	NCI-H460	IC50 = 200 nM
	Hepatoblastoma	HepG2	IC50 = 321 nM
	Breast adenocarcinoma	AU565	IC50 = 329 nM
	Childhood hepatocellular carcinoma	Hep3B	IC50 = 338 nM
	Glioblastoma	U87MG	IC50 = 555 nM
	Colon carcinoma	HCT116	IC50 = 371 nM
	Breast adenocarcinoma	MDA-MB-231	IC50 = 669 nM
<b>VS-5584</b>	Lung adenocarcinoma	NCI-H23	IC50 = 1039 nM
	Childhood acute monocytic leukemia	MV4-11	IC50 = 200 nM
<b>BIIB021</b>	Invasive breast carcinoma of no special type	MCF7	IC50 = 130 nM
	Invasive breast carcinoma of no special type	MCF7	IC50 = 100 nM
	Colon carcinoma	HCT116	GI50 = 150 nM
	Lung adenocarcinoma	NCI-H1975	GI50 = 200 nM
	Lung large cell carcinoma	NCI-H460	GI50 = 210 nM
	Childhood hepatocellular carcinoma	Hep3B	GI50 = 240 nM
	Breast adenocarcinoma	MDA-MB-231	GI50 = 240 nM
	Lung adenocarcinoma	A549	GI50 = 260 nM
	Breast adenocarcinoma	SK-BR-3	GI50 = 347 nM
	Adult acute myeloid leukemia	HL60	GI50 = 590 nM
<b>Adapalene (CD-271)</b>	Colon adenocarcinoma	SW480	IC50 = 405 nM
	Colon carcinoma	HCT116	IC50 = 597 nM
	Colon adenocarcinoma	SNU-C1	IC50 = 1779 nM
<b>Picropodophyllin</b>	Lung adenocarcinoma	A549	IC50 = 60 nM
<b>VS-4718</b>	Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma	BXPC-3	IC50 = 930 nM
	Lung adenocarcinoma	NCI-H1975	IC50 = 340 nM
	Breast adenocarcinoma	MDA-MB-231	IC50 = 29 nM

## Distribution of activity for the PC-3, DU-145 and LNCaP

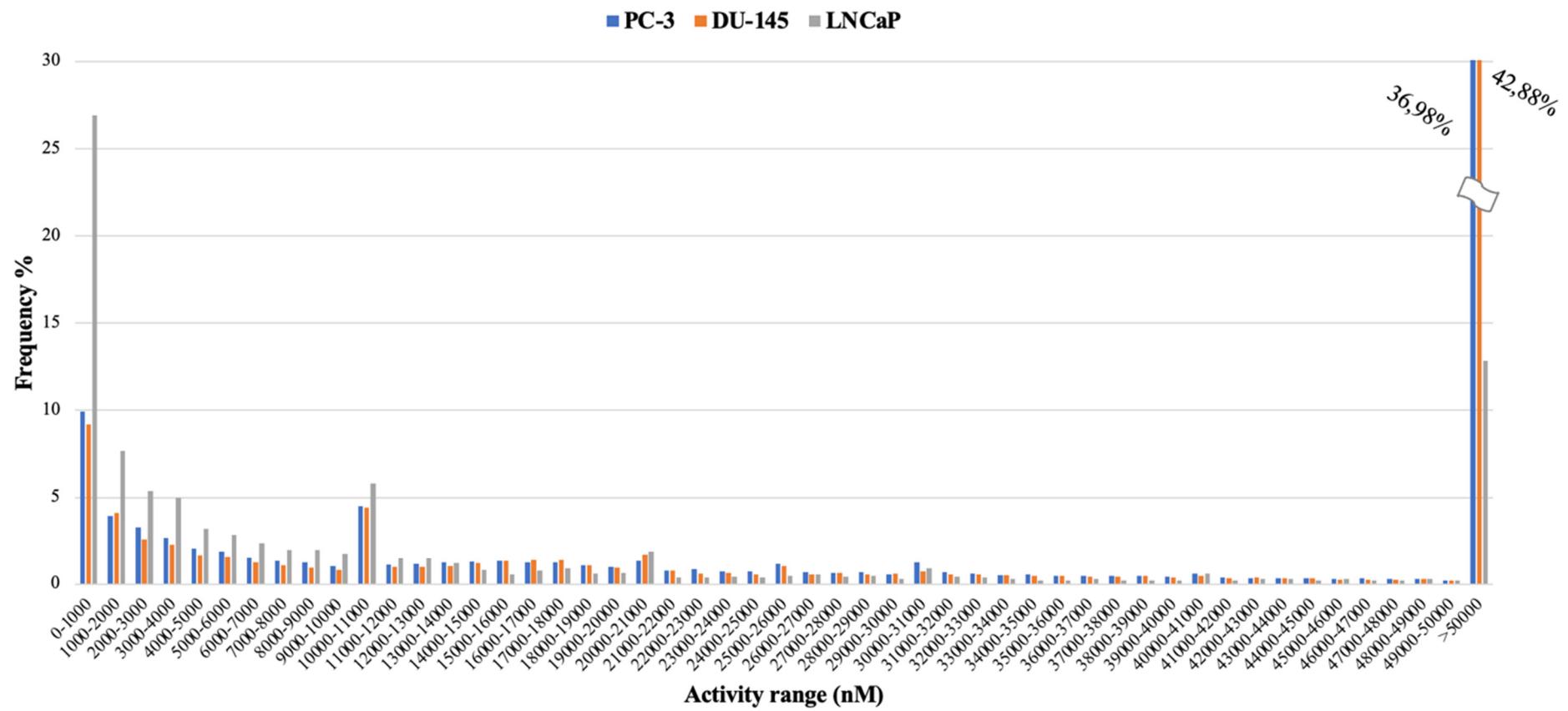
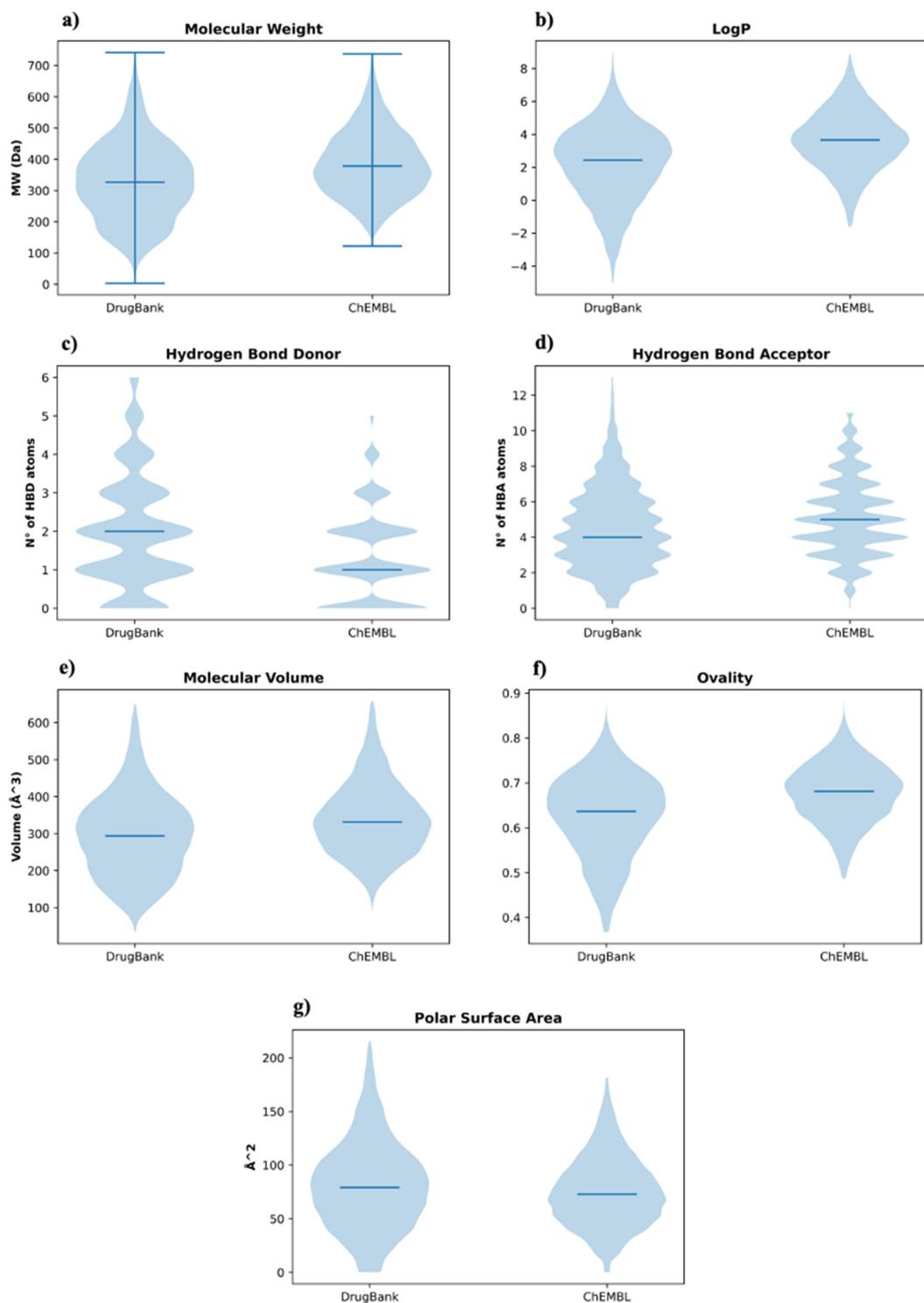
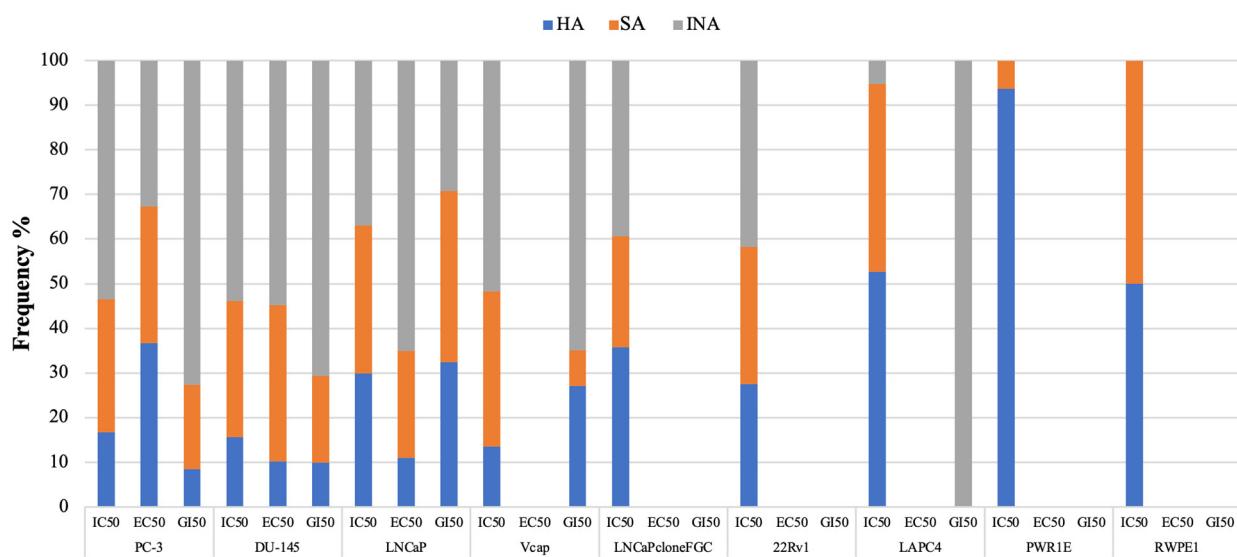


Figure S1. Activity values distribution for the molecules tested on PC-3, DU-145 and LNCaP PC cell lines reported on ChEMBL.

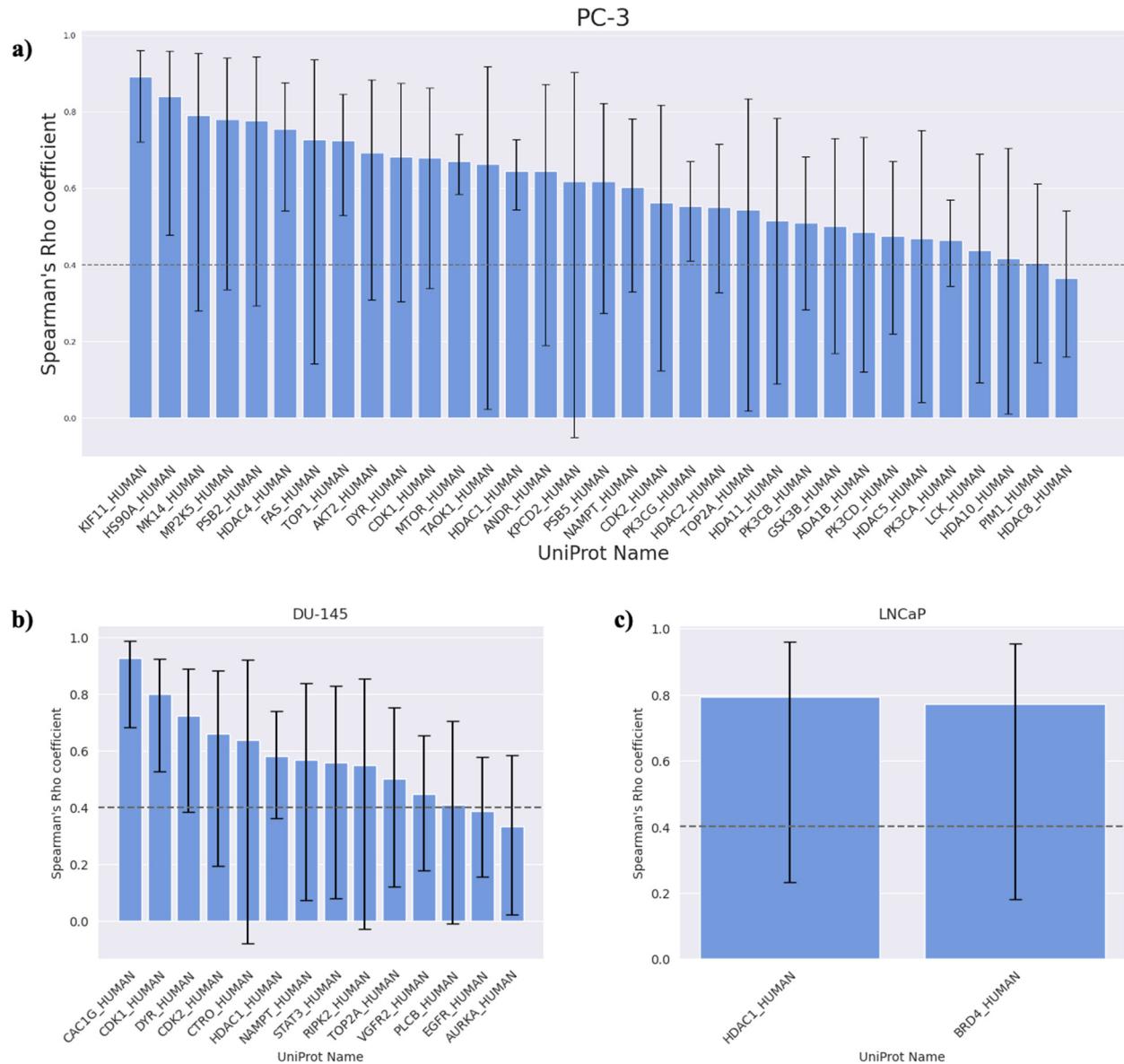


**Figure S2.** Distribution of molecular descriptors for the molecules of the DrugBank and ChEMBL datasets: **a)** molecular weight; **b)** LogP; **c)** Hydrogen bond donor atoms; **d)** Hydrogen bond acceptor atoms; **e)** molecular volume (VABC Volume); **f)** ovality; **g)** polar surface area. All molecular descriptors were calculated with KNIME nodes “RDKit Descriptor Calculation” and “CDK Molecular properties”. Ovality was obtained with the formula  $O = \frac{A}{4\pi(\frac{3V}{4\pi})^{2/3}}$ . Outliers below 1<sup>st</sup> quartile and above 3<sup>rd</sup> quartile were removed prior plots generation to highlight differences between the two datasets.

### Distribution of activity data for ChEMBL dataset among cell lines



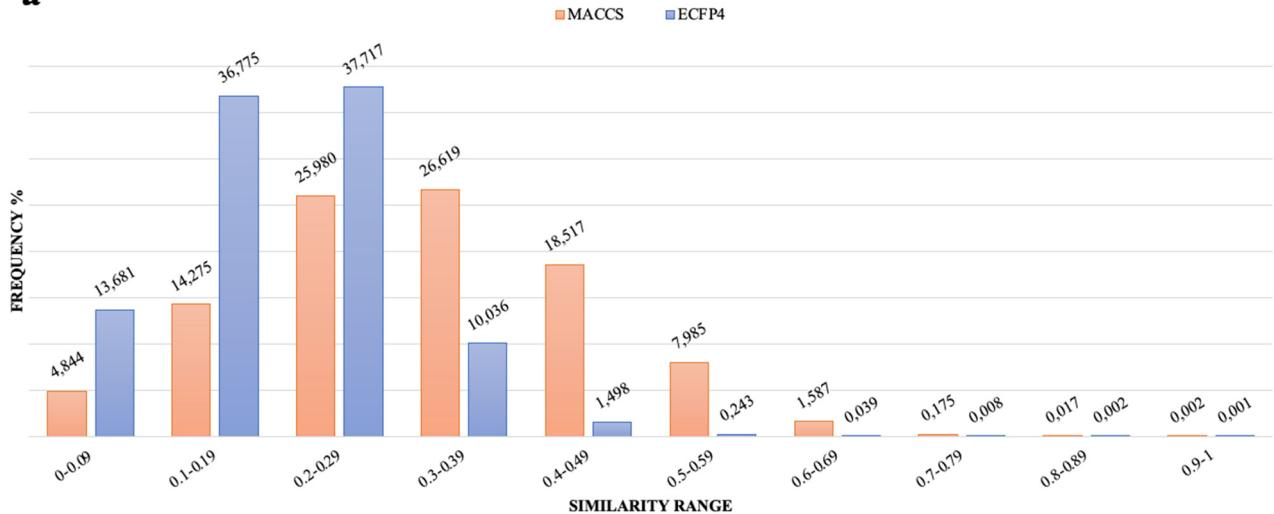
**Figure S3.** Bar plot of the activity data for the PC cell in the “Standard Types” IC<sub>50</sub>, EC<sub>50</sub>, or GI<sub>50</sub>. In this study, we considered: i) “highly active” molecules (HA), those with an activity value on PC cell lines below 1 μM; ii) “scarcely active” molecules (LA) with activity values on PC cells higher than 1 μM, and lower or equal to 10 μM, and; iii) inactive molecules (INA) with activity values against PC cells higher than 10 μM. Only the cell lines PC-3, DU-145, and LNCaP have activity records for all three “Standard Types” with comparable distribution of the records inside the considered ranges.



**Figure S4.** Evaluated Spearman's Rho correlation coefficient of correlation ( $\rho_s$ ) with their intervals of confidence. All  $p$ -values are  $< 0.05$  (see **Table S4**),  $\rho_s \geq 0.4$  was the threshold considered for an acceptable degree of correlation. The three panels represent the targets divided on the cell line of identification: **a)** PC-3, **b)** DU-145 and **c)** LNCaP cells.

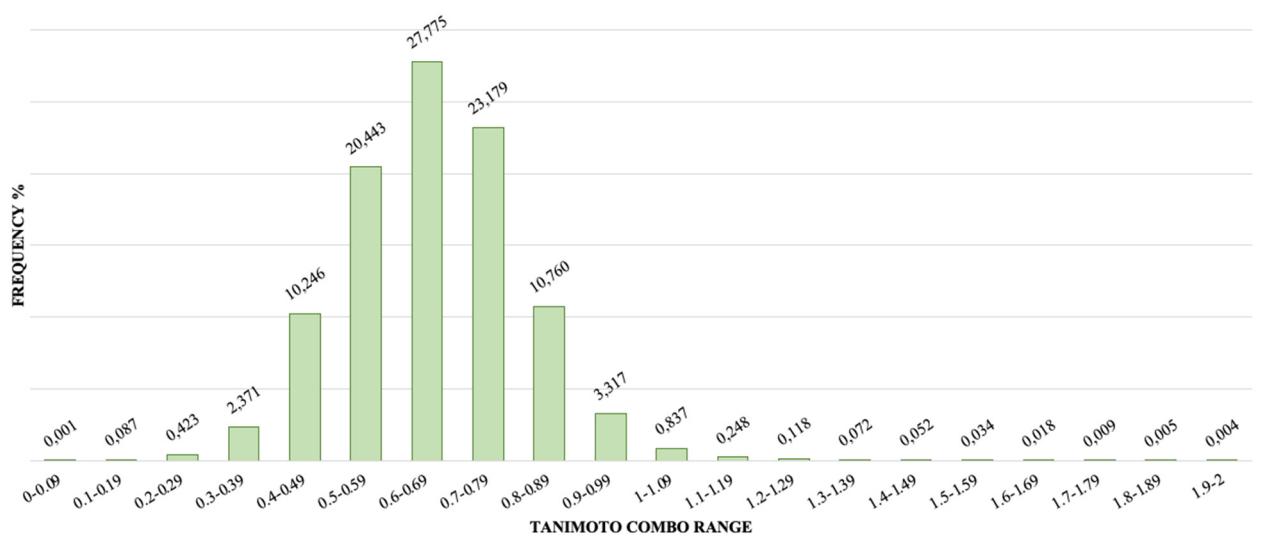
## 2D Similarity fingerprints

**a**



## 3D Similarity fingerprints

**b**



**Figure S5.** Frequency distributions of the estimated ligand-based similarities. In particular, panel **a)** reports the frequency distribution of the MACCS and ECFP4 fingerprints values obtained from the 2D similarity estimations on ChEMBL compounds versus DrugBank molecules. Panel **b)** reports the frequency distribution of the Tanimoto Combo scores, obtained at the 3D shape estimations performed on similar ChEMBL *versus* DrugBank molecules.