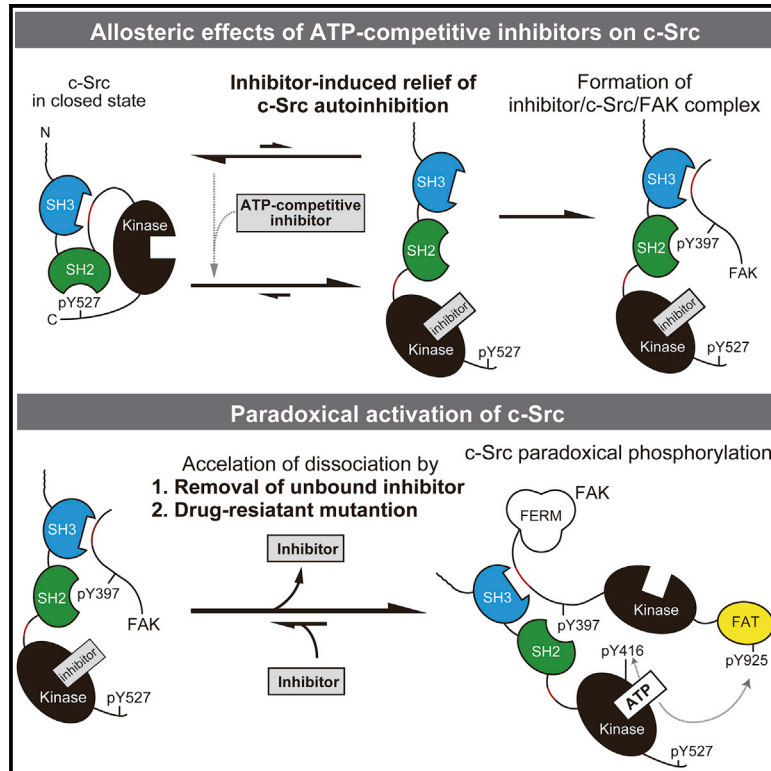


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## Graphical abstract



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## In brief

Higuchi et al. report a molecular mechanism of drug-resistance. ATP-competitive inhibitors directly turn c-Src into its active conformation, leading to its interaction with FAK. The reduction of inhibitor concentration or reduced inhibitor affinity for drug-resistant c-Src mutant enhances the dissociation of inhibitors from c-Src/FAK, leading to the paradoxical activation of c-Src-FAK-Grb2-Erk signaling.

## Highlights

- Binding of ATP-competitive inhibitors to c-Src relieves its auto-inhibition
- Inhibitor-bound c-Src in an open state forms a complex with FAK
- Reduction of inhibitor concentration activates c-Src and the FAK-Grb2-Erk cascade
- Inhibitors activate drug-resistant c-Src mutant and the cascade



## Article

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## SUMMARY

ATP-competitive inhibitors have been developed as promising anti-cancer agents. However, drug-resistance frequently occurs, and the underlying mechanisms are not fully understood. Here, we show that the activation of c-Src and its downstream phosphorylation cascade can be paradoxically induced by Src-targeted and RTK-targeted kinase inhibitors. We reveal that inhibitor binding induces a conformational change in c-Src, leading to the association of the active form c-Src with focal adhesion kinase (FAK). Reduction of the inhibitor concentration results in the dissociation of inhibitors from the c-Src-FAK complex, which allows c-Src to phosphorylate FAK and initiate FAK-Grb2-mediated Erk signaling. Furthermore, a drug-resistant mutation in c-Src, which reduces the affinity of inhibitors for c-Src, converts Src inhibitors into facilitators of cell proliferation by enhancing the phosphorylation of FAK and Erk in c-Src-mutated cells. Our data thus reveal paradoxical enhancement of cell growth evoked by target-based kinase inhibitors, providing potentially important clues for the future development of effective and safe cancer treatment.

## INTRODUCTION

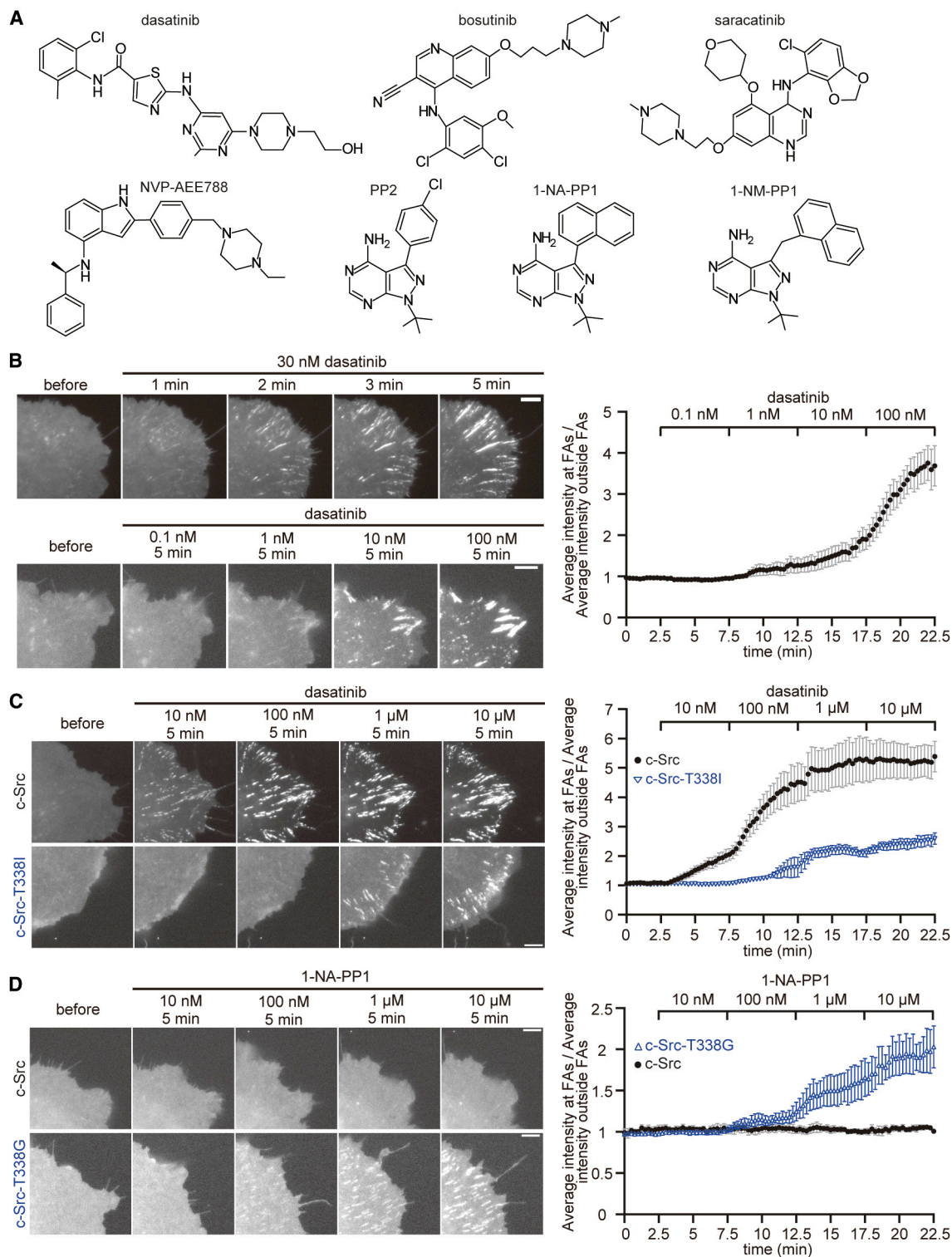
Selective ATP-competitive kinase inhibitors are becoming one of the mainstays of anti-cancer chemotherapy (Druker et al., 1996; Joseph et al., 2010). However, single-inhibitor treatments are often ineffective for suppressing target molecule signaling pathways, and to make matters worse, trigger the emergence of drug-resistant cancer cells, which in some cases have acquired drug-resistant mutations in the target molecule (Gorre et al., 2001). In other cases, cancer cells activate other kinases capable of reactivating the inhibitor-suppressed signaling pathway and reactivate survival and proliferation (Hirata et al., 2015; Johannessen et al., 2010).

The non-receptor tyrosine kinase c-Src, the product of the first described proto-oncogene, plays a critical role in mediating various signal transduction pathways by interacting with multiple molecules (Kim et al., 2009; Roskoski, 2015). c-Src contributes to cell survival and proliferation promoted by anchorage signaling that is triggered by an interaction between cell adhesion molecules and extracellular matrix (ECM) ligands (Cooper and Giancotti, 2019; Hamidi and Ivaska, 2018). In anchorage-dependent signaling, c-Src activates focal adhesion kinase (FAK), which is one of the crucial molecules for this signaling, leading to the downstream activation of Erk (Cooper

and Giancotti, 2019; Hamidi and Ivaska, 2018). c-Src can also interact and cooperate with multiple tyrosine kinase receptors for growth factors, including epidermal growth factor (EGF), vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF), hepatocyte growth factor (HGF), and insulin-like growth factor-1 (IGF-1). The aberrant activation of c-Src has been implicated in cancer progression with abnormal cell proliferation, apoptosis, angiogenesis, cell adhesion, migration, and invasion. Based on these notions, kinase inhibitor therapies targeting multiple tyrosine kinases including c-Src have been developed or are under development in clinical trials (Kim et al., 2009; Roskoski, 2015; Zhang and Yu, 2012).

Several reports have suggested that c-Src may contribute to drug resistance to kinase inhibitor therapy (Girotti et al., 2013, 2015; Hirata et al., 2015; Zhang et al., 2011). In tumor and cell lines that are treated with inhibitors, c-Src-enhanced activation of either adhesion signaling or c-Raf confers drug resistance and activation of Erk signaling (Girotti et al., 2015; Hirata et al., 2015), suggesting the possibility that c-Src may play an important role in drug resistance in cancer chemotherapy (Hirata et al., 2015; Johannessen et al., 2010). Thus, c-Src is one of the target molecules for anti-cancer kinase inhibitors, yet the precise mechanism by which c-Src confers drug resistance remains to be elucidated.





**Figure 1. Kinase inhibitors induce translocation of c-Src to focal adhesions (FAs)**

(A) Chemical structures of ATP-competitive inhibitors, dasatinib, bosutinib, saracatinib, PP2, NVP-AEE788, 1-NA-PP1, and 1-NM-PP1.

(B) Translocation of c-Src-EGFP to FAs induced by 30 nM dasatinib (top) in XTC cells and its dose dependency (bottom). Drug concentrations were increased every 5 min (bottom). Scale bars, 5 μm. The right graph shows the ratio of c-Src-EGFP fluorescence intensity at FAs to that outside FAs. Data are presented as the means ± SEMs (n = 3). See also [Figures S1](#) and [S2](#) and [Video S1](#).

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In addition to a blockade of kinase activity, ATP-competitive inhibitors may change the conformation of target kinases, which sometimes induces hetero- or homo-dimerization and subcellular translocation in a manner that is similar to activation of the kinases (Hatzivassiliou et al., 2010; Okuzumi et al., 2009; Papa et al., 2003; Skora et al., 2013). In the case of Braf and IRE1, inhibitors may paradoxically activate target molecule signaling (Hatzivassiliou et al., 2010; Papa et al., 2003; Poulikakos et al., 2010). Our previous study has also suggested an allosteric effect of an ATP-competitive kinase inhibitor, imatinib, on Abelson tyrosine kinase (c-Abl) (Fujita et al., 2009). Imatinib induces the translocation of c-Abl to the lamellipodium tip (Fujita et al., 2009). Based on the domain requirement of imatinib-induced cell-edge translocation of c-Abl, we proposed that imatinib relieves the autoinhibition of c-Abl and enhances an interaction of c-Abl with partner proteins (Fujita et al., 2009). In this study, we concluded that the binding of imatinib converts c-Abl to an open, disassembled state and promotes association with its binding partner, *abi-1/2* (Dai and Pendergast, 1995; Shi et al., 1995; Van Etten, 1999), which is responsible for the translocation of c-Abl (see below). Structural studies also demonstrated that Abl inhibitors disassemble the autoinhibited structure in c-Abl (Skora et al., 2013; Sonti et al., 2018). These examples highlight the possible modulation of target molecule signaling by the allosteric effects of kinase inhibitors apart from enzymatic inhibition.

In the present study, we discovered the allosteric effects of ATP-competitive inhibitors on the tyrosine kinase c-Src. c-Src is composed of SH3, SH2, tyrosine kinase domains, and a regulatory C-terminal. The SH3 and SH2 domains bind to the proline-rich region and phosphorylated Tyr-527 in c-Src, respectively, which maintains the closed state of c-Src (Figure S1A; Xu et al., 1997; Yeatman, 2004). The dephosphorylation of Tyr-527 relieves the autoinhibition of c-Src, leading to the interaction of c-Src with partner molecules via its SH3 and SH2 domains (Figure S1A; Yeatman, 2004). We found that binding ATP-competitive inhibitors to the c-Src ATP pocket also relieves autoinhibition in c-Src and induces the association of c-Src and FAK both in cells and *in vitro*. Although inhibitors should abrogate the c-Src kinase activity, we found that washout of low-affinity Src inhibitors, but not high-affinity inhibitors, can promote the phosphorylation of FAK pre-complexed with c-Src in the presence of inhibitors. Importantly, a drug-resistant mutation in c-Src, which reduces the affinity to inhibitors, was found to convert even high-affinity Src inhibitors to the facilitators of Src-FAK-Grb2-Erk signaling. In the presence of the drug-resistant Src mutant, inhibitors promoted the phosphorylation of FAK without washout, leading to enhanced cell proliferation. Our data thus reveal that an inhibitor-bound kinase may have a high propensity to form a complex with its substrate protein, which may lead to the activation of signaling when inhibitors do not bind the kinase tightly. If cells acquire a drug-resistant mutation, then inhibitors may

propagate a cancer-promoting signal. Our findings prompt reconsideration of the basic strategy behind the development of kinase inhibitor therapies.

## RESULTS

### Inhibitors directly relieve autoinhibition of c-Src, leading to ligand binding of SH3 and SH2 domains

Using high-resolution live-cell imaging, previously we observed that imatinib induces leading-edge translocation of c-Abl, which suggested that imatinib relieves an autoinhibitory interaction in c-Abl and promotes the binding of c-Abl to partner molecules (Fujita et al., 2009). We therefore investigated the effects of kinase inhibitors on the intracellular localization of c-Src using a similar approach.

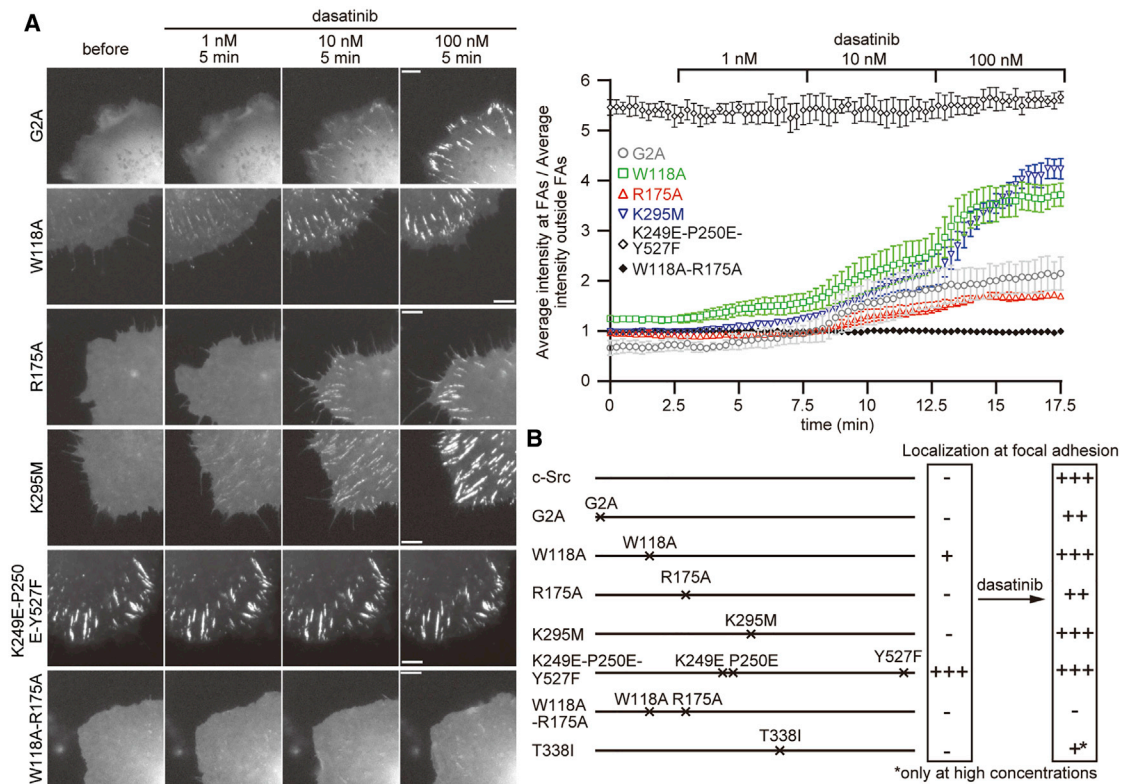
Four distinct Src inhibitors, dasatinib (O'Hare et al., 2005), bosutinib (Boschelli et al., 2001), saracatinib (Green et al., 2009), and PP2 (Bain et al., 2007) and a receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitor NVP-AEE788 (AEE788) (Traxler et al., 2004) induced the rapid translocation of c-Src-EGFP to focal adhesions (FAs) marked by TagRFP-T-FAK in *Xenopus laevis* XTC cells (Figures 1A, 1B, S1B, S1C, and S2D; Table S1; Video S1). These drugs induced the translocation of c-Src in a dose-dependent manner (Figures 1B, S1B, S1C, and S2D; Table S1; Video S1). In unstimulated cells, c-Src-EGFP localizes mainly on the plasma membrane and only scarcely associates with FAs (Figures 1B and S1C). The inhibitor-induced localization of c-Src was similar to the localization of c-Src-K249E-P250E-Y527F (Figures 1B, 2A, and S1A), which is a constitutively active kinase with an open conformation due to defects in autoinhibition elicited by the proline-rich region and tyrosine phosphorylation at Y527 (Gonfloni et al., 1999; Krishnamurthy et al., 2013).

A drug-resistant gatekeeper mutant c-Src-T338I, which has reduced affinities to inhibitors (Apsel et al., 2008; Azam et al., 2008; Levinson and Boxer, 2014), did not translocate to FAs at concentrations at which the translocation of wild-type c-Src was effectively induced (Figures 1C, S2A, and S2D; and Video S2). At higher concentrations, c-Src-T338I-EGFP weakly associated with FAs (Figures 1C, S2A, S2D; Video S2). Compared with wild-type, 1–2 orders of magnitude higher concentrations of kinase inhibitors were required to induce the translocation of c-Src-T338I (Figures 1C, S2A, and S2D; Video S2). These data support the idea that drug binding to c-Src induces the translocation of c-Src to FAs. To further exclude the possibility that the effect of inhibitors arises from the inhibition of kinases other than c-Src, we tested the combination of an analog-sensitive c-Src-T338G mutant with PP1 analogs selective to c-Src-T338G (Bishop et al., 2000). The analog-sensitive c-Src-T338G mutant can be selectively inhibited by analog-sensitive inhibitors 1-NA-PP1 and 1-NM-PP1 (Figure 1A), which only weakly inhibit wild-type c-Src (*in vitro* half-maximal inhibitory concentration

(C) Live-cell imaging of drug-resistant mutant c-Src-T338I-EGFP (top) or c-Src-EGFP (bottom) treated with different concentrations of dasatinib in XTC cells. Drug concentrations were increased every 5 min. Scale bars, 5  $\mu$ m. The graph shows the ratio of c-Src-T338I-EGFP or c-Src-EGFP fluorescence intensity at FAs to that outside FAs. Data are presented as the means  $\pm$  SEMs ( $n = 3$ ). See also Figure S2.

(D) Translocation of an analog-sensitive mutant c-Src-T338G-EGFP (top), but not c-Src-EGFP (bottom), upon treatment with a PP1 analog 1-NA-PP1 in XTC cells. Drug concentrations were increased every 5 min. Scale bars, 5  $\mu$ m. The graph shows the ratio of fluorescence intensity at FAs to that outside FAs. Data are presented as the means  $\pm$  SEMs ( $n = 3$ ). See also Figure S2.





**Figure 2. Kinase inhibitors relieve autoinhibition in c-Src, leading to ligand binding of SH3 and SH2 domains**

(A) Response of c-Src-EGFP mutants G2A, W118A, R175A, K295M, K249E-P250E-Y527E, and W118A-R175A in XTC cells. Drug concentrations were increased every 5 min. Scale bars, 5  $\mu$ m. The graph shows the ratio of the fluorescence intensity at FAs to that outside FAs. Data are presented as the means  $\pm$  SEMs (n = 3). See also [Figure S2](#) and [Video S3](#).

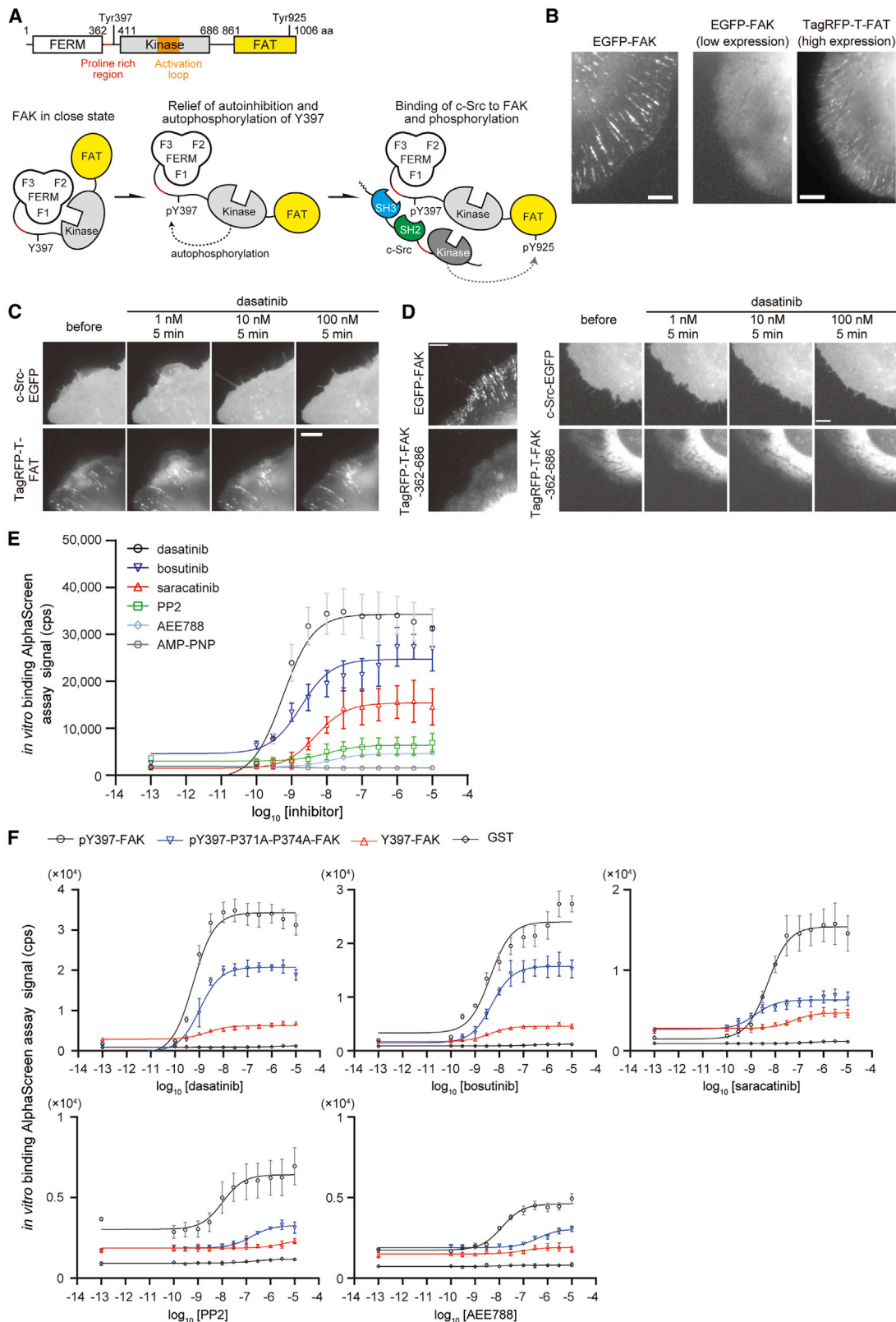
(B) Summary of the localization of c-Src-EGFP mutants before and after treatment with inhibitors. “-” indicates that mutants are not associated with FAs. “+” indicates that the intensity at FAs is marginally stronger than outside FAs. “++” indicates that the mutant clearly localizes both at FAs and outside FAs. “+++” indicates that the majority of the mutant protein localizes at FAs. See also [Figure S2](#).

[IC<sub>50</sub>], 0.9 and 1.2  $\mu$ M, respectively) but strongly inhibit the analog-sensitive c-Src-T338G mutant (*in vitro* IC<sub>50</sub>, 1.5 and 2 nM, respectively) ([Table S1](#); [Zhang et al., 2013](#)). 1-NA-PP1 and 1-NM-PP1 induced the translocation of c-Src-T338G-EGFP to FAs in a dose-dependent manner, whereas these analogs did not enhance the localization of wild-type c-Src-EGFP ([Figures 1D](#), [S2B](#), and [S2D](#); [Video S2](#)). These results suggest that the binding of inhibitors to the ATP-binding pocket of c-Src triggers its translocation to FAs.

To explore which structures in c-Src are required for the inhibitor-induced translocation of c-Src to FAs, we examined the subcellular localization of various Src mutants before and after treatment with dasatinib, bosutinib, saracatinib, PP2, and AEE788. A G2A mutation that abrogates N-myristoylation ([Bagrodia et al., 1993](#); [Patwardhan and Resh, 2010](#)) mobilized c-Src to the cytoplasm without impairing inhibitor-induced translocation to FAs ([Figures 2A](#), [S2C](#), and [S2D](#); [Video S3](#)). A kinase-defective K295M ([Okamura and Resh, 1995](#)) mutant localized at the plasma membrane and translocated to FAs in response to the inhibitors ([Figures 2A](#), [S2C](#), and [S2D](#); [Video S3](#)), indicating that the inhibition of the kinase activity of c-Src is not a trigger of translocation. Next, we introduced point mutations in c-Src

regulatory domains, which impair either autoinhibitory intramolecular interactions or the ligand binding of c-Src. A W118A mutant, with impaired ligand-binding abilities of the SH3 domain ([Espada and Martín-Pérez, 2017](#); [Fincham et al., 2000](#); [Liu et al., 1993](#)), weakly localized at FAs in the absence of the inhibitors, and the inhibitors enhanced the localization of W118A at FAs ([Figures 2A](#), [S2C](#), and [S2D](#); [Video S3](#)). In contrast, an SH2-deficient mutant, R175A, devoid of binding abilities for tyrosine-phosphorylated ligands ([Brunton et al., 2005](#); [Gottlieb-Abraham et al., 2013](#); [Verderame, 1997](#)) did not localize at FAs before treatment ([Figures 2A](#), [S2C](#), and [S2D](#); [Video S3](#)). The inhibitors weakly enhanced the localization of R175A c-Src at FAs to a lesser degree than wild-type c-Src ([Figures 2A](#), [S2C](#), and [S2D](#); [Video S3](#)). The constitutively active K249E-P250E-Y527F mutant showed prominent localization at FAs, which was scarcely enhanced by the inhibitors ([Figures 2A](#), [S2C](#), and [S2D](#); [Video S3](#)). A Src mutant harboring dual W118A and R175A mutations stayed on the plasma membrane in the absence or presence of the inhibitors ([Figures 2A](#), [S2C](#), and [S2D](#); [Video S3](#)).

Thus, the simultaneous impairment of SH3 and SH2 domains abrogates the inhibitor-induced translocation of c-Src to FAs, whereas defects in each domain partially impair the



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translocation (Figure 2B). These data indicate that the inhibitor binding to the kinase domain allosterically disassembles c-Src to an open state, thereby promoting the interaction of c-Src SH2 and SH3 domains with a partner molecule(s) at FAs.

### Kinase inhibitor-bound c-Src binds to FAK

The localization of c-Src at FAs depends on FAK (Yeo et al., 2006). FAK consists of FERM (Band 4.1, Ezrin, Radixin, and Moesin), tyrosine kinase, and FAT (focal adhesion targeting) domains (Figure 3A; Sulzmaier et al., 2014). A linker between the FERM and kinase domains contains a proline-rich region and a tyrosine autophosphorylation site at amino acid (aa) 397 (Figure 3A; Lietha et al., 2007; Sulzmaier et al., 2014). An interaction of the FERM domain with the kinase domain inhibits kinase activity, and lipid binding to the FERM domain relieves autoinhibition, leading to autophosphorylation at tyrosine 397 (Lietha et al., 2007; Sulzmaier et al., 2014). The phosphorylated linker region binds to partner molecules through SH3 and SH2 domains of the partners (Sulzmaier et al., 2014). The FAT domain is responsible for the localization of FAK at FAs (Hildebrand et al., 1993; Koshman et al., 2010). We therefore tested whether inhibitor-induced translocation of c-Src requires FAK.

Overexpression of the FAT domain of FAK is known to abrogate the localization of FAK at FAs (Koshman et al., 2010). We confirmed that the overexpression of the FAT domain, which localized at FAs, abolished the localization of full-length FAK at FAs in XTC cells (Figure 3B). Dasatinib did not induce the translocation of c-Src-EGFP in cells overexpressing TagRFP-T-FAT (Figure 3C). We also tested the effect of overexpression of a FAK mutant, FAK-362-686, which contains Src-interacting motifs (Figure 3A) but lacks both FERM and FAT domains. FAK-362-686 localized in the cytoplasm and had no effect on the localization of full-length FAK at FAs (Figure 3D). In addition, the overexpression of FAK-362-686 suppressed the dasatinib-induced translocation of c-Src-EGFP to FAs (Figure 3D), which is attributable to the sequestration of inhibitor-bound c-Src by FAK-362-686 overexpressed in the cytoplasm. These results indicate that inhibitor-induced translocation of c-Src requires the interaction of c-Src with FAK localized at FAs.

We next examined whether kinase inhibitors directly enhance the binding of c-Src to FAK. We purified c-Src and GST (glutathione S-transferase)-pY397-FAK<sup>362-411</sup>, which make up the binding site for the c-Src SH2 and SH3 domains, and performed *in vitro* binding analysis using the AlphaScreen assay. The binding of c-Src to pY397-FAK<sup>362-411</sup> was enhanced with increasing doses of kinase inhibitors, and the half-maximal effective concentration (EC<sub>50</sub>) values of inhibitors for enhancing the binding of c-Src to FAK were close to the IC<sub>50</sub> for c-Src kinase activities (Figure 3E; Table S1). These inhibitors also enhanced the binding of c-Src to proline-rich deficient pY397-P371A-P374A-FAK<sup>362-411</sup> (Heim et al., 2017), although binding signals were lower than those with pY397-FAK<sup>362-411</sup> (Figure 3F), implying a contribution of the c-Src SH3 domain to FAK binding. Compared to pY397-FAK<sup>362-411</sup> and pY397-P371A-P374A-FAK<sup>362-411</sup>, unphosphorylated GST-Y397-FAK<sup>362-411</sup> bound inhibitor-treated c-Src only weakly (Figure 3E), indicating that binding of the c-Src SH2 domain to pY397 in FAK plays a major role in the inhibitor-induced binding of c-Src to FAK. A non-hydrolyzable ATP analog, AMP-PNP, did not enhance the binding (Figure 3D). These data indicate that the binding of ATP-competitive inhibitors, but not an ATP analog, of the c-Src ATP-binding site relieve autoinhibitory interactions in c-Src (i.e., SH3 and SH2 domains to the proline-rich motif and C-terminal phosphotyrosine, respectively), leading to the binding of the c-Src SH3 and SH2 domains to FAK.

In addition, we verified the binding partner of imatinib-bound c-Abl using a similar approach. We previously proposed that an Abl inhibitor, imatinib, relieves the autoinhibition of c-Abl, leading to the binding of c-Abl with unidentified partner molecules at the lamellipodium tip (Fujita et al., 2009). Abi1/2 was a strong candidate because Abi1/2 binds the SH3 domain and the proline-rich motif of c-Abl (Dai and Pendergast, 1995; Shi et al., 1995; Van Etten, 1999), both of which contribute to the imatinib-induced cell edge translocation of c-Abl (Figure S3A; Fujita et al., 2009). Moreover, Abi-1 localizes at the lamellipodium tip (Figure S3B) as a part of the WAVE complex (Nakagawa et al., 2003; Millius et al., 2012). We therefore tested whether Abi-1 is responsible for imatinib-induced translocation of c-Abl.

### Figure 3. Kinase inhibitor-bound c-Src binds to FAK

(A) The structure of FAK and a schematic of the interaction with c-Src. FAK consists of FERM, kinase, and FA targeting (FAT) domains (top). The interaction between FERM and the kinase domains maintains autoinhibition in FAK. Binding of the FERM domain to lipids leads to the relief of autoinhibition, and the kinase domain autophosphorylates Tyr397 in the linker between FERM and the kinase domains. The proline-rich region and pTyr397 bind SH3 and SH2 domains of c-Src in an open state, leading to the phosphorylation of Tyr925 in the FAT domain. Phosphorylated Tyr925 binds to other molecules such as Grb2, leading to the activation of Ras-Erk signaling. The FAT domain is required for the localization of FAK at FAs.

(B) EGFP-FAK localized at FAs in XTC cells (left). Overexpression of the TagRFP-T-tagged FAT domain, which localized at FAs, abolished localization of EGFP-FAK at FAs (center and right). Scale bars, 5  $\mu$ m. See also Figure S3.

(C) Impaired dasatinib-induced translocation of c-Src-EGFP to FAs in XTC cells overexpressing TagRFP-T-FAT. The concentration of dasatinib was increased every 5 min. Scale bar, 5  $\mu$ m.

(D) FERM and FAT domain-deleted FAK mutant (FAK-362-686), which make up the Src-interacting motifs, localized not at FAs but in the cytoplasm, and had no effect on the localization of FAK at FAs in XTC cells (left). The overexpression of FAK-362-686 abolished the dasatinib-induced translocation of c-Src-EGFP to FAs (right).

(E) *In vitro* binding analysis of purified recombinant 6  $\times$  His-tagged c-Src and glutathione S-transferase (GST)-tagged phosphorylated Y397 FAK<sup>362-411</sup> treated with inhibitors. To generate GST-pY397 FAK<sup>362-411</sup>, GST-FAK<sup>362-411</sup> was phosphorylated by purified recombinant FAK kinase (FAK<sup>411-686</sup>) (see also Method details). The binding assay was monitored by the AlphaScreen assay. Data are presented as the means  $\pm$  SEMs (n = 3). EC<sub>50</sub> values for dasatinib, bosutinib, saracatinib, PP2, and NVP-AEE788 (AEE788) were 0.56, 1.9, 5.0, 106.2, and 129.7 nM, respectively.

(F) AlphaScreen-based binding assay of 6  $\times$  His-tagged c-Src with GST-tagged phosphorylated Y397 FAK<sup>362-411</sup>, GST-tagged phosphorylated Y397-P371A-P374A-FAK<sup>362-411</sup>, GST-tagged non-phosphorylated Y397 FAK<sup>362-411</sup>, or GST. Samples were treated with dasatinib, bosutinib, saracatinib, PP2, or AEE788. Data are presented as the means  $\pm$  SEMs (n = 3).



c-Abl is distributed throughout the entire lamellipodia through its C-terminal F-actin-binding motif, and imatinib induced the translocation of c-Abl to the lamellipodium tip, where Abi-1 was highly accumulated (Figure S3B). The overexpression of Abi-1 fused with the mitochondria-targeting motif of ActA (Bear et al., 2000) recruited c-Abl to mitochondria upon treatment with imatinib (Figure S3C). Overexpression of WAVE-mito, which relocalized Abi-1 from the cell edge to mitochondria abrogated the translocation of c-Abl to the lamellipodium tip (Figure S3D). We further tested whether imatinib enhances the binding of c-Abl to Abi-1 in an *in vitro* binding assay. Imatinib enhanced the binding in a dose-dependent manner, and the EC<sub>50</sub> value of imatinib in the *in vitro* binding assay (Figure S3E) was similar to the IC<sub>50</sub> of imatinib for c-Abl kinase activities (K<sub>d</sub> value of imatinib to c-Abl, 37 nM) (Schindler et al., 2000). Our data indicate that ATP-competitive inhibitor-induced relief of autoinhibition in target kinases and subsequent binding to partner molecules are not specific for c-Src.

### Reduction of kinase inhibitors paradoxically activates c-Src and FAK-Grb2-Erk signaling

The data presented above suggest that ATP-competitive inhibitors may work as allosteric facilitators of c-Src conformational activation, leading to the formation of a c-Src/FAK complex. We therefore hypothesized that decreasing drug concentration, which may result in the dissociation of inhibitors from the c-Src/FAK complex, allows c-Src to phosphorylate FAK. To test this, we performed an *in vitro* kinase assay. In the presence of low-affinity inhibitors for c-Src, PP2, and AEE788, autophosphorylation of Y416 and phosphorylation of Y925 in FAK were suppressed as compared with DMSO-treated samples (Figure 4A). After washout of the drugs, inhibitor-treated c-Src remained bound to FAK, and both c-Src (Y416) and FAK (Y925) were phosphorylated upon the addition of ATP, indicating that c-Src and FAK can be activated by the addition and washout of the drugs (Figure 4A). High-affinity Src inhibitors dasatinib, bosutinib, and saracatinib also suppressed phosphorylation of both c-Src and FAK (Figure S4A). After washout of these inhibitors, c-Src still strongly bound to FAK. However, phosphorylation of FAK did not increase upon washout of the high-affinity inhibitors (Figure S4A).

Phosphorylated Y925 of FAK interacts with the SH2 domain of Grb2, leading to the activation of Erk signaling (Schlaepfer et al., 1994). We confirmed that Grb2-EGFP localized at FAs in XTC cells, and the localization of Grb2-EGFP was rapidly enhanced by the imidazole-induced artificial activation of c-Src-R388A-Y527F (Figures 4B and S4B), the catalytic activity of which can be rescued by imidazole (Qiao et al., 2006; Oikawa et al., 2008). In contrast, Grb2-EGFP localization at FAs was diminished by Src inhibitors (Figures 4C and S4C). We therefore used Grb2-EGFP localization as an indicator of c-Src activation at FAs in live-cell imaging.

Treatment with low-affinity Src inhibitors PP2 and AEE788 diminished the localization of Grb2-EGFP at FAs (Figure 4C; Video S4). Subsequent washout enhanced Grb2-EGFP signals at FAs (Figure 4C; Video S4). Grb2-EGFP signals after drug washout were stronger than before the treatment with inhibitors (Figure 4C; Video S4). DMSO treatment and subsequent washout did not enhance Grb2-EGFP signals at any time point

(Figure 4C; Video S4). Furthermore, this inhibitor washout-induced translocation of Grb2-EGFP was dependent on the localization of FAK at FAs (Figure S4D). High-affinity Src inhibitors dasatinib, bosutinib, and saracatinib also suppressed Grb2 signals at FAs (Figure S4C; Video S4). However, washout did not recover Grb2 signals compared with those before stimulation (Figure S4C; Video S4), suggesting that these high-affinity Src inhibitors (Table S1) may still bind to the c-Src/FAK complex after washout.

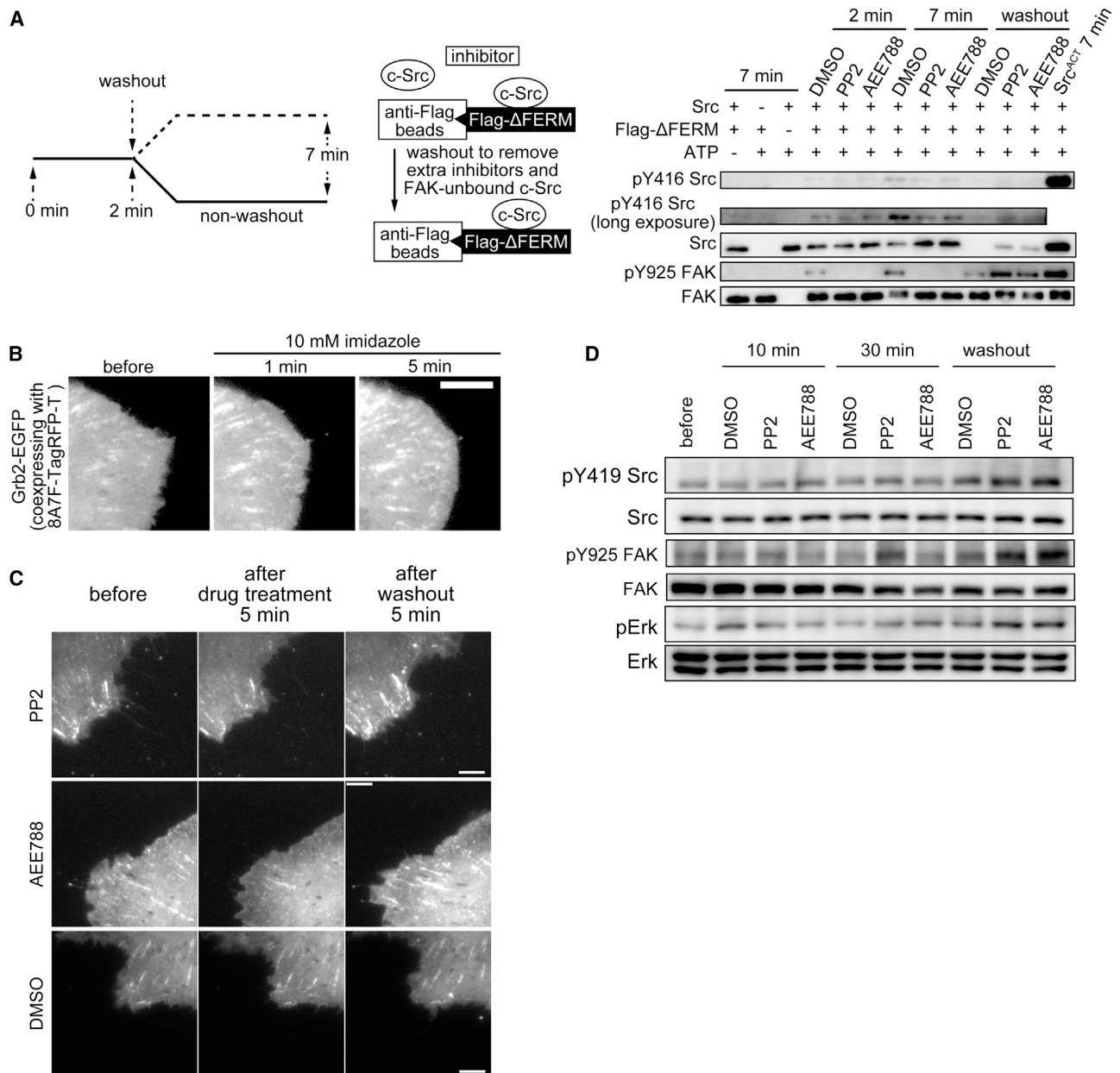
We also examined the effects of inhibitor treatment and subsequent washout in human breast cancer cell line MCF-7; note that T338, Y416, and Y527 in chicken c-Src correspond to T341, Y419, and Y530 in human c-Src, respectively. Treatment with Src inhibitors and the RTK inhibitor did not enhance the activities of c-Src, FAK, and Erk (Figures 4D and S4E). However, the washout of PP2 and AEE788 enhanced the activities of c-Src, FAK, and Erk, as judged by the phosphorylation of c-Src (Y419), FAK (Y925), and Erk (T202/Y204) (Figure 4D). Their activation after drug washout did not occur in cells treated with DMSO, dasatinib, bosutinib, or saracatinib (Figures 4D and S4E).

Thus, the association and subsequent dissociation of inhibitors from c-Src may induce the unexpected paradoxical activation of c-Src, leading to the activation of the FAK-Erk signaling pathway. Our data show that inhibitor washout-induced activation of c-Src is evoked only by low-affinity inhibitors for c-Src, suggesting that fast dissociation of inhibitors from the c-Src/FAK complex may be a prerequisite for the paradoxical activation of c-Src.

### Kinase inhibitors activate a drug-resistant c-Src mutant, leading to Erk activation

Mutations at the gatekeeper residue Thr338 (human number 341) in chicken c-Src (e.g., c-Src-T338I) cause resistance to multiple kinase inhibitors by lowering the affinity for the inhibitors (Table S1; Apse et al., 2008; Azam et al., 2008; Levinson and Boxer, 2014). We hypothesized that such a reduced affinity for inhibitors may give rise to the rapid dissociation of inhibitors from the inhibitor-induced c-Src-FAK complex, thereby potentiating c-Src-FAK signaling. In an *in vitro* kinase assay, multiple inhibitors, including dasatinib, bosutinib, saracatinib, PP2, and AEE788 enhanced the phosphorylation of Y416 in c-Src-T338I and the phosphorylation of Y925 in FAK (Figure 5A). This enhanced phosphorylation was not accompanied by the dephosphorylation of Y527, whereas Src-Y527F, a constitutively active c-Src with an open conformation, efficiently phosphorylated FAK (Figure 5A). These results are consistent with the idea that inhibitors convert c-Src-T338I into an open configuration to allow its binding to FAK, hence the formation of the inhibitor-bound c-Src-T338I/FAK complex. We also confirmed that inhibitors enhance the binding of drug-resistant c-Src-T338I to FAK *in vitro*. Inhibitors enhanced the binding of c-Src-T338I to FAK at higher concentrations (Figure 5B) than wild-type c-Src *in vitro* (Figure 3C), suggesting that inhibitors relieve autoinhibition in c-Src-T338I, leading to the binding of c-Src-T338I and FAK. Because of the reduced drug affinity for the drug-resistant c-Src mutant, inhibitors are expected to dissociate faster from c-Src-T338I than wild-type c-Src. The data (Figure 5A) indicate that inhibitors may dissociate from the complex while retaining the active open configuration





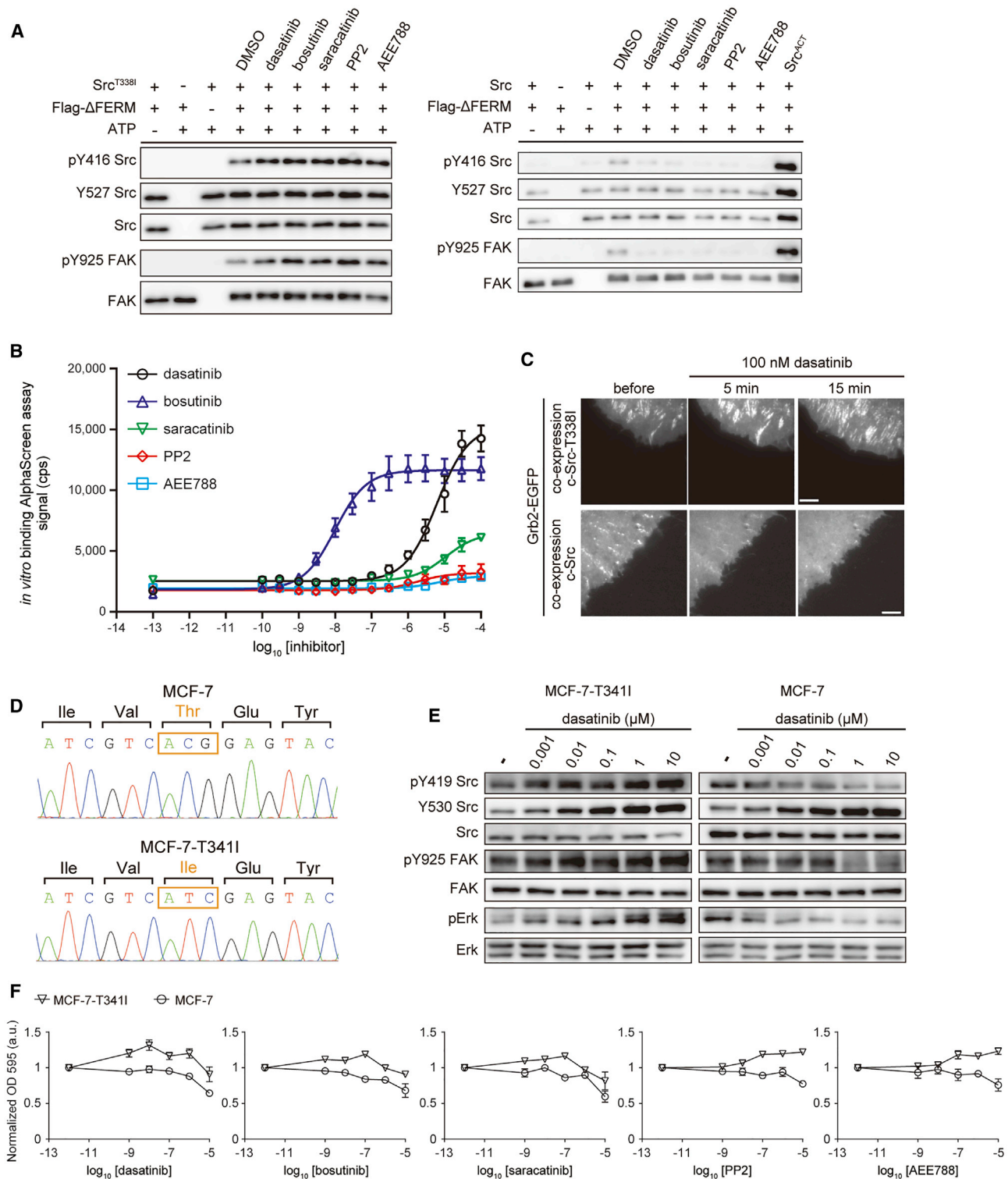
**Figure 4. Washout of kinase inhibitors paradoxically activates c-Src, leading to activation of FAK-Grb2-mediated Erk signaling**

(A) Western blot analysis of phospho-Y416 Src, Src (detected with a rabbit polyclonal antibody), pY925 FAK, and FAK in an *in vitro* kinase assay. c-Src and FLAG-FAKΔFERM-bound beads were treated with inhibitors. In lanes indicated by “washout,” after treatment with 0.1% DMSO, 10  $\mu$ M PP2, or 10  $\mu$ M NVP-AEE788 (AEE788) with 2 mM ATP for 2 min, washout was carried out and samples were then incubated for 5 min after the addition of 2 mM ATP. Src<sup>ACT</sup> indicates c-Src-K249E-P250E-Y527F. See also [Figure S4](#).

(B) Enhanced localization of Grb2-EGFP at FAs induced by 10 mM imidazole in XTC cells expressing c-Src-R388A-Y527F-TagRFP-T (8A7F-TagRFP-T). Scale bar, 5  $\mu$ m.

(C) Live-cell imaging of Grb2-EGFP with treatment and subsequent washout of low-affinity inhibitors in XTC cells. PP2 (10  $\mu$ M), NVP-AEE788 (AEE788) (10  $\mu$ M), or 0.1% DMSO alone were used. The treatment was performed for 5 min. Images before, 5 min after drug treatment, and 10 min after washout are shown. Scale bars, 5  $\mu$ m. See also [Figure S4](#) and [Video S4](#).

(D) Western blot analysis of phospho-Y419 Src, Src (detected with a mouse monoclonal antibody), phospho-Erk (pErk), and Erk1&2 (Erk) in MCF-7 cells treated with inhibitors and subjected to inhibitor washout. In lanes indicated by washout, after treatment with 0.1% DMSO, 10  $\mu$ M PP2, or 10  $\mu$ M NVP-AEE788 (AEE788) for 10 min, inhibitor washout was carried out and samples were further incubated for 20 min. See also [Figure S4](#).



**Figure 5. Kinase inhibitors activate a drug-resistant c-Src mutant**

(A) Western blot to detect phospho-Y419 Src, unphosphorylated Y530 Src, Src (a rabbit polyclonal antibody was used), pY925 FAK, and FAK in an *in vitro* kinase assay. Inhibitors enhanced the autophosphorylation of c-Src-T338I and phosphorylation of FAK without dephosphorylation of pY527 (left panel). With wild-type c-Src, the phosphorylation of c-Src and FAK was suppressed by inhibitors (right panel). Src<sup>ACT</sup> indicates c-Src-K249E-P250E-Y527F. Dasatinib, saracatinib, and bosutinib were used at 100 nM. PP2 and NVP-AEE788 (AEE788) were used at 10 μM. DMSO was used at 0.1%.

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of c-Src-T338I in complex with FAK. In addition, our results indicate that this inhibitor-induced relief of c-Src autoinhibition may not require the dephosphorylation of Y527, which is widely believed to be the mechanism for the autoinhibition release.

Treatment with Src inhibitors and the RTK inhibitor remarkably enhanced the localization of Grb2-EGFP to FAs in cells co-expressing the drug-resistant c-Src-T338I mutant, whereas the treatment decreased the localization of Grb2-EGFP in cells expressing wild-type c-Src (Figures 5C and S4A; Video S5). Next, we tested whether inhibitors activate drug-resistant c-Src expressed at the endogenous level, leading to the activation of Src-FAK-Erk signaling. To this end, we established MCF-7 cell lines harboring the T341I mutation in the endogenous *SRC* gene using CRISPR-Cas9 (Figure 5D). Treatment with inhibitors induced the activation of c-Src, FAK, and Erk in the cells harboring the c-Src T341I mutation, whereas the treatments did not induce the activation in parental MCF-7 cells (Figures 5E and S4B). It has been proposed that the dephosphorylation of Y530 is a prerequisite for the activation of c-Src by phosphorylation at Y419 (Blencke et al., 2004; Xu et al., 1999). However, in our experiments, most of the inhibitors enhanced phosphorylation at Y419 in c-Src-T341I before the dephosphorylation of Y530 (Figures 5E and S4B). We tested whether inhibitor-induced paradoxical activation of Src may confer drug-resistant cell growth. High-affinity Src inhibitors dasatinib, bosutinib, and saracatinib at low doses promoted the proliferation of MCF-7-T341I cells compared with DMSO-treated MCF-7-T341I cells, although these inhibitors at high concentrations suppressed cell growth (Figure 5F). In contrast, PP2 and AEE788 enhanced the proliferation of MCF-7-T341I cells at high doses but not at low doses (Figure 5F). Importantly, the 4 Src inhibitors and the RTK inhibitor AEE788 did not promote the proliferation of parental MCF-7 cells expressing wild-type c-Src at any dose (Figure 5F). These results indicate that kinase inhibitors may paradoxically activate cell proliferation signaling in cells harboring drug-resistant mutations in the *SRC* gene.

## DISCUSSION

We discovered that ATP-competitive Src kinase and RTK inhibitors turn into facilitators of drug-resistant c-Src mutants, which enhance Erk activity and promote cell proliferation. Even without a mutation, the binding of kinase inhibitors to wild-type c-Src induces its conformational change to resemble the active structure, leading to its association with FAK (Figure 6A). The resulting inhibitor/c-Src/FAK complex is not active, but when inhibitors do not tightly bind to c-Src, decreasing the inhibitor concentration may induce dissociation of the inhibitors from the complex while retaining c-Src in an active open configuration, which allows

c-Src to readily phosphorylate FAK, leading to the activation of the FAK-Grb2-mediated Erk pathway (Figure 6B). We propose to call this unexpected activation of wild-type and mutant c-Src by Src and RTK inhibitors “paradoxical activation of Src.”

Suppression of multiple kinases has been supposed to be effective in securely inhibiting oncogenic signals. The development of multi-drug therapies and multi-kinase-targeted drugs has been tried extensively (Wilhelm et al., 2006). However, our study revealed that kinase-targeted drugs may cause the unexpected activation of c-Src. This may be one reason why multi-kinase inhibitors have not been effective in cancer treatment. It has been thought that cancer cells that express drug-resistant kinases do not respond to drugs and that drugs have no effect on such cells. It has also been believed that the paradoxical mechanism by which drugs activate cancer growth signals is via the activation of molecules that are not supposed to be activated (Packer et al., 2011). However, our study shows that drugs directly activate drug-resistant target kinases. Drug-resistant mutations thus act as growth signal promoters, and not just drug-insensitive variants (Figure 6C). This indicates that drugs that aim to suppress cancer development, if cells have a drug-resistant mutation, may propagate a signal that exacerbates the cancer growth. Our research raises further alarms. These anti-cancer drugs, typically ATP-competitive kinase inhibitors, are also able to activate normal c-Src. Intramolecular attachment of the C-terminal pY527 maintains a closed inactive conformation of c-Src and rarely results in an open conformation, which is referred to as a “self-suppressing function.” Our study revealed that ATP-competitive kinase inhibitors allow c-Src to remarkably shift to the open conformation state, while pY527 is maintained (Figure 6A). Such an open conformational change induced by ATP-competitive kinase inhibitors appears to be similarly induced in c-Abl (Fujita et al., 2009; Skora et al., 2013; Sonti et al., 2018), Akt1 (Okuzumi et al., 2009), and Raf (Karoulia et al., 2016; Holderfield et al., 2013; Jin et al., 2017), suggesting that the conformational change may be common to kinases with self-suppressing functions. The open conformation may allow such kinases to bind their cognate targets and activate them when the drug concentration decreases. These results raise the possibility that kinase inhibitors, which aim to treat cancer, can evoke a growth signal that makes the cancer worse. To develop really effective anti-cancer drugs, we should understand the molecular mechanisms underlying the conformational changes of such kinases and overcome their paradoxical activation.

## STAR★METHODS

Detailed methods are provided in the online version of this paper and include the following:

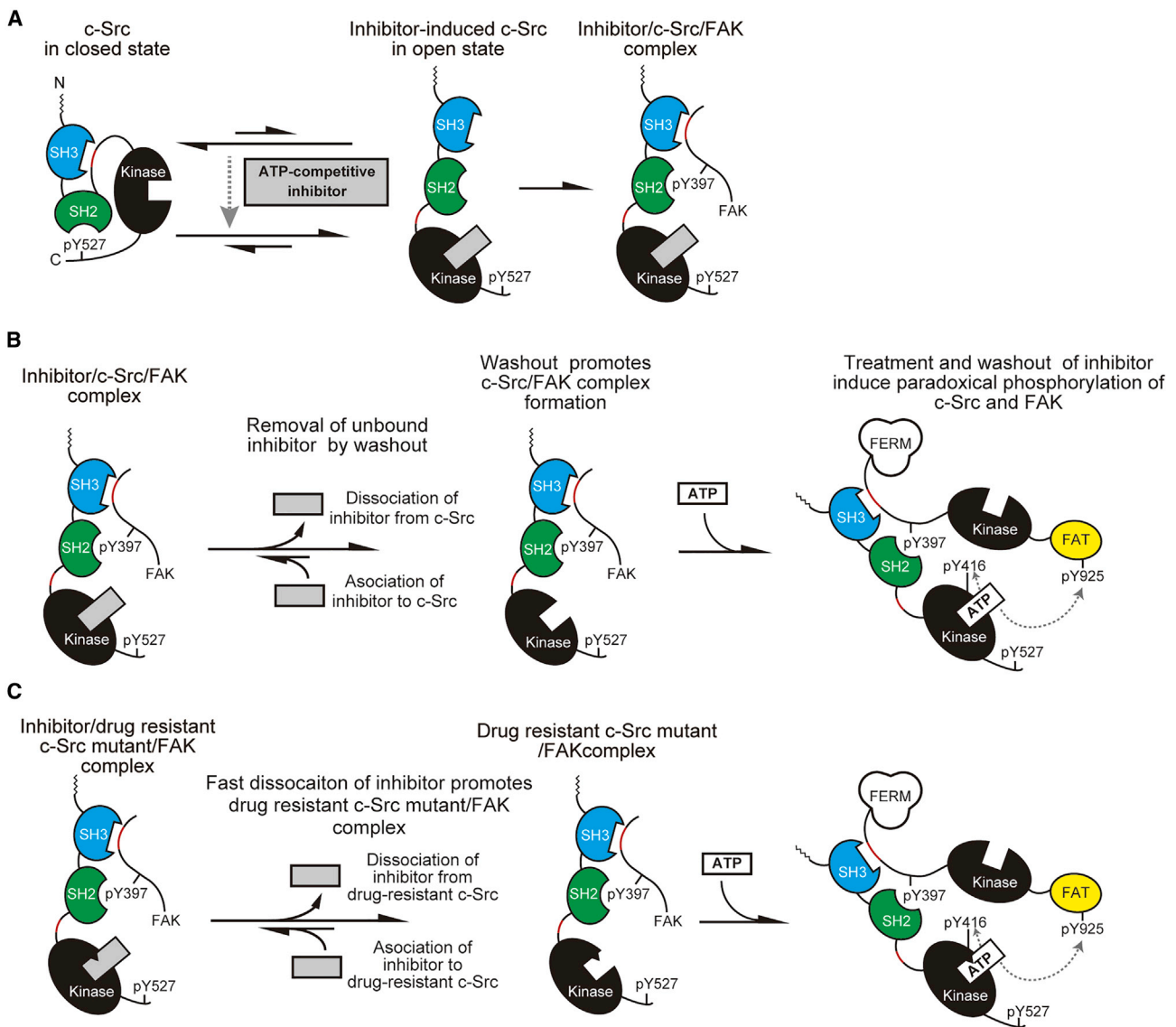
(B) *In vitro* binding assay of recombinant 6 × His-tagged c-Src-T338I and GST-tagged phosphorylated Y397 FAK<sup>362–411</sup> treated with inhibitors. The binding assay was monitored by the AlphaScreen assay. Data are presented as the means ± SEMs (n = 3).

(C) Dasatinib enhanced localization of Grb2-EGFP at FAs in XTC cells expressing c-Src-T338I-TagRFP-T, but not in cells expressing c-Src-TagRFP-T. Scale bars, 5 μm. See also Figure S5 and Video S5.

(D) Chromatograph from Sanger sequencing of the *SRC* locus in MCF-7 and MCF-7-Tc-Src-T341I cells.

(E) Western blot analysis of phospho-Y419 Src, unphosphorylated Y530 Src, Src (a mouse monoclonal antibody was used), pY925-FAK, FAK, phospho-Erk (pErk), and Erk1&2 (Erk) in MCF-7-c-Src-T341I and MCF-7 cell lines treated with dasatinib or 0.1% DMSO (indicated by “–”) for 30 min. See also Figure S5.

(F) Src inhibitors and an RTK inhibitor enhanced proliferation of MCF-7 cells expressing drug-resistant c-Src-T341I. Cell proliferation was measured by optical density (OD) 595 nm of crystal violet staining. Cell growth was determined in triplicate. Data are presented as the means ± SEMs (n = 3).



**Figure 6. Model for inhibitor-induced paradoxical activation of c-Src**

(A) Inhibitor-induced relief of autoinhibition of c-Src, leading to binding of c-Src to FAK. Relief of autoinhibited c-Src is triggered by the dephosphorylation of Tyr-527 at the C terminus under normal conditions. However, ATP-competitive inhibitors shift the equilibrium and may disrupt the internal interaction of both the SH3 and SH2 domains in c-Src, even when phosphorylation at Tyr-527 remains intact.

(B) Treatment and washout of low-affinity inhibitors of c-Src induce paradoxical activation of c-Src. After the inhibitor/c-Src/FAK complex is formed, the removal of inhibitors by washout may dissociate inhibitors from the c-Src/FAK complex, and consequently c-Src phosphorylates c-Src and FAK. In contrast, high-affinity inhibitors may remain bound to c-Src after inhibitor washout, which may prevent paradoxical activation.

(C) Src and RTK inhibitors activate drug-resistant mutant c-Src. The reduced affinity of drug-resistant c-Src mutants for inhibitors accelerates dissociation of inhibitors from the inhibitor-induced c-Src/FAK complex. Even in the continuous presence of high-affinity inhibitors, drug-resistant c-Src is paradoxically activated to initiate the Grb2-Erk signaling pathway by phosphorylating Tyr-925 in FAK.

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KEY RESOURCES TABLE

| REAGENT or RESOURCE                                              | SOURCE                                       | IDENTIFIER                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Antibodies</b>                                                |                                              |                                              |
| Rabbit polyclonal anti-phospho-Tyr416 (419) Src                  | Cell signaling technology                    | Cat#2101; RRID: AB_331697                    |
| Rabbit polyclonal anti-non-phospho-Tyr527 (530) Src              | Cell signaling technology                    | Cat#2107; RRID: AB_331081                    |
| Mouse monoclonal anti-Src (clone L4A1)                           | Cell signaling technology                    | Cat#2110; RRID: AB_10691385                  |
| Rabbit polyclonal anti-Src (clone 32G6)                          | Cell signaling technology                    | Cat#2113; RRID: AB_2106051                   |
| Rabbit polyclonal anti-pY925 FAK                                 | Abcam                                        | Cat#ab38512; RRID: AB_732302                 |
| Rabbit polyclonal anti-FAK                                       | Cell signaling technology                    | Cat#3285; RRID: AB_2269034                   |
| Mouse monoclonal anti- phospho-Thr202/ Tyr204-Erk1/2 (clone E10) | Cell signaling technology                    | Cat#9106; RRID: AB_331768                    |
| Rabbit polyclonal anti-Erk1                                      | Sigma Aldrich                                | Cat#M7927; RRID: AB_260665                   |
| Rabbit polyclonal anti-His-tag                                   | MBL                                          | Cat#PM032; RRID: AB_10209426                 |
| Rabbit polyclonal anti-GFP                                       | Abcam                                        | Cat#ab290 ; RRID: AB_303395                  |
| <b>Bacterial and virus strains</b>                               |                                              |                                              |
| BL21(DE3)                                                        | New England Biolabs                          | Cat#C25271                                   |
| DH5 $\alpha$                                                     | TOYOBO Life Science                          | Cat#DNA-913                                  |
| <b>Chemicals, peptides, and recombinant proteins</b>             |                                              |                                              |
| DYKDDDK peptide                                                  | Wako                                         | Cat#044-30951                                |
| Dasatinib                                                        | LC laboratories                              | Cat#D-3307                                   |
| Bosutinib                                                        | Sigma Aldrich                                | Cat#PZ0192                                   |
| Saracatinib                                                      | Selleck Chemicals                            | Cat#S1006                                    |
| PP2                                                              | Selleck Chemicals                            | Cat#S7008                                    |
| NVP-AEE788                                                       | Selleck Chemicals                            | Cat#S1486                                    |
| AMP-PNP                                                          | Sigma Aldrich                                | Cat#10102547001                              |
| 1-NA-PP1                                                         | Sigma Aldrich                                | Cat#529579                                   |
| 1-NM-PP1                                                         | Sigma Aldrich                                | Cat#529581                                   |
| imatinib                                                         | Selleck Chemicals                            | Cat#S2475                                    |
| ATP                                                              | nacalai Tesque                               | Cat#01072-24                                 |
| GeneArt Platinum Cas9 nuclease                                   | Thermo Fisher SCIENTIFIC                     | Cat#B25640                                   |
| GST-Precission Protease                                          | GE healthcare                                | Cat#27084301                                 |
| <b>Experimental models: cell lines</b>                           |                                              |                                              |
| XTC                                                              | <a href="#">Watanabe and Mitchison, 2002</a> | <a href="#">Watanabe and Mitchison, 2002</a> |
| HEK293T                                                          | <a href="#">Maruoka et al., 2012</a>         | <a href="#">Maruoka et al., 2012</a>         |
| MCF-7                                                            | Drs. Hiroto Katoh and Yasuyuki Fujita        | N/A                                          |
| MCF-7-T3411                                                      | This Study                                   | N/A                                          |
| <b>Oligonucleotides</b>                                          |                                              |                                              |
| See <a href="#">Table S2</a> for sgRNA and oligonucleotides      | Sigma Aldrich or Thermo Fisher SCIENTIFIC    | N/A                                          |
| <b>Recombinant DNA</b>                                           |                                              |                                              |
| pEGFP-N3                                                         | CloneTech Laboratories                       | Cat#6080-1                                   |
| pEGFP-N1                                                         | CloneTech Laboratories                       | Cat#6085-1                                   |
| pEGFP-C1                                                         | CloneTech Laboratories                       | Cat#6084-1                                   |
| delCMV-EGFP-N3                                                   | <a href="#">Watanabe and Mitchison, 2002</a> | <a href="#">Watanabe and Mitchison, 2002</a> |
| pEGFP-N3-3 $\times$ Flag                                         | This paper                                   | N/A                                          |

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| pFlag-6p-C1                         | This paper                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pFlag-6p-C1-6 × His                 | This paper                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pTagRFP-T-C1                        | Evrogen                                      | Cat#FP141                                                                         |
| pTagRFP-T-N3                        | This paper                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pGEX4T-1                            | GE helathcare                                | Cat#28954549                                                                      |
| pEGFP-N1-c-Src                      | <a href="#">Tanji et al., 2010</a>           | <a href="#">Tanji et al., 2010</a>                                                |
| pEGFP-N1-c-Src-G2A                  | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pEGFP-N1-c-Src-W118A                | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pEGFP-N1-c-Src-R175A                | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pEGFP-N1-c-Src-K295M                | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pEGFP-N1-c-Src-T338I                | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pEGFP-N1-c-Src-T338G                | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pEGFP-N1-c-Src-W118A-R175A          | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pEGFP-N3-c-Src-K249E-P250E-Y527F    | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pTagRFP-T-N3-c-Src                  | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pTagRFP-T-N3-c-Src-T338I            | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pTagRFP-T-N3-c-Src-R388A-Y527F      | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pFlag-6p-C1-c-Src                   | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pFlag-6p-C1-c-Src-T338I             | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pFlag-6p-C1-c-Src-K249E-P250E-Y527F | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pFlag-6p-C1-6 × His-Src             | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pFlag-6p-C1-6 × His-Src-T338I       | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| Human FAK cDNA                      | DNASU                                        | Cat#HsCD00021642                                                                  |
| pEGFP-C1-FAK                        | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pTagRFP-T-C1-FAK                    | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pTagRFP-T-C1-FAT                    | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pTagRFP-T-C1-FAK-362-686            | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pFlag-C1-FAK-412-686                | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pFlag-C1-ΔFERM                      | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pGEX4T-1-FAK-362-411                | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pGEX4T-1-FAK-362-411-P371A-P374A    | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pJ3H PTP-1B                         | Addgene                                      | Cat#8601                                                                          |
| pGEX4T-1-PTP-1B-1-321               | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| Human Grb2 cDNA                     | Kazusa DNA                                   | Cat#FXC01485                                                                      |
| delCMV-EGFP-N3-Grb2                 | This Study                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| delCMV-mPlum-C1-Vinculin            | <a href="#">Yamashiro and Watanabe, 2014</a> | <a href="#">Yamashiro and Watanabe, 2014</a>                                      |
| Human c-Abl cDNA                    | MyBioSource                                  | Cat#MBS1267867                                                                    |
| pEGFP-N3-3 × Flag-Human c-Abl-1-632 | This paper                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pFlag-CMV-6c-Human Abi-1            | <a href="#">Maruoka et al., 2012</a>         | <a href="#">Maruoka et al., 2012</a>                                              |
| pGEX4T-1-Human Abi-1                | This paper                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| <i>Xenopus</i> Abi-1                | IMAGE Consortium                             | Cat#6958745                                                                       |
| pmRFP1-C1- <i>Xenopus</i> Abi1      | This paper                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| pmRFP1-C1- <i>Xenopus</i> Abi1-mito | This paper                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| <i>Xenopus</i> WAVE2                | IMAGE Consortium                             | Cat#6870338                                                                       |
| pFlag- <i>Xenopus</i> WAVE2-mito    | This paper                                   | N/A                                                                               |
| <b>Software and algorithms</b>      |                                              |                                                                                   |
| ImageJ                              | NIH                                          | <a href="https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/">https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/</a>               |
| GraphPadPrism 6                     | GraphPad Software Inc.                       | <a href="https://www.graphpad.com/">https://www.graphpad.com/</a>                 |
| Metamorph                           | MolecularDevices                             | <a href="https://www.moleculardevices.com/">https://www.moleculardevices.com/</a> |

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| REAGENT or RESOURCE                                   | SOURCE                                          | IDENTIFIER                                                                                                                  |
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| ACD/ChemSketch                                        | Advanced Chemistry Development, Inc. (ACD/Labs) | <a href="https://www.acdlabs.com/resources/freeware/chemsketch/">https://www.acdlabs.com/resources/freeware/chemsketch/</a> |
| <b>Other</b>                                          |                                                 |                                                                                                                             |
| Sodium Orthovanadate                                  | Santa Cruz Biotechnology                        | Cat#sc-3540                                                                                                                 |
| Ovalbumin                                             | Sigma Aldrich                                   | Cat#A5503                                                                                                                   |
| BSA                                                   | Sigma Aldrich                                   | Cat#A7030                                                                                                                   |
| Sodium Fluoride                                       | Wako                                            | Cat#192-01972                                                                                                               |
| Bovine fibronectin                                    | Sigma Aldrich                                   | Cat#F1141                                                                                                                   |
| PEI                                                   | Polysciences                                    | Cat#24765-1                                                                                                                 |
| Anti-DYKDDDDK tag antibody beads                      | Wako                                            | Cat#018-22783                                                                                                               |
| GST-Accept beads                                      | nacalai Tesque                                  | Cat#09277-72                                                                                                                |
| Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (EDTA free)               | nacalai Tesque                                  | Cat#03969-34                                                                                                                |
| Leibovitz's L-15 (for cell culture)                   | Thermo Fisher Scientific                        | Cat#11415-064                                                                                                               |
| Leibovitz's L-15 (for microscopy observation)         | nacalai Tesque                                  | Custom Synthesis                                                                                                            |
| fetal calf serum                                      | Thermo Fisher Scientific                        | Cat#10270-106                                                                                                               |
| DMEM                                                  | nacalai Tesque                                  | Cat#08459-35                                                                                                                |
| Spin column                                           | Thermo Fisher Scientific                        | Cat#26147                                                                                                                   |
| AlphaScreen Protein A acceptor beads                  | PerkinElmer                                     | Cat#6760137                                                                                                                 |
| AlphaScreen glutathione-donor beads                   | PerkinElmer                                     | Cat#6765301                                                                                                                 |
| 384-well optiplate for AlphaScreen                    | PerkinElmer                                     | Cat#6007290                                                                                                                 |
| 2.5g/l-Trypsin/1mmol/l-EDTA Solution                  | nacalai Tesque                                  | Cat#35554-64                                                                                                                |
| Envision 2105                                         | PerkinElmer                                     | Cat#2105                                                                                                                    |
| IX83 Inverted microscope                              | Olympus                                         | IX83 Inverted microscope                                                                                                    |
| Evolve 512                                            | Photometrics                                    | Evolve 512                                                                                                                  |
| Neon <sup>TM</sup> Transfection System                | Thermo Fisher SCIENTIFIC                        | Cat#MPK5000                                                                                                                 |
| Neon <sup>TM</sup> Transfection System 10 $\mu$ l Kit | Thermo Fisher SCIENTIFIC                        | Cat#MPK1096                                                                                                                 |

**RESOURCE AVAILABILITY**

**Lead contact**

Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to and will be fulfilled by the lead contact, Naoki Watanabe ([watanabe.naoki.4v@kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:watanabe.naoki.4v@kyoto-u.ac.jp)).

**Materials availability**

Plasmids and cell lines generated in this study are available from the lead contact with a completed Materials Transfer Agreement.

**Data and code availability**

This study did not generate any unique datasets or codes.

**EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECT DETAILS**

**Cell lines and generation of MCF-7-T3411 cells**

*Xenopus laevis* XTC cells were maintained in 70% Leibovitz's L15 medium (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 11415-064) containing 10% fetal calf serum (FCS, Thermo Fisher Scientific, 10270-106) at 23°C in incubator (Fujita et al., 2009; Watanabe, 2012; Yamashiro and Watanabe, 2014). HEK293F, MCF-7 cells and MCF-7-T3411 cells were maintained in DMEM (nacalai tesque, 08459-35) containing 10% FCS at 37°C in humidified 95% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator. Plasmid transfection was carried out with polyethyleneimine (PEI) (Polysciences, 23966-1) (Fujita et al., 2009; Watanabe, 2012; Yamashiro and Watanabe, 2014). MCF-7-T3411 cells were generated using CRISPR technology. Transfection of sgRNA, donor oligonucleotide and Cas9 recombinant protein was performed by electroporation with a Neon Transfection System (Invitrogen) as follows. MCF-7 cells ( $1.2 \times 10^5$  cells, 1150V, 30 ms, 2 pulses), 1  $\mu$ g GeneArt Platinum Cas9 nuclease (ThermoFisher scientific, B25640), 1  $\mu$ g custom IVTgRNA (ThermoFisher scientific) and 100 pmol custom single-strand donor oligonucleotide (ThermoFisher scientific) were used for a 10  $\mu$ L reaction. Sequences of IVTgRNA and single-strand donor oligonucleotide were

5'-GGAGCCCATTTACATCGTCA-3' and 5'-AGGTCATGAAGAAGCTGAGGCATGAGAAGCTGGTGCAGTTGTATGCTGTGGTTTCA GAGGAGCCCATTTACATCGTCATAGAGTACATGAGCAAGGGTGTAGTCTCTGGGCGGCCGGGGCA-3', respectively. Genome editing was allowed to proceed for 3 days, and limiting dilution was performed to isolate monoclonal cell lines. To confirm which clones harbored endogenous c-Src-T341I, genomic DNA was purified, and the target locus was amplified by PCR for sequencing. Forward and reverse primers for amplifying the c-Src locus were 5'-CACAGTCCCGACAACAGCTACTGG-3' and 5'-GAGAATTTGGCTCTACTGCATTC CACC-3', respectively.

## METHOD DETAILS

### Plasmids and reagents

pTagRFP-T-N3 was constructed by replacing the EGFP cassette with a TagRFP-T cassette (Evrogen) in pEGFP-N3 (ClonTech Laboratories). Chicken c-Src cDNA (Tanji et al., 2010) was amplified by PCR and subcloned into pEGFP-N1 (ClonTech Laboratories) or pTagRFP-T-N3. pFlag-C1 was constructed by replacing the EGFP cassette with a Flag sequence in pEGFP-C1. pFlag-6p-C1 was constructed by inserting a PreScission protease cleavage sequence (GE Healthcare) between the Flag sequence and the MCS in pFlag-C1. pFlag-6p-C1-6 × His was constructed by inserting a 6 × His sequence between the PreScission protease cleavage sequence and the MCS in pFlag-6p-C1. Human FAK cDNA (GenBank accession number: BC035404) was purchased from DNASU and was amplified by PCR and subcloned into pEGFP-C1 (ClonTech Laboratories) or pTagRFP-T-C1. Deletion mutants encoding the FAK FAT domain (amino acids 861-1006), the c-Src binding site of FAK (amino acids 362-411), the FAK kinase domain (amino acids 412-686), ΔFERM (amino acids 362-1006) and the FERM and FAT deletion FAK (362-686) were amplified by PCR and subcloned into pTagRFP-T-C1, pGEX4T-1 or pFlag-C1, respectively. Point mutations in c-Src and FAK were generated by site-directed mutagenesis using KOD Plus (TOYOBO) and DpnI (NEB). Human Grb2 cDNA (GeneBank accession number: BC000631) was obtained from Kazusa DNA Research Institute and was subcloned into delCMV-EGFP-N3 (Watanabe and Mitchison, 2002). Human vinculin cDNA was amplified by PCR and subcloned into delCMV-mPlum-C1 (Yamashiro and Watanabe, 2014). The human PTP-1B catalytic domain (amino acids 1-321) was amplified by PCR from pJ3H PTP-1B and subcloned into pGEX4T-1 (pJ3H PTP-1B was a gift from Ben Neel (Addgene plasmid #8601; <https://www.addgene.org/8601.org>; RRID:Addgene\_8601)). The expression vectors for murine type IV c-Abl were described previously (Fujita et al., 2009). cDNA clones encoding *Xenopus* Abi-1 (GeneBank accession number: BC081178) and WAVE2 (GeneBank accession number: BC089121) were obtained from the IMAGE Consortium. Human type b c-Abl cDNA (GeneBank accession number: BC117451) was purchased from Open Biosystems. Human Abi-1 cDNA was described previously (Maruoka et al., 2012). pmRFP1-C1 was constructed by replacing the EGFP cassette in pEGFP-C1 with mRFP1 cDNA. *Xenopus* Abi-1 and WAVE2 were amplified by PCR and subcloned into pmRFP1-C1 and pFlag-C1, respectively. To generate mitochondria-anchoring constructs including mRFP1-*Xenopus* Abi-1-mito and Flag-WAVE2-mito, the fragment corresponding to the coding region of the mitochondrial-anchoring signal of *Listeria* ActA (amino acids 614-639) (Bear et al., 2000) was fused to the respective cDNAs in the expression vectors. pEGFP-N3-3 × Flag was constructed by replacing the EGFP cassette with an EGFP-3 × Flag cassette. Human c-Abl-1-623, encoding the SH3, SH2 and kinase domains, was amplified by PCR and subcloned into pEGFP-N3-3 × Flag. Human Abi-1 was amplified by PCR and subcloned into pGEX-4T-1. Dasatinib was purchased from LC laboratories. Saracatinib, bosutinib, NVP-AEE788 and PP2 were purchased from Selleck Chemicals. 1-NA-PP1 and 1-NM-PP1 were purchased from Merck Millipore. AMP-PNP was purchased from Sigma Aldrich. Chemical structures of compounds were written by ACD/ChemSketch.

### Live-cell imaging

Live-cell imaging of XTC cells was carried out as described previously (Watanabe and Mitchison, 2002). Before observation of c-Src, FAK or Grb2, XTC cells were trypsinized and seeded onto a glass coverslip dually coated with poly-L-lysine (10 μg/ml) and bovine fibronectin (3 μg/ml Sigma-Aldrich, F1141) in 70% riboflavin-free and phenol red-free custom Leibovitz's L15 medium (nacalai tesque, custom order) without FCS for 1 hour. For observation of cells expressing c-Abl, Abi-1 or WAVE2, a glass coverslip was coated with poly-L-lysine (1 mg/ml). The coverslip was mounted in a cell chamber (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A7816). Images were acquired using an IX83 microscope (Olympus) equipped with an EMCCD camera (Evolve 512, Roper Scientific), a Plan-Apo 100 × 1.40 NA oil objective (Olympus) and Metamorph software (Molecular Devices). To change drug concentrations or wash out drugs while performing live-cell imaging, we removed the existing medium in the glass chamber by aspiration and added new medium with or without the respective drug.

### Imaging analysis

For quantification of localization of c-Src wild-type and mutants at focal adhesions (FAs) in XTC cells, we transfected EGFP-N1-c-Src wild-type or mutants along with TagRFP-T-C1-FAK as a marker of FAs, and collected live-cell imaging data of EGFP-fused c-Src wild-type or mutants with TagRFP-T-FAK in the same cells. To detect FA ROIs at each frame of data, TagRFP-T-FAK imaging data were analyzed using step-by-step FA detection analysis (Horzum et al., 2014). Images of c-Src-EGFP wild-type and mutants were overlaid onto the detected FA-ROI, and the EGFP intensities in the FA-ROI and in the whole cell area were measured at each frame. To derive the average intensity outside of FAs, total EGFP intensity at FAs was subtracted from total EGFP intensity in the whole cell area, and then divided by the cell area outside of the FAs. To calculate the ratio of c-Src-EGFP intensity at FAs

to the intensity outside of FAs, after subtraction of background intensities in extracellular regions, the average EGFP intensity at FAs was divided by the average EGFP intensity outside of FAs.

To compare the expression level of c-Src-EGFP, whole-cell EGFP images were acquired before live-cell time-lapse imaging. There was no significant difference between each experiment.

### Protein expression and purification

HEK293F cells were transfected with Flag-6p-C1-6 × His-Src, Flag-6p-C1-6 × His-Src -T338I, Flag-6p-C1-c-Src, Flag-6p-C1-c-Src-T338I, Flag-6p-C1-c-Src-K249E-P250E-Y527F, Flag-C1-FAK-411-686 (FAK kinase domain), Flag-C1-ΔFERM and c-Abl-1-623-EGFP-3 × Flag using polyethylenimine (PEI). After 2 days, cells were lysed in buffer A (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0 at 4°C, 150 mM NaCl, 0.2 mM orthovanadate, 1 mM DTT, 1 mM EDTA, 1% Triton X-100 and protease inhibitor cocktail (nacalai tesque, 03969-34)). After centrifugation, the supernatant was incubated with anti-DYKDDDDK tag antibody beads (Wako, 018-22783) at 4°C for 2 hours. Beads were washed four times with buffer B (20 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0 at 4°C, 500 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM DTT and 1% Triton X-100). FLAG-6p-6 × His-Src, FLAG-6p-c-Src, FLAG-6p-c-Src-T338I or FLAG-6p-c-Src-K249E-P250E-Y527F-bound beads were incubated with GST-PreScission Protease (GE Healthcare, 27084301)-bound GST-Accept beads (nacalai tesque, 09277-72) in buffer C (50 mM HEPES-KOH pH 7.4, 50 mM KCl, 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.1% Tween-20, 0.2 mM orthovanadate and 1 mM DTT) at 4°C for 18 hours. FLAG-ΔFERM or c-Abl-1-623-EGFP-3 × FLAG-bound beads were incubated with purified GST-PTP-1B<sup>1-321</sup> (see below) in buffer D (20 mM HEPES-NaOH pH 7.4, 100 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT, 0.1% Triton X-100 and 5 mM MnCl<sub>2</sub>) for 1 hour at RT. Beads were washed four times with buffer B. To assay autophosphorylation of pY397 in FAK, beads were incubated in buffer E (20 mM HEPES-KOH pH 7.4 at RT, 50 mM KCl, 1 mM DTT, 0.1% Triton X-100, 5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 5 mM ATP (nacalai tesque, 01072-24) and 0.2 mM sodium orthovanadate) for 30 mins at RT. After autophosphorylation, beads were washed four times with buffer B supplemented with 0.2 mM sodium orthovanadate and GST-Accept beads were added to remove GST-PTP-1B<sup>1-321</sup>. FLAG-FAK kinase domain, FLAG-ΔFERM or c-Abl-1-623-EGFP-3 × FLAG-bound beads were eluted with 1 mg/ml DYKDDDDK peptide (Wako, 044-30951) in buffer F for FLAG-FAK kinase domain (20 mM HEPES-NaOH pH 7.4 at RT, 100 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT, 0.1% Triton X-100, 5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>) or buffer C for FLAG-ΔFERM and c-Abl-1-623-EGFP-3 × FLAG at 4°C for 30 min, respectively. Purified FLAG-FAK kinase domain, FLAG-ΔFERM and c-Abl-1-623-EGFP-3 × FLAG were dialyzed against buffer F without Triton X-100 and buffer C without Tween-20, respectively.

For bacterial expression of GST, GST-PTP-1B<sup>1-321</sup>, GST-FAK<sup>362-411</sup>, GST-FAK<sup>362-411-P371A-P374A</sup> and GST-Abi-1, *E. coli* BL21(DE3) (NEB, C2527) was used as a host. Induction was carried out for 18 hours with 0.1 mM IPTG at 16°C. Cells were resuspended in buffer G (20 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0 at 4°C, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT, 1 mM EDTA, 0.2% Triton X-100 and protease inhibitor cocktail) and sonicated. After centrifugation, the supernatant was incubated with GST-Accept beads at 4°C for 1 hour. The beads were washed four times with buffer B. GST-PTP-1B<sup>1-321</sup> was eluted with buffer H (100 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0 at 4°C, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT, 0.1% Triton X-100 and 20 mM glutathione) for 30 min at 4°C, and dialyzed against dialysis buffer D without Triton X-100. GST, GST-FAK<sup>362-411</sup> and GST-Abi-1 were eluted with buffer I (100 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 50 mM KCl, 1 mM DTT, 0.1% Tween-20, 0.2 mM sodium orthovanadate and 20 mM glutathione) for 30 min at 4°C and dialyzed against buffer C without Tween-20. For phosphorylation of Y397 in GST-FAK<sup>362-411</sup> or Y397 in GST-FAK<sup>362-411-P371A-P374A</sup>, protein-bound beads were incubated with purified FLAG-FAK kinase domain in buffer F with 10 mM ATP at RT for 1 hour. Phosphorylated GST-FAK<sup>362-411</sup> or phosphorylated GST-FAK<sup>362-411-P371A-P374A</sup>-bound beads were washed four times with buffer B and eluted with buffer I (100 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 50 mM KCl, 1 mM DTT, 0.1% Tween-20, 0.2 mM sodium orthovanadate and 20 mM glutathione) for 30 min at 4°C. Purified phosphorylated GST-FAK<sup>362-411</sup> was dialyzed against buffer C without Tween-20.

### AlphaScreen *in vitro* binding assay

6 × His-c-Src or 6 × His-c-Src-T338I recombinant protein (50 nM) was mixed with 0.5 μg of Protein A acceptor beads (PerkinElmer, 6760137) and 1:500 diluted anti-His antibodies (MBL, PM032) in 10 μL binding buffer A (50 mM HEPES-KOH pH 7.4, 50 mM KCl, 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.1% Tween-20, 0.05% ovalbumin (Sigma Aldrich, A5503), 1 mM DTT and 0.2 mM sodium orthovanadate). Separately, purified GST-phosphorylated Y397-FAK<sup>362-411</sup>, GST-FAK<sup>362-411</sup>, GST-phosphorylated Y397-FAK<sup>362-411-P371A-P374A</sup> or GST (50 nM) proteins were mixed with 0.5 μg glutathione-donor beads (PerkinElmer, 6765301) in 10 μL. The mixtures were incubated for 30 min at RT. Kinase inhibitors in 5 μL of binding buffer A and the aforementioned 10 μL mixtures of Acceptor beads were combined in wells of a 384-well Optiplate (PerkinElmer, 6007290) and incubated for 15 min at RT. The mixtures of Donor beads were then added to the kinase inhibitors and the Protein A acceptor mixtures in the 384-well Optiplate and further incubated for 1 hour at RT. The final concentrations of inhibitors in each well were those described in the figures. The emission signal was monitored using EnVision (PerkinElmer). For *in vitro* binding of c-Abl to Abi-1, c-Abl-1-623-EGFP-3 × FLAG, purified recombinant protein (50 nM) was mixed with 0.5 μg of Protein A acceptor beads and 1:1000 diluted anti-GFP antibodies (Abcam, ab290) in 10 μL binding buffer B (50 mM HEPES-KOH pH 7.4, 50 mM KCl, 4 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.1% Tween-20, 0.05% BSA (Sigma Aldrich, A7030) and 0.2 mM sodium orthovanadate). Separately, purified GST-Abi-1 or GST (50 nM) proteins were mixed with 0.5 μg GST-donor beads in 10 μL buffer B. Detailed methods were the same as above, but using buffer B. The EC<sub>50</sub> values of inhibitors for c-Src and c-Abl were calculated using GraphPad Prism 6.

### *In vitro* kinase assay

For the inhibitor-washout c-Src activation assay, purified FLAG-ΔFERM was incubated with anti-DYKDDDDK tag antibody beads in binding buffer (20 mM HEPES-KOH pH 7.4, 50 mM KCl, 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.1% Tween-20, 0.2 mM sodium orthovanadate and 1 mM



DTT) for 1 hr at RT. FLAG- $\Delta$ FERM-bound beads were washed four times with binding buffer and washed two times with reaction buffer (20 mM HEPES-KOH pH 7.4, 50 mM KCl, 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.1% Tween-20, 0.5% ovalbumin, 0.2 mM sodium orthovanadate and 1 mM DTT). FLAG- $\Delta$ FERM-bound beads were incubated with c-Src wild-type recombinant protein, inhibitors and 2 mM ATP in spin columns (ThermoFisher, 26147) for 2 or 7 min at RT. For inhibitor-washout, after 2 min of the above reaction with ATP, samples were centrifuged at 1,000 g for 30 s at RT and the beads were incubated with 2 mM ATP in reaction buffer. Reactions were stopped by adding SDS sample buffer and incubated for 10 min at RT. samples were centrifuged at 1,000 g for 30 s at RT and boiled. Two hundred ng of FLAG- $\Delta$ FERM recombinant proteins and 30 ng of Src recombinant proteins were used in each reaction.

For drug-resistant c-Src activation assays, purified FLAG- $\Delta$ FERM was incubated with anti-DYKDDDDK tag antibody beads in binding buffer for 1 hr at RT. FLAG- $\Delta$ FERM-bound beads were washed four times with binding buffer and washed two times with reaction buffer. FLAG- $\Delta$ FERM-bound beads were incubated with c-Src wild-type or T338I mutant recombinant proteins, inhibitors and 2 mM ATP for 10 min at RT (200 ng FLAG- $\Delta$ FERM recombinant protein and 30 ng Src recombinant protein were used for each reaction). After the reaction, SDS-sample buffer was added to the samples, and the samples were boiled.

### Western blotting

For western blot analysis of the washout of inhibitors, MCF-7 cells were starved in DMEM for 24 hours. After 10 min of treatment with DMSO or inhibitors, the medium was removed, and cells were washed twice with DMEM. After washing, cells were incubated with DMEM for 15 mins. After stimulation, the medium was removed, and cells were washed with cold PBS. Cells were lysed in lysis buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5 at 4°C, 150 mM NaCl, 1% Triton X-100, 0.1% SDS, 0.5% sodium deoxycholate, 1 mM DTT, 1 mM sodium orthovanadate, 5 mM NaF (Wako, 192-01972) and protease inhibitor cocktail) and sonicated on ice. After centrifugation at 20,000 g for 15 min at 4°C, the supernatant was collected and subjected to SDS-PAGE.

For western blot analysis of MCF-7-c-Src-T341I and MCF-7 cells, after treatment with inhibitors, the medium was removed, and cells were washed with cold PBS. Cells were lysed in lysis buffer and sonicated on ice. After centrifugation at 20,000 g for 15 min at 4°C, the supernatant was collected and subjected to SDS-PAGE. The following antibodies were used for western blotting: anti-pY416-Src (1:1,000, Cell Signaling Technology, 2101), anti-non-phospho-Y527-Src (unphosphorylated Y527-Src) (1:1,000, Cell Signaling Technology, 2107), anti-Src (1:1,000, Cell Signaling Technology, 2110) for [Figures 4D, 5E, S4E, and S5B](#), anti-Src (1:1,000, Cell Signaling Technology, 2108) for [Figures 4A, 5A, and S4A](#), anti-pY925-FAK (1:1,000, abcam, ab38512), anti-FAK (1:1,000, Cell Signaling Technology, 3285), anti-Erk (1:2,000, Sigma-Aldrich, M7927) and anti-pErk (1:2,000, Cell Signaling Technology, 9106).

### Proliferation assay

MCF-7 and MCF-7-c-Src-T341I cells were seeded at a density of  $1 \times 10^4$  cells per well in 24-well plates and grown for 24 hours at 37°C. Cells were then treated with kinase inhibitors or DMSO for 4 days. After removal of the medium, cells were fixed with 4% PFA in PBS for 15 min at RT. Cells were stained with 0.1% Crystal Violet in 20% methanol for 10 min at RT. Crystal Violet was extracted with 1% SDS in distilled water overnight, and the absorbance was measured at 595 nm using EnVision.

### QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Data and statistical analyses were performed using GraphPad Prism 6, ImageJ and Excel. All numeric data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SEM and numbers per group are represented in legends of each panel.

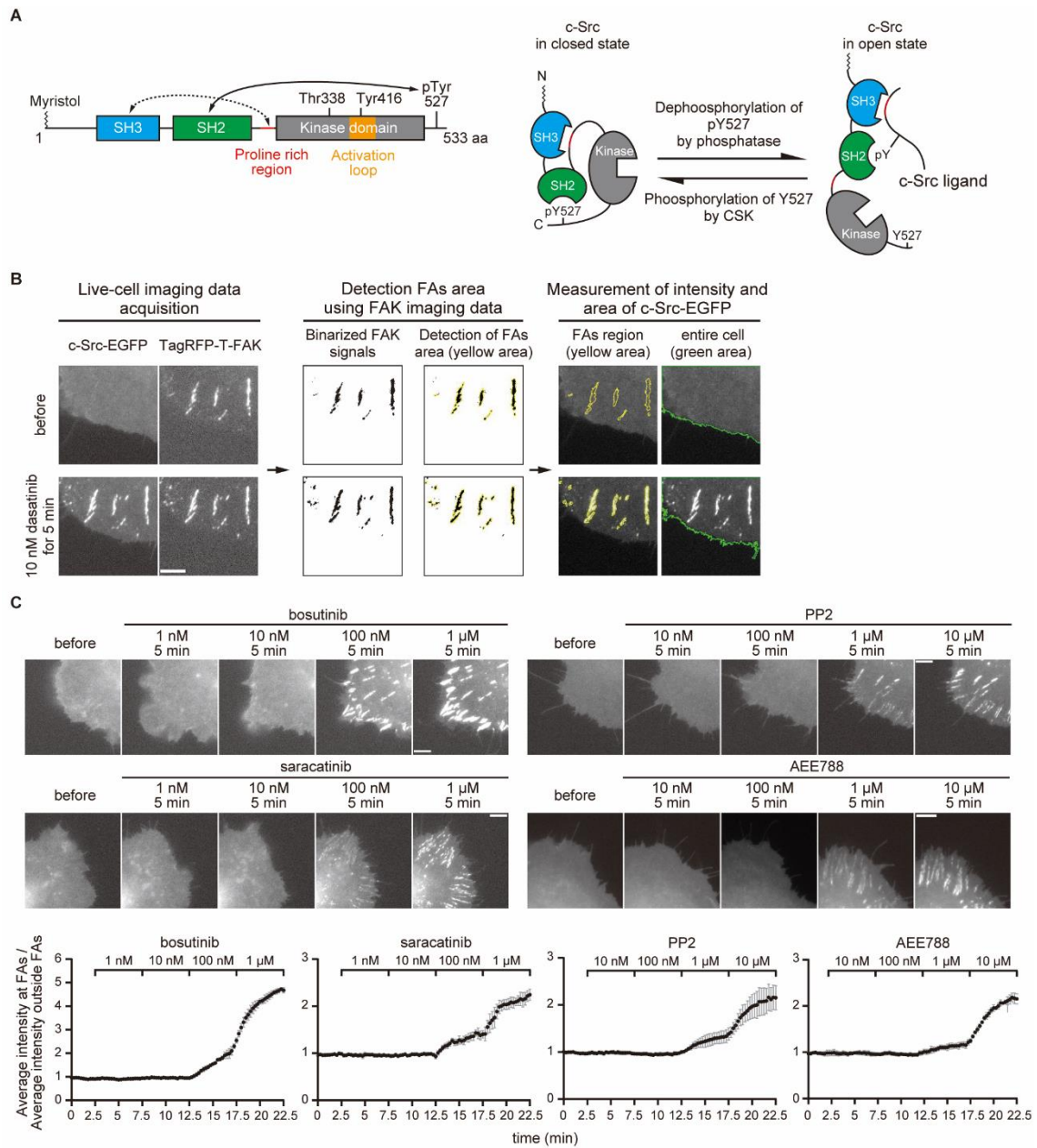
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**Paradoxical activation of c-Src  
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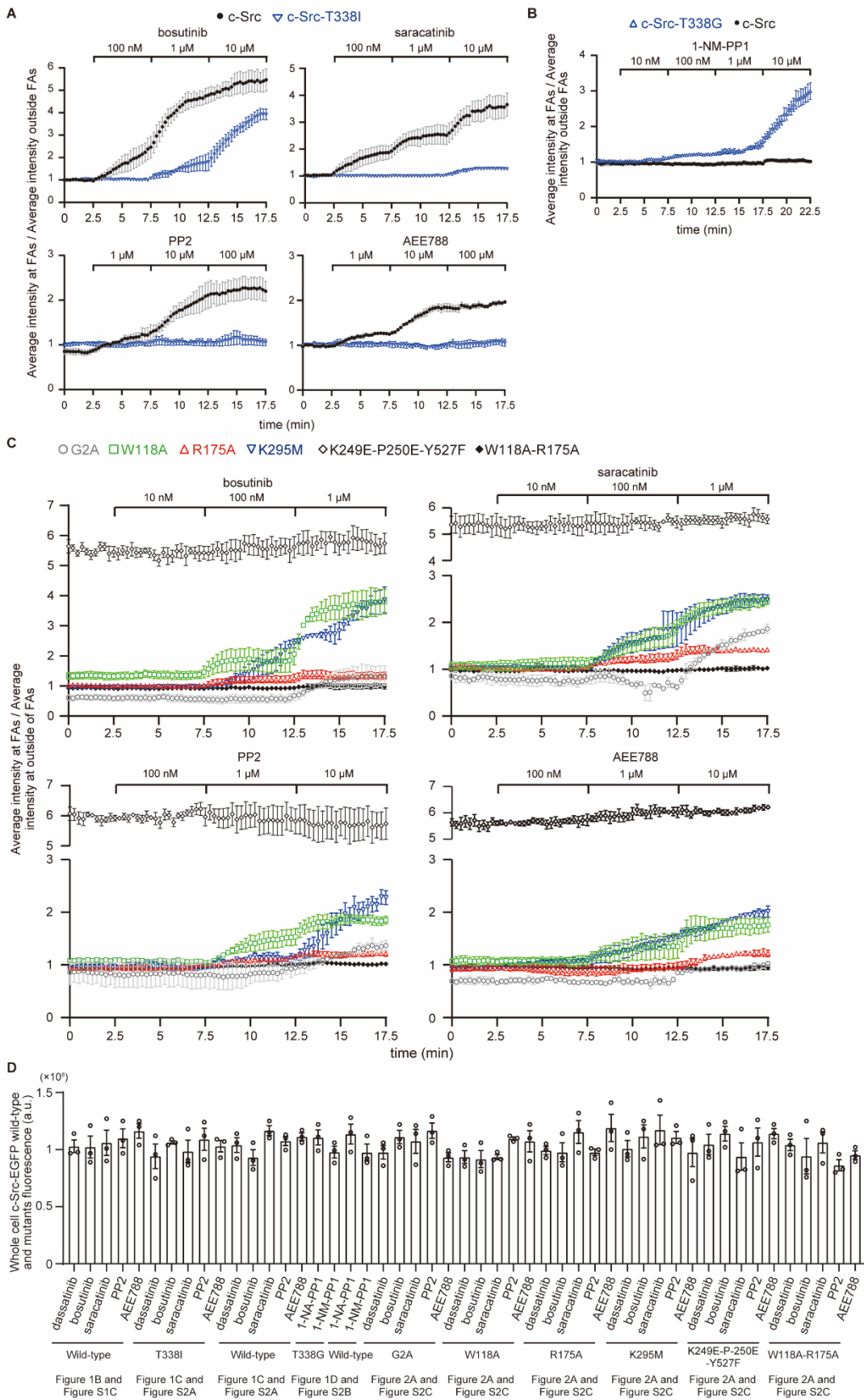
**Figure S1. Src Inhibitors and RTK Inhibitors Induce Translocation of c-Src to Focal Adhesions.**

**Related to Figure 1 and Figure 2.** (A) The structure of c-Src and a schematic of auto-inhibitory regulation.

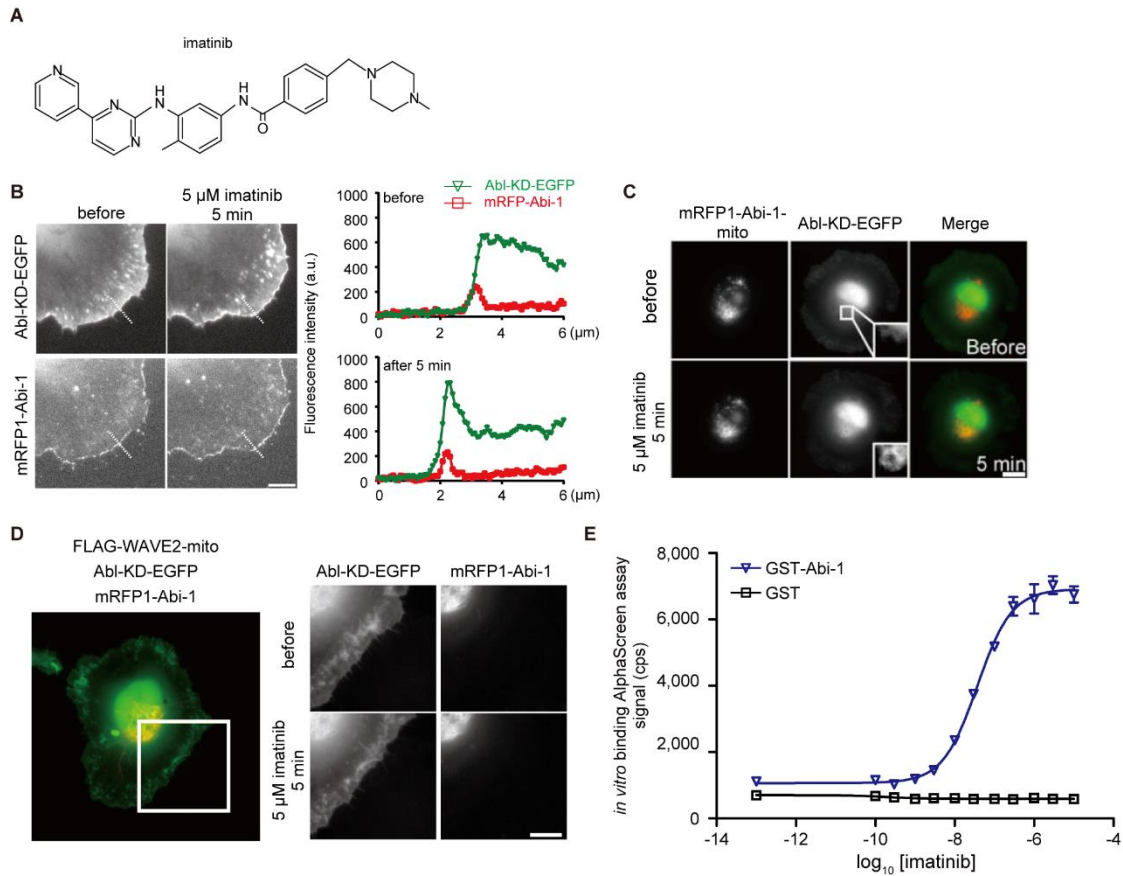
c-Src consists SH3, SH2 and tyrosine kinase domains. Myristoylation of glycine at the N-terminus anchors c-Src on the plasma membrane. SH3 and SH2 domains bind the proline-rich motif and phosphotyrosine, respectively. These two regions are crucial for autoinhibition and ligand binding of c-Src. Tyrosine 416 in the activation loop of kinase domain is auto-phosphorylated, which enhances the kinase activity. Several mutations of threonine 338 (gatekeeper mutations) in kinase domain confer to inhibitor-resistance of c-Src. Tyrosine 527 in C-terminal is phosphorylated by C-terminal Src kinase (CSK), which contributes to autoinhibition (left). The SH3 domain binds the linker between SH2 and Kinase domains which contains a



proline-rich motif. The SH2 domain binds phosphorylated tyrosine at 527 in the C-terminus. These two mechanisms keep c-Src in a closed, autoinhibited state. This autoinhibition is relieved by dephosphorylation of phosphotyrosine at 527, which allows c-Src to bind partner molecules (right). T338, Y416 and Y527 in chicken c-Src correspond to T341, Y419 and Y530 in human c-Src. (B) The schematic of quantification of localization of c-Src at focal adhesions (FAs). To detect FA regions, c-Src-EGFP wild-type or mutants were coexpressed with TagRFP-T-FAK. Images of FAK were binarized and FA regions were defined (see methods for detail). Fluorescence intensity of c-Src-EGFP wild-type or mutants in the detected FA regions (yellow) and the intensity in the entire cell area (outlined by green lines) at each frame were measured after subtraction of background values outside of the cell image. The ratio was calculated by dividing the average fluorescence intensity in FA regions by the average intensity in the cell area outside of FA regions. (C) Src inhibitors, bosutinib, saracatinib, PP2 and RTK inhibitor NVP-AEE788 (AEE788) induce translocation of c-Src-EGFP to FAs. The drug concentration was increased every 5 min. The graphs show that the ratio of the fluorescence intensity of c-Src-EGFP in FA regions and in the cell area outside of FAs. Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n=3). Scale bars, 5  $\mu$ m.

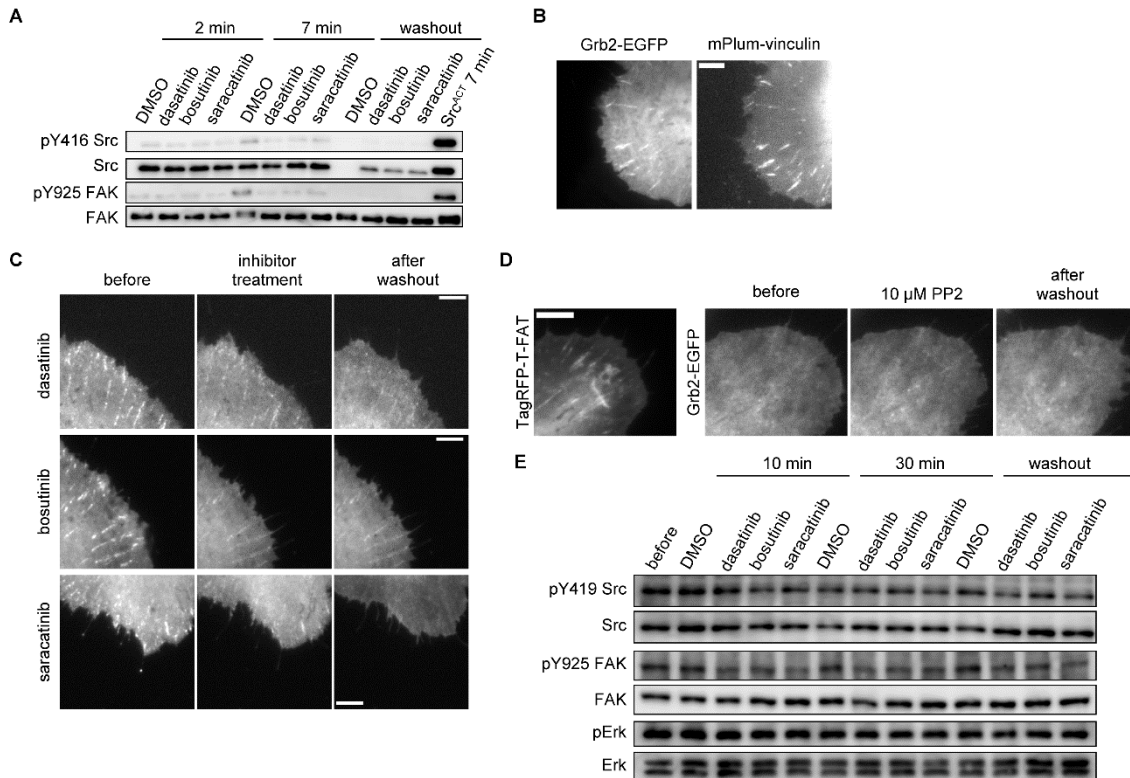


**Figure S2. Inhibitor-induced Localization of c-Src-EGFP Function-deficient Mutants. Related to Figure 1 and Figure 2.** (A) Quantitative analysis of localization of drug-resistant c-Src-T338I-EGFP or wild-type c-Src-EGFP at FAs during treatment with bosutinib, saracatinib, PP2 and NVP-AEE788 (AEE788). The graphs show that the ratio of EGFP fluorescence intensity in FA regions and in the cell area outside of FAs. Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n=3). (B) Quantitative analysis of localization of analog-sensitive c-Src-T338G-EGFP or wild-type c-Src-EGFP at FAs during treatment with 1-NM-PP1. Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n=3). (C) Quantitative analysis of localization of function-deficient c-Src-EGFP mutants, G2A, W118A, R175A, K295M, K249E-P250E-Y527E and W118A-R175A at FAs during treatment with bosutinib, saracatinib, PP2 and NVP-AEE788 (AEE788). Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n=3). (D) Comparison of the expression level of c-Src-EGFP and its mutants in the cells observed in this study. The total intensity of EGFP fluorescence in the whole cell areas are shown for each cell. Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n=3). There was no significant difference between each experiment.



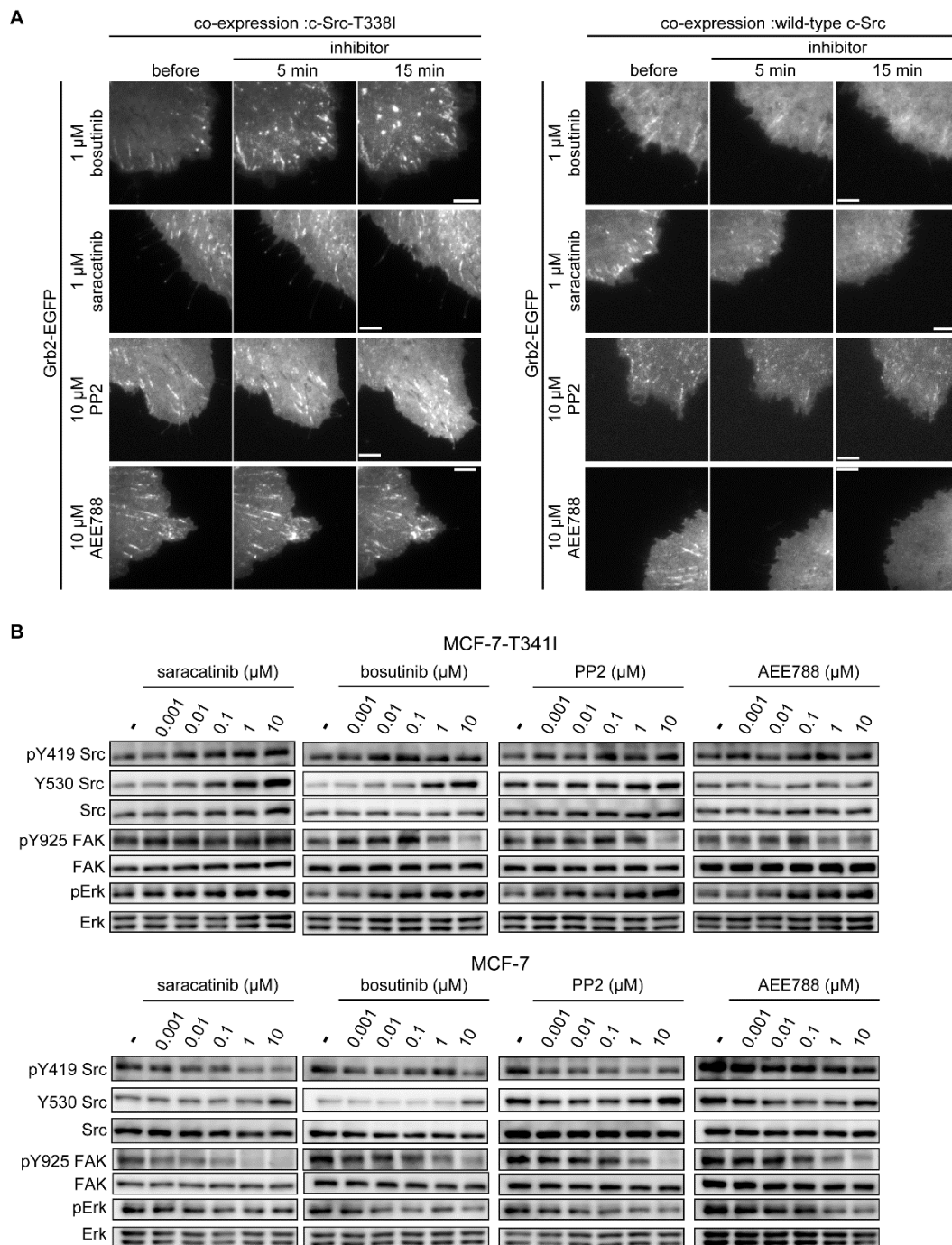
**Figure S3. ATP-competitive inhibitors relieve auto-inhibition of target kinase and lead to binding of the kinase to partner molecule. Related to Figure 3.** (A) A chemical structure of imatinib. (B) Imatinib-induced colocalization of kinase deficient point mutant Abl-K290M-EGFP (Abl-KD-EGFP) and mRFP1-Abi-1 at the lamellipodium tip of XTC cells. Images before and 5 min after 5  $\mu$ M imatinib treatment are shown. After imatinib treatment, Abl-KD showed overlapping distribution with Abi-1 at the cell edge and dot-like puncta. The graphs show fluorescence intensity of Abl-KD (green) and Abi-1 (red) along the dotted line. Scale bar, 5  $\mu$ m. (C) Imatinib at 5  $\mu$ M induced accumulation of Abl-KD-EGFP (green) on mitochondria of cells coexpressing mRFP1-Abi-1-mito (red). Images before and 5 min after 5  $\mu$ M imatinib treatment are shown. Magnified views of the box region are shown in the inset. Scale bar, 5  $\mu$ m. (D) FLAG-WAVE2-mito, Abl-KD-EGFP (green) and mRFP1-Abi-1 (red) were coexpressed in XTC cells. Depletion of Abi-1 from the cell periphery was monitored by the localization of mRFP1-Abi-1. Images before and 5 min after 5  $\mu$ M imatinib treatment are shown. Images of Abi-1 and Abl-KD at the cell periphery (square) before and after imatinib treatment are shown on the right. Scale bar, 5  $\mu$ m. (E) *In vitro* AlphaScreen binding assay of purified recombinant c-Abl-EGFP-3 $\times$ FLAG with GST-tagged Abi-1 or GST. Imatinib enhanced the binding of c-Abl and Abi-1 in a dose-dependent manner. The binding assay was monitored by the AlphaScreen assay. Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n=3). EC<sub>50</sub> value for imatinib was 37 nM.





**Figure S4. Treatment and subsequent washout of high affinity Src inhibitors do not activate c-Src and FAK-Grb2-Erk signaling. Related to Figure 4.** (A) Western blot for phospho-Y416 Src, rabbit polyclonal Src, pY925 FAK and FAK of in vitro kinase assay of c-Src and FAK with treatment and washout of high affinity Src inhibitors. In lanes indicated by “washout”, after stimulation of 0.1% DMSO, 100 nM dasatinib, 1 μM bosutinib or 1 μM saracatinib with 2 mM ATP for 2 min, washout was carried out and samples were incubated for 5 min after the addition of 2 mM ATP. Src<sup>ACT</sup> means c-Src-K249E-P250E-Y527F. (B) Grb2-EGFP associates with FAs. Images show the localization of Grb2-EGFP and mPlum-vinculin in XTC cells. mPlum-vinculin was used as a marker for FAs. Scale bar, 5 μm. (C) Live-cell imaging of Grb2-EGFP during treatment and subsequent washout of high affinity Src inhibitors. 100 nM dasatinib, 1 μM bosutinib and 1 μM saracatinib were used. Images before, 5 min after drug treatment and 10 min after washout are shown. The treatment was performed for 5 min. Scale bars, 5 μm. (D) The localization and translocation of Grb2 to FAs are dependent on the localization of FAK at FAs. Overexpression of the FAT domain of FAK, which depletes FAK from FAs (Figure 3B), abrogated the association of Grb2-EGFP with FAs before drug treatment. Treatment and washout of PP2 did not induce an increase in Grb2-EGFP signals at FAs. Images before, 5 min after PP2 treatment and 10 min after washout are shown. Scale bar, 5 μm. (E) Western blot for phospho-Y419 Src, mouse monoclonal Src, phospho-Erk (pErk) and Erk1&2 (Erk) in MCF-7 cells with treatment and washout of inhibitors. After

stimulation with 0.1% DMSO, 100 nM dasatinib, 1  $\mu$ M bosutinib and 1  $\mu$ M saracatinib for 10 min, washout was carried out and incubated for 20 min.



**Figure S5. Src Kinase Inhibitors Activate c-Src-FAK-Grb2-Erk Signaling in the presence of drug resistant c-Src mutant. Related to Figure 5. (A)** Bosutinib, saracatinib, PP2 and NVP-AEE788 (AEE788) activate c-Src-T338I in cells. Treatment of bosutinib, saracatinib, PP2 and AEE788 induced translocation of Grb2-EGFP to FAs in XTC cells expressing c-Src-T338I-TagRFP-T, whereas the treatment decreased the localization of Grb2-EGFP in XTC cells expressing wild-type c-Src-TagRFP-T. Images before, 5 min and 15 min after drug treatment are shown. Scale bars, 5  $\mu$ m. **(B)** Western blot for phospho-Y419 Src,

unphosphorylated Y530 Src, mouse monoclonal Src, pY925-FAK, FAK, phospho-Erk (pErk) and Erk1&2 (Erk) in MCF-7-c-Src-T341I and MCF-7 cell lines treated with bosutinib, saracatinib, PP2, NVP-AEE788 (AEE788) or 0.1% DMSO (indicated by “-”) for 30 min.

| Kinase      | Dasatinib  | Bosutinib | Saracatinib | PP2 | AEE788 | 1-NA-PP1 | 1-NM-PP1 |
|-------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----|--------|----------|----------|
| c-Src       | 0.21, 0.8* | 1, 1.2*   | 2.7*        | 36* | 61*    | 900*     | 1200*    |
| c-Src-T338I | 3,000*     | 225       |             |     |        |          |          |
| c-Src-T338G |            |           |             |     | 2*     | 1.5*     | 2*       |
| FAK         | 120        | 3.4       |             |     | 6*     |          |          |
| Her2        | 1400       | 0.59      |             |     | 77*    |          |          |
| VEGFR2      | 2,900      | 4.2       |             |     |        |          |          |
| B-Raf       | 3,500      | 3         |             |     |        |          |          |
| C-Raf       | 570        | >10,000   |             |     |        |          |          |
| Mek1        | 1,000      | 19        |             |     |        |          |          |
| Mek2        | 1,400      | 9.9       |             |     |        |          |          |
| Erk1        | >10,000    | >10,000   |             |     |        |          |          |
| Erk2        | >10,000    | >10,000   |             |     |        |          |          |

**Table S1. Reported  $K_d$  and  $IC_{50}$  of kinase inhibitors determined *in vitro*. Related to Figure 1, 3, 4, 5, S1 and S2.**

Reported  $K_d$  of dasatinib (Karaman et al., 2008), bosutinib (Karaman et al., 2008; Levinson and Boxer, 2014) and reported  $IC_{50}$  of dasatinib (Apsel et al., 2008; O'Hare et al., 2005), bosutinib (Boschelli et al., 2001), saracatinib (Green et al., 2009), PP2 (Bain et al., 2007), AEE788 (Traxler et al., 2004), 1-NA-PP1 (Zhang et al., 2013) and 1-NM-PP1 (Zhang et al., 2013) for c-Src, FAK and Erk signaling-related molecules *in vitro*. Asterisks indicate  $IC_{50}$  of inhibitors and others indicate  $K_d$  of inhibitors.