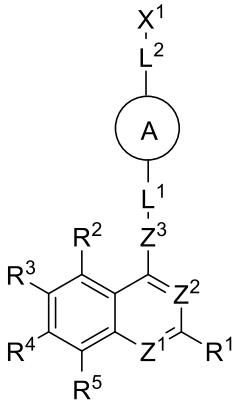
SUMMARY

[0005] Compounds, compositions and methods are provided for the inhibition of ENPP1. Aspects of the subject methods include contacting a sample with an ENPP1 inhibitor compound to inhibit the cGAMP hydrolysis activity of ENPP1. In some cases, the ENPP1 inhibitor compound is cell impermeable. ENPP1 inhibitor compounds can act extracellularly to block the degradation of cGAMP. Also provided are pharmaceutical compositions and methods for treating cancer. Aspects of the methods include administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of an ENPP1 inhibitor to treat the subject for cancer. In certain cases, the cancer is a solid tumor cancer. Also provided are methods of administering radiation therapy to a subject in conjunction with administering an ENPP1 inhibitor to the subject. The radiation therapy can be administered in the subject methods at a dosage and/or frequency effective to reduce radiation damage to the subject, but still instigate an immune response.

[0005a] In one aspect, the present disclosure refers to a compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein,

X^1 is hydrophilic head group (e.g., a phosphorus-containing group capable of binding zinc ion);

A is a ring system selected from aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocycle and substituted heterocycle;

L^1 and L^2 are independently covalent bond or linker;

Z^3 is absent or selected from NR^{22}, O and S;

Z^2 is CR^{12} or N;

Z^1 is CR^{11} or N;

R^1 is selected from H, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl, alkylheteroaryl, substituted alkylheteroaryl, alkenylaryl (e.g., ethenylaryl), substituted alkenylaryl, alkenylheteroaryl (e.g., ethenylheteroaryl), substituted alkenylheteroaryl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocycle and substituted heterocycle;

R^{11} and R^{12} are independently selected from H, cyano, trifluoromethyl, halogen, alkyl and substituted alkyl;

R^{22} is selected from H, alkyl and substituted alkyl; and

R^2 to R^5 are independently selected from H, OH, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkoxy, substituted alkoxy, $-OCF_3$, halogen, cyano, amine, substituted amine, amide, heterocycle and substituted heterocycle; or wherein R^2 and R^3, R^3 and R^4, or R^4 and R^5 together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached provide a fused ring (e.g., 5- or 6-membered monocyclic ring) selected from heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, aryl and substituted aryl;

or a pro-drug, pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

[0006] These and other advantages and features of the disclosure will become apparent to those persons skilled in the art upon reading the details of the compositions and methods of use, which are more fully described below.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0007] The invention is best understood from the following detailed description when read in conjunction with the accompanying figures. The patent or application file contains at least one figure executed in color. It is emphasized that, according to common practice, the various features of the figures are not to-scale. On the contrary, the dimensions of the various features are arbitrarily expanded or reduced for clarity. Included in the drawings are the following figures. It is understood that the figures, described below, are for illustration purposes only. The figures are not intended to limit the scope of the present teachings in any way.

[0008] **FIG. 1**, panels A to J, show experimental results that demonstrate cGAMP is exported from 293T cGAS ENPP1$^{-/-}$ cells as a soluble factor.

[0009] **FIG. 2**, panels A to C, show experimental results that demonstrate ENPP1 can regulate extracellular cGAMP.

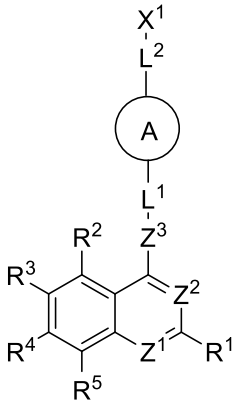
[0010] **FIG. 3**, panels A to F, illustrate the structure and activity in various cell assays of an exemplary ENPP1 inhibitor (compound 1).

[0011] **FIG. 4**, panels A to E, show experimental results that indicate cancer cells express cGAS and continuously export cGAMP in culture.

[0012] **FIG. 5**, panels A to I, show experimental results that indicate sequestration of extracellular cGAMP decreases tumor-associated dendritic cells in a tumor cGAS and host STING dependent manner.

What is claimed is:

1. A compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein,

X^1 is hydrophilic head group (e.g., a phosphorus-containing group capable of binding zinc ion);

A is a ring system selected from aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocycle and substituted heterocycle;

L^1 and L^2 are independently covalent bond or linker;

Z^3 is absent or selected from NR^{22}, O and S;

Z^2 is CR^{12} or N;

Z^1 is CR^{11} or N;

R^1 is selected from H, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl, alkylheteroaryl, substituted alkylheteroaryl, alkenylaryl (e.g., ethenylaryl), substituted alkenylaryl, alkenylheteroaryl (e.g., ethenylheteroaryl), substituted alkenylheteroaryl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocycle and substituted heterocycle;

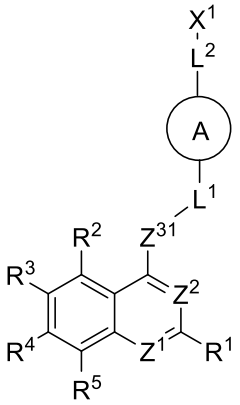
R^{11} and R^{12} are independently selected from H, cyano, trifluoromethyl, halogen, alkyl and substituted alkyl;

R^{22} is selected from H, alkyl and substituted alkyl; and

R^2 to R^5 are independently selected from H, OH, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkoxy, substituted alkoxy, $-OCF_3$, halogen, cyano, amine, substituted amine, amide, heterocycle and substituted heterocycle; or wherein R^2 and R^3, R^3 and R^4, or R^4 and R^5 together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached provide a fused ring (e.g., 5- or 6-membered monocyclic ring) selected from heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, aryl and substituted aryl;

or a pro-drug, pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

2. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is of formula (II):



(II)

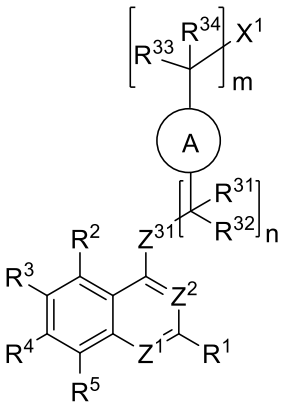
wherein Z^{31} is selected from NR^{22}, O and S.

3. The compound of claim 2, wherein:

Z^{31} is NR^{22}; and

R^{22} is selected from H, $C_{(1-6)}$alkyl and substituted $C_{(1-6)}$alkyl.

4. The compound of claim 2 or 3, wherein the compound is of formula (III):



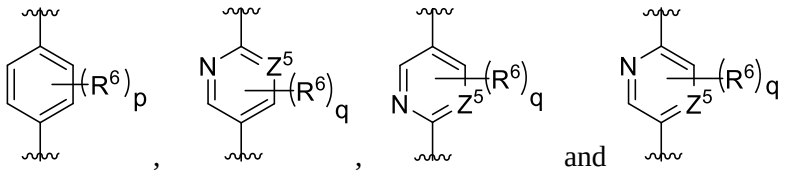
(III)

wherein each R^{31} to R^{34} is independently selected from H, halogen, alkyl and substituted alkyl, or R^{31} and R^{32} or R^{33} and R^{34} are cyclically linked and together with the carbon atom to which they are attached provide a cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl or substituted heterocyclyl ring; and

n and m are each independently an integer from 0 to 6 (e.g., 0-3).

5. The compound of claim 4, wherein n+m is 0 to 3 (e.g., 0, 1, 2 or 3).

6. The compound of claim 5, wherein the ring system A is selected from:



(A1) (A2) (A3) (A4)

wherein:

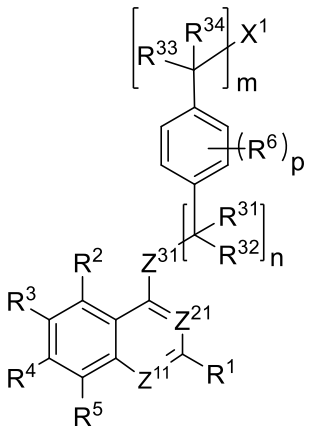
Z^5 is selected from N and CR^6;

each R^6 is selected from hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, substituted alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, halogen, acyl, substituted acyl, carboxy, carboxyamide, substituted carboxyamide, sulfonyl, substituted sulfonyl, sulfonamide and substituted sulfonamide;

p is an integer from 0 to 4; and

q is an integer from 0 to 2.

7. The compound of any one of claims 4-6, wherein the compound is of formula (IV):



(IV)

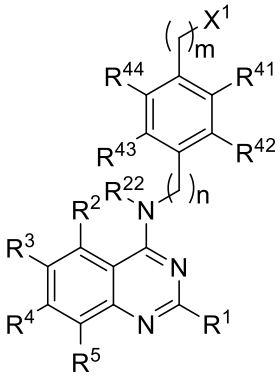
wherein:

Z^{11} and Z^{21} are independently selected from N and C(CN);

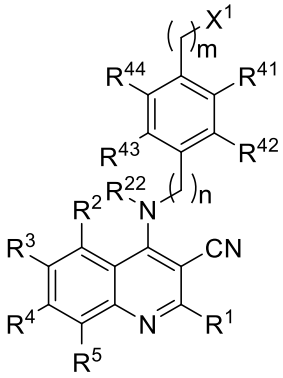
each R^6 is independently selected from H, alkyl, substituted alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, substituted alkoxy, trifluoromethyl and halogen; and

p is an integer from 0 to 4.

8. The compound of claim 7, wherein the compound is of one of formulae (VIa)-(VIb):



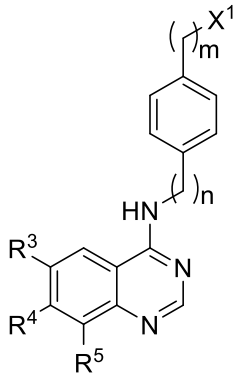
(VIa)



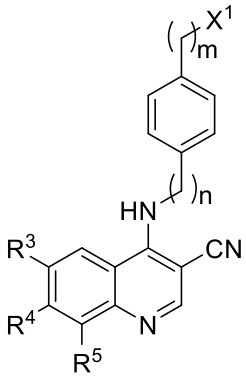
(VIb)

9. The compound of any one of claims 1-8, wherein R^1 is selected from H, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl, alkylheteroaryl, substituted alkylheteroaryl, alkenylaryl (e.g., ethenylaryl), substituted alkenylaryl, alkenylheteroaryl (e.g., ethenylheteroaryl), substituted alkenylheteroaryl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl and substituted heteroaryl.

10. The compound of claim 8, wherein the compound is of one of formulae (VIIa)-(VIIb):



(VIIa)

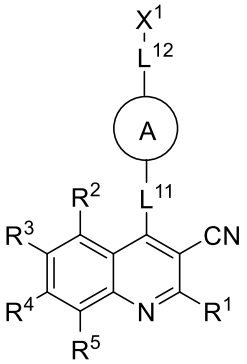


(VIIb).

11. The compound of any one of claims 1-10, wherein R^2 to R^5 are independently selected from H, OH, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkoxy, substituted alkoxy, $-OCF_3$, halogen, cyano, amine, substituted amine, amide, heterocycle and substituted heterocycle.

12. The compound of claim 11, wherein R^2 to R^5 are independently selected from H, OH, $C_{(1-6)}$alkoxy, $-OCF_3$, $C_{(1-6)}$alkylamino, di-$C_{(1-6)}$alkylamino, F, Cl, Br and CN.

13. The compound of claim 1, wherein Z^3 is absent and Z^2 is CR^{12} wherein R^{12} is cyano, wherein the compound is of Formula (X):



(X)

wherein L^{11} and L^{12} are independently covalent bond or linker.

14. The compound of claim 13, wherein the ring system A is selected from phenyl, substituted phenyl, pyridyl, substituted pyridyl, pyrimidine, substituted pyrimidine, piperidine, substituted piperidine, piperazine, substituted piperazine, pyridazine, substituted pyridazine, cyclohexyl and substituted cyclohexyl.