

# Figure S1 Survival curve of 50 patients with NPC. Verification of overexpression and knockdown effects of BRD7. IC50 value of PI3K and p-STAT3 inhibitors.

- A. Kaplan-Meier survival curve of 50 follow-up patients. BRD7 was associated with OS and DFS. OS: BRD7 positive (red), BRD7 negative (blue), P=0.0364, log-rank test. DFS: BRD7 positive (red), BRD7 negative (blue), P=0.0253, log-rank test.
- B. Background expression of NPC cell lines S18, S26, HNE2, CNE2, and 5-8F.
- C. Representative images of immunofluorescence indicating plasmids transfection effect. The scale bar is  $100 \ \mu m$ .
- D. IC50 value of PI3K inhibitor LY294002 in 5-8F and CNE2 cells.
- E. IC50 value of p-STAT3 inhibitor HO-3867 in 5-8F and CNE2 cells.



#### Figure S2 BRD7 downregulated PD-L1 expression and enhanced the cytotoxicity

#### of T lymphocytes against tumor cells.

- A. PD-L1 expression measured by western blot in 5-8F and CNE2 cells stably transfected with PD-L1 overexpression or empty vector plasmids.
- B. Relative PD-L1 mRNA levels measured by q-PCR in 5-8F and CNE2 cells stably transfected with PD-L1 overexpression or empty vector plasmids.
- C. PD-L1 expression measured by western blot in 5-8F cells transfected with BRD7 and PD-L1 overexpression plasmids and in CNE2 cells transfected with BRD7 knockdown and PD-L1 overexpression plasmids.
- D. Relative PD-L1 mRNA levels measured by q-PCR in 5-8F cells transfected with BRD7 and PD-L1 overexpression plasmids and in CNE2 cells transfected with BRD7 knockdown and PD-L1 overexpression plasmids.
- E. Clonogenic assays of 5-8F cells transfected with BRD7 and PD-L1 overexpression plasmids and CNE2 cells transfected with BRD7 knockdown and PD-L1 overexpression plasmids with or without T cells co-culture and PD-L1 antibody incubation. Atezolizumab: the PD-L1 antibody.
- F. CCK-8 assay of 5-8F cells transfected with BRD7 and PD-L1 overexpression plasmids and CNE2 cells transfected with BRD7 knockdown and PD-L1 overexpression plasmids with or without T cells co-culture and PD-L1 antibody incubation. Absorbance values were detected at 450 nm.
- G. Flow cytometry detecting the apoptosis ratio of CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells and the ratio of PD-1<sup>+</sup> CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells in T cells co-cultured with 5-8F and CNE2 cells transfected with BRD7 and PD-L1 overexpression plasmids with or without PD-L1 antibody incubation.\*, P < 0.05; \*\*, P < 0.01; \*\*\*, P < 0.001; \*\*\*\*, P < 0.001; ns, not significant.



# Figure S3 BRD7 inhibited the PI3K/AKT/mTOR/STAT3 signaling pathway to downregulate PD-L1 expression, thereby suppressing nasopharyngeal carcinoma growth.

- A. BRD7 is highly expressed in CNE2 cells. CNE2 cells were harvested and subjected to immunoprecipitation with BRD7 antibody, followed by gel strip and mass spectrometry analysis.
- B. The interaction between BRD7 and PD-L1 at the protein level was detected by Co-IP assay. In the two cell lines, the BRD7 antibody could pull down the BRD7 protein but could not pull-down PD-L1.
- C. The BRD7 pcDNA3.1-3xFlag-T2A-EGFP plasmid was transfected into 5-8F and CNE2 cell lines. ChIP-qPCR was performed with FLAG antibody and mouse IgG antibody. Compared with the IgG group, BRD7 couldn't directly bind to the PD-L1 promoter.
- D. Images of the appearance of subcutaneous tumors in mice. n = 5 per group.
- E. Western blot analysis of BRD7, PD-L1, and PI3K/AKT/STAT3 pathway molecules in tumor tissues.
- F. Representative images of immunohistochemical staining for BRD7, PD-L1, and PI3K/AKT/STAT3 pathway molecules. The scale bar is 20  $\mu$ m. \*, P < 0.05; \*\*, P < 0.01; \*\*\*\*, P < 0.001; ns, not significant.



#### Figure S4 Molecular docking of BRD7 and p85a.

A. Using PLIP to predict the interaction between BRD7 and p85 $\alpha$ , with BRD7 as the reference chain. Purple represents BRD7 and yellow represents p85 $\alpha$ . The HawkDock server calculated the binding free energy to be -22.31 kcal/mol, with 12 hydrogen bonds formed between the proteins within 4.1Å. B-C: Schematic diagram of BRD7 binding to p85 $\alpha$ .



#### Figure S5 PD-L1 partially reversed the anti-tumor effect of BRD7 in vivo.

A. Flow chart of animal experiment.

B. The score of immunohistochemical staining for BRD7, PD-L1, PI3K/AKT pathway molecules, and CD8 expression in tumor tissues.

C. Images of the appearance of subcutaneous tumors in mice. n = 3 per group.

D. Western blot analysis of BRD7, PD-L1, and PI3K/AKT/STAT3 pathway molecules in tumor tissues.

E. Representative images of immunohistochemical staining for BRD7, PD-L1, PI3K/AKT pathway molecules, and CD8 expression in tumor tissues. The scale bar is 20  $\mu$ m.\*, P < 0.05; \*\*, P < 0.01; \*\*\*, P < 0.001; \*\*\*\*, P < 0.001; ns, not significant.

## Table.S1 mRNA primer sequences

	Forward	Reverse
BRD7	AGCCAGGCTACTGCCCTG	GGAGTCCAAACGCCCTGGT
PD-L1	CAATTTGTGCATGGAGAGGAAG	GTTGTATGGGGGCATTGACTTTC
GAPDH	GCATTGCCCTCAACGACCAC	CCACCACCCTGTTGCTGTAG
Primer1	TGCGTTCAGATGTTGGCTTGTTG	CCGGGAAGAGTTTCGAAGATTAA
		AGC
Primer2	CACCTACTTTCTAGAATAAAAAC	GCCTCTTCAAGGTGACTGAACAT
	CAAAGCC	С

Antibody	source
Rabbit anti-Human BRD7 Antibody	Proteintech
Rabbit anti-Human PD-L1 Antibody	Proteintech
Rabbit anti-Human p-mTOR Antibody	AiFang Biological /Abmart
Rabbit anti-Human mTOR Antibody	CST/servicebio
Rabbit anti-Human PI3K-p85 Antibody	Proteintech
Rabbit anti-Human PI3K-p85α Antibody	Proteintech
Mouse anti-Human PI3K-p110α Antibody	Abmart
Mouse anti-Human PI3K-p110β Antibody	ZEN-BIOSCIENCE
Rabbit anti-Human p-AKT Antibody	Proteintech/Abmart
Rabbit anti-Human AKT Antibody	Proteintech/ZEN-BIOSCIE NCE
Rabbit anti-Human STAT3 Antibody	Proteintech
Rabbit anti-Human p-STAT3 Antibody	ZEN-BIOSCIENCE
Rabbit anti-Human Histone H3 Antibody	Abcam
Goat anti-Rabbit IgG(H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody	Proteintech
Goat anti-Mouse IgG(H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody	Proteintech
Rabbit anti-Human GAPDH Antibody	Proteintech
APC Anti-Human CD3 Antibody	Elabscience
PerCP Anti-Human CD8a Antibody	Elabscience
Rabbit/Mouse IgG	Beyotime Biotechnology
FITC Anti-Human CD279/PD-1 Antibody	Elabscience
FITC Anti-Human PD-1 Antibody	Elabscience

# Table.S2 Major antibody

Antibody	source
Annexin V-FITC/PI Apoptosis Assay kit	Biosharp
Mouse anti-Human CD8 Antibody	Santa
DYKDDDDK tag Polyclonal antibody (Binds to FLAG® tag epitope)	Proteintech
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Goat Anti-Mouse IgG H&L (Alexa Fluor® 594)	Abcam
Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG H&L (Alexa Fluor® 488)	Abcam
Atezolizumab	GlpBio

## Table.S2 (continued) Major antibody

Clinicopathological	BRD7	P value
characteristics	+/-	
Age:		
<u>≤</u> 48	21/153	0.011
>48	39/135	
Gender:		
male	54/212	0.007
female	6/76	
T:		
T1+T2	36/174	0.995
T3+T4	24/111	
M:		
metastasis	44/186	0.203
No metastasis	16/101	
Clinical stage:		
Stages I+II	22/118	0.497
Stages III+IV	38/167	
Recurrence:		
No recurrence	12/6	0.001
recurrence	4/21	
WHO classification:		
WHO Ia	3/12	0.736 (P <sup>a-b</sup> value)
WHO IIb	57/265	$0.221(P^{b-c} value)$
WHO IIIc	0/10	

 Table.S3 Relationship between BRD7 and clinicopathological features

# Table.S4 Polypeptide sequence

	sequences(N->C)	purity
peptide 1	RLSTRPPPNMICLLGPSYREM	95%
peptide 2	LGPSYREMHLAEQVTNNLKELA	95%
peptide 3	RLSTRPPPNMICLLGPSYRE	95%