

# **DRUG DISCOVERY**

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- *General Introduction*
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## **DRUG DISCOVERY: A SUCCESSION OF STYLES**

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Antiquity to 1960s:

Mixtures of natural products vs. bioassays  
(e.g., digitalis, rauwolfia, penicillins, anthracyclines,  
vinca, taxol, camptothecins)

1930s to present:

Pure compounds vs. bioassays  
(e.g., sulfas, diuretics, hypoglycemics, antiHBP)

1960s to present:

Pure compounds vs. pure enzymes  
(e.g., ACE inhibitors, cholesterol-lowering statins,  
RT and protease inhibitors)

1980s to present:

Combinatorial methods to bring mixtures of compounds  
vs. many targets

## WHY COMPOUNDS FAIL AND SLOW DOWN IN DEVELOPMENT

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### Reasons for failure

- Toxicity, 22%
- Lack of efficacy, 31%
- Market reasons, 6%
- Poor biopharmaceutical properties, 41%

### Reasons for slowdown

- Synthetic complexity
- Low potency
- Ambiguous toxicity finding
- Inherently time-intensive target indication
- Poor biopharmaceutical properties

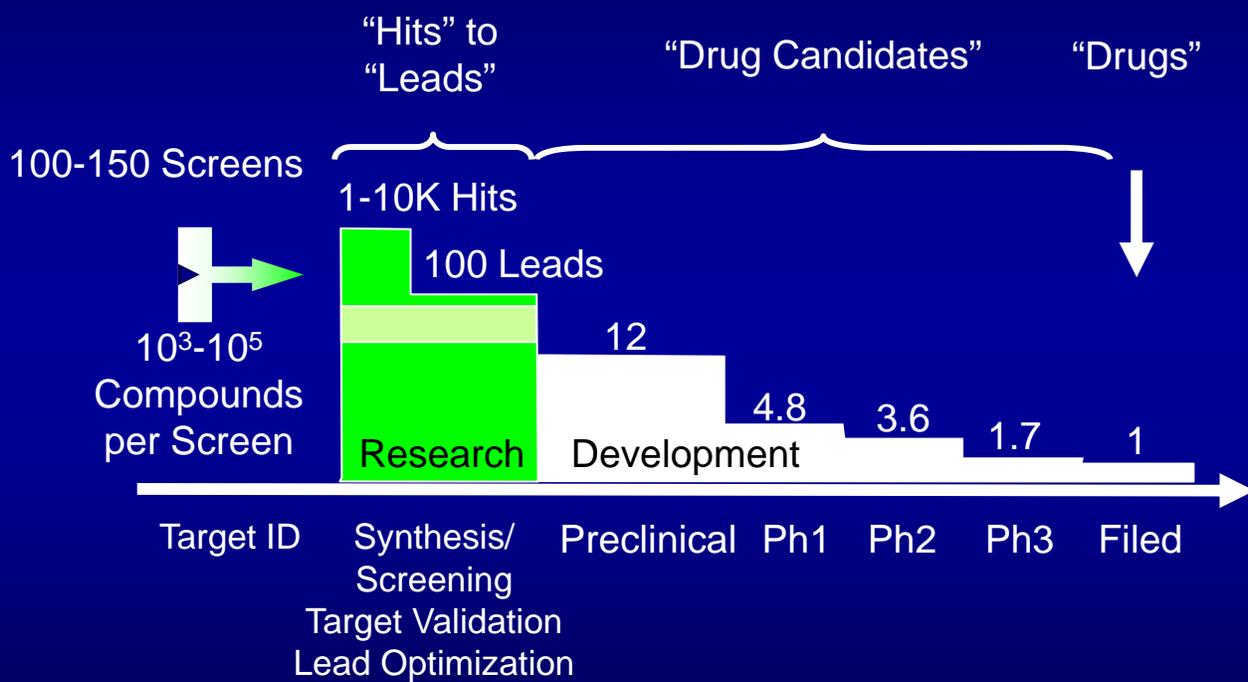
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*Modern Drug Discovery*, 1999, 2 (1), 55-60.

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# TRADITIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL R&D Suffers High Attrition\*



\* Tufts CSDD, H&Q 1998; The Pfizer Journal, 1/2000

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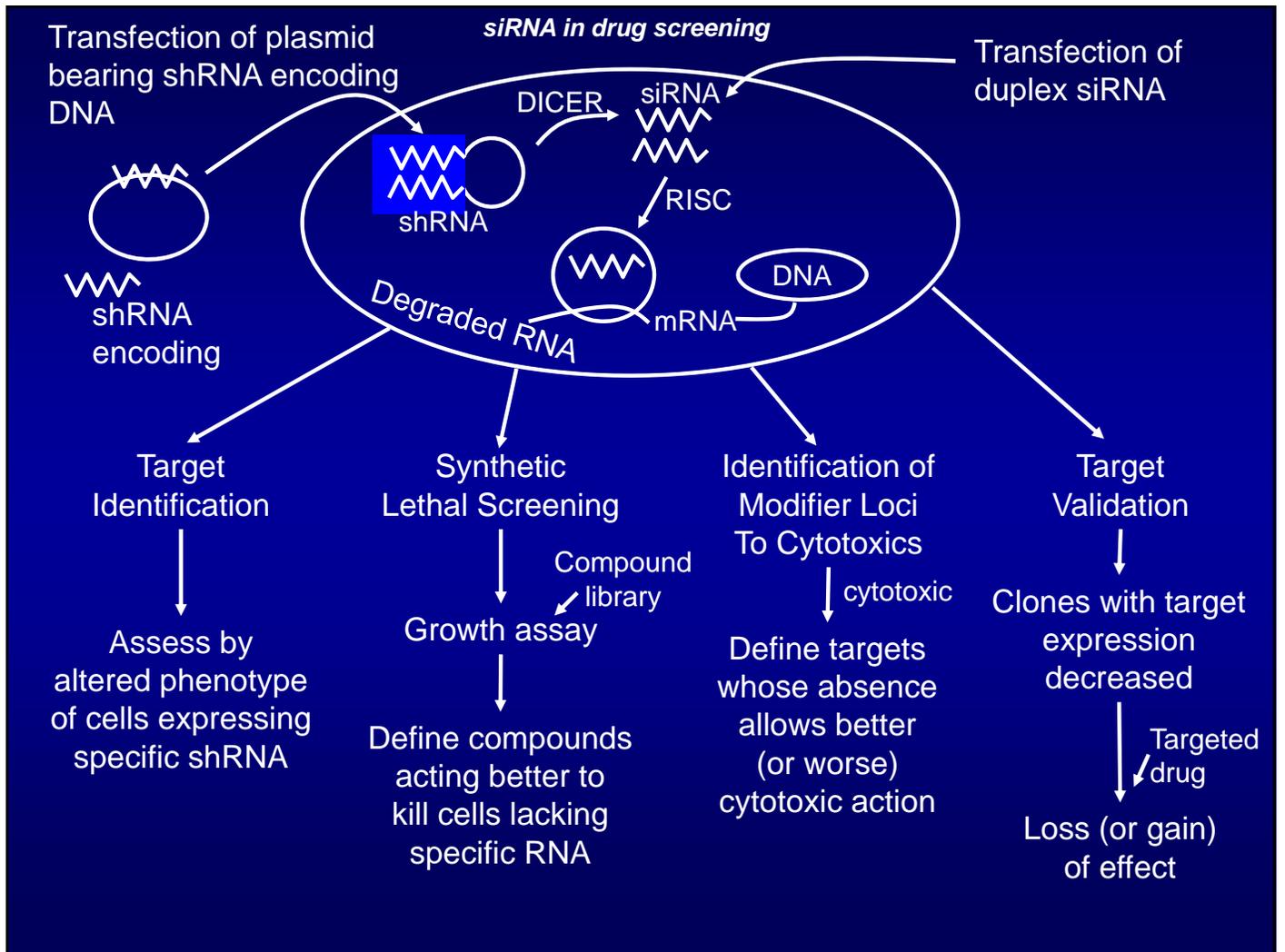
## TWO CONTRASTING DRUG- DISCOVERY “PHILOSOPHIES”

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- “EMPIRICAL”: Recognize initial drug lead by functionally useful effect
  - E.g. : penicillin (anti-bacterial effect)
  - rauwolfia (anti-hypertensive)
  - taxol (anti-tumor)
  - digoxin (cardiotonic / antiarrhythmic)
- “RATIONAL”: Recognize drug by design or screen against drug target’s function
  - E.g.: HIV-protease inhibitor (anti-infection)
  - metoprolol (anti-hypertensive)
  - methotrexate (anti-tumor)

PROBLEM:

HOW TO RECOGNIZE DISEASE RELEVANT TARGETS?



## MOLECULAR TARGET DEFINITION - HOW TO?

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- **BIOLOGY:**

- \* Cytogenetics  $\longrightarrow$  Breakpoints  $\longrightarrow$  Molecules (bcr-abl)
- \* "Positive" selection from tumor DNA  $\longrightarrow$  Active oncogenes (signal transduction)
- \* Tumor gene expression profiling
- \* siRNA - induced modulation of phenotype

- **"RETROFIT" ACTIVE MOLECULES:**

- \* Binding partners (geldanamycin, rapamycin, fumagillin)
- \* Computational algorithm (molecule  $\longleftrightarrow$  target)
  - COMPARE
  - Cluster analysis

- **"CLASSICAL:"**

- \* Cell metabolism / Biochemistry
- \* Suggest single targets  $\longrightarrow$  Inefficient; Medicinal Chemistry possible

- **CHEMICAL GENETICS:**

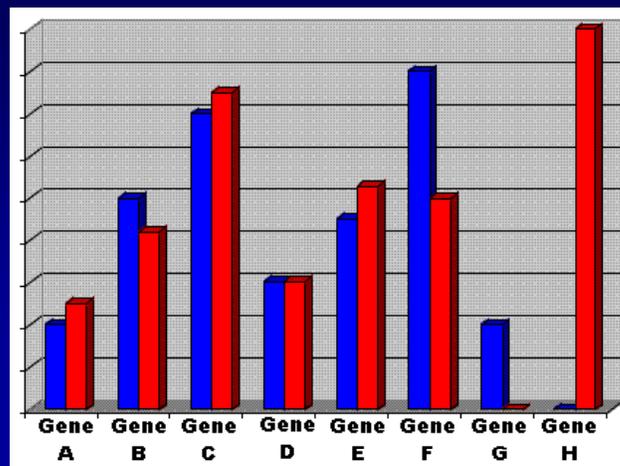
- \* Libraries of molecules and precisely defined organisms

## **Cancer Genome Anatomy Project PROCESS**

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- Tumor material (archival)
- “Laser capture microdissection” of tumor cells from defined sections
- Creation of tumor-derived cDNA libraries
- Sequence to establish uniqueness
- Deposit in public domain

## Gene Expression: The Cell's Fingerprint



Establishing for a cell the repertoire of genes expressed, together with the amount of gene products produced for each, yields a powerful "fingerprint". Comparing the fingerprints of a normal versus a cancer cell will highlight genes that by their suspicious absence or presence (such as Gene H ) deserve further scientific scrutiny to determine whether such suspects play a role in cancer, or can be exploited in a test for early detection.

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The Cancer Genome Anatomy Project



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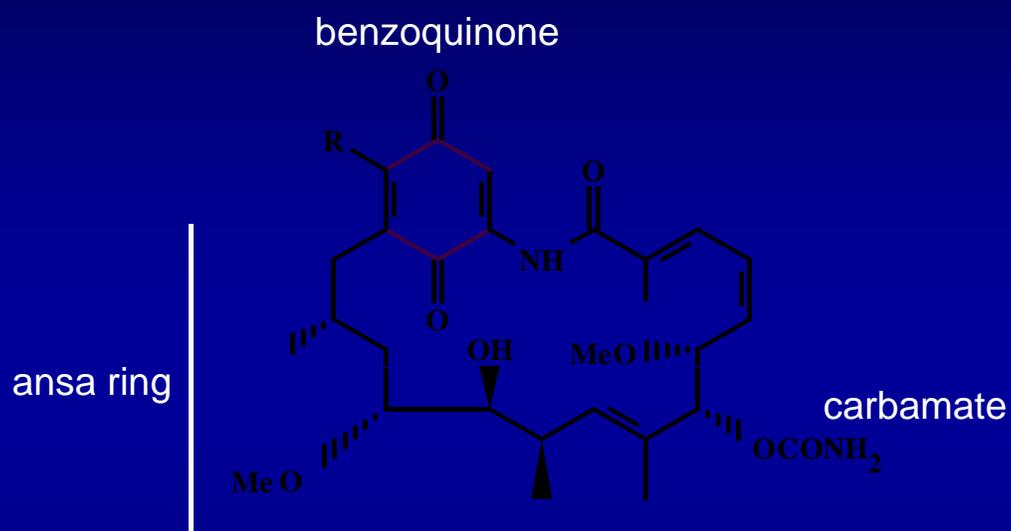
GENETIC  
ANNOTATION  
INITIATIVE



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<http://cgap.nci.nih.gov/>

## GELDANAMYCIN: EXAMPLE OF BINDING PARTNER DEFINING TARGET



	NSC	R
Geldanamycin	122750	OMe
17-AAG	330507	NHCH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>

## BENZOQUINOID ANSAMYCINS INITIAL CELL PHARMACOLOGY - I

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- “Reverse” transformed phenotype of src-transformed rat kidney cell line
  - decrease tyrosine phosphorylation of pp60src
  - not inhibit pp60 immune complex kinase directly but these were inhibited from drug-treated cells
  - thus alter “intracellular environment” of src

*(Uehara et al, MCB 6: 2198, 1986)*
- Decrease steady state phosphorylation levels to 10% of control
  - decrease steady state level of pp60src by 30%
  - accelerate turnover of pp60src

*(Uehara et al, Cancer Res 49: 780, 1989)*



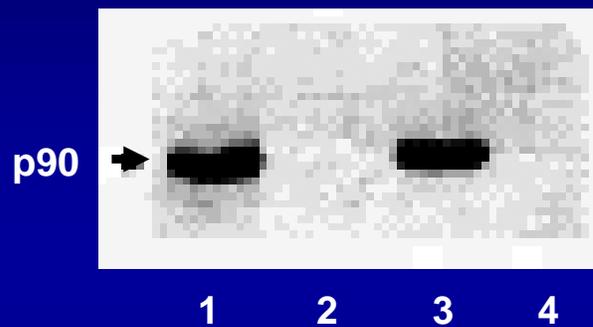
18 Atom Spacer

A white double-headed arrow with the text "18 Atom Spacer" written above it, pointing from the bead to the chemical structure.



## GELDANAMYCIN BEADS IDENTIFY HSP90 AS BINDING PARTNER

R. Lysate



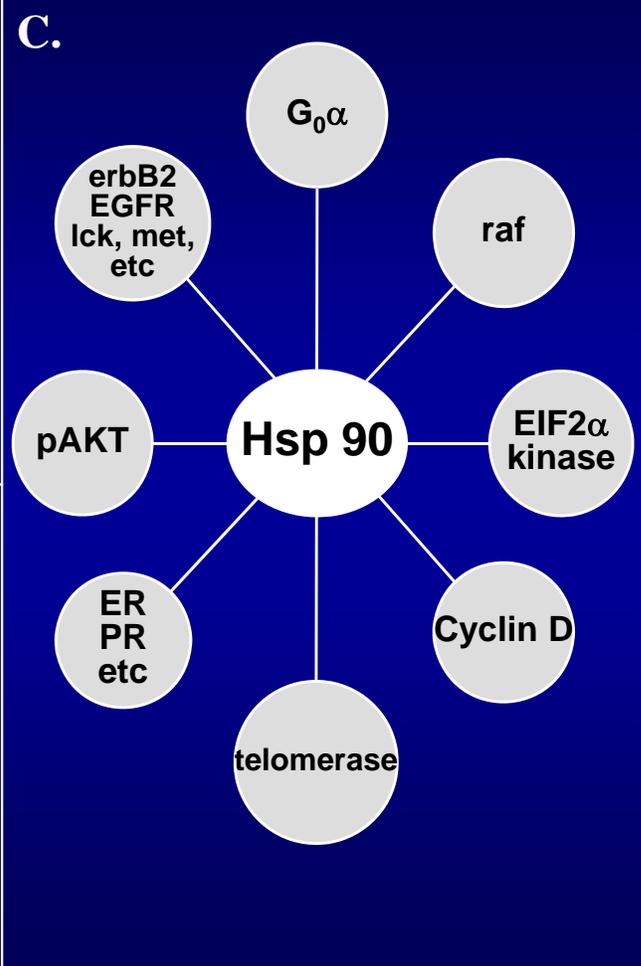
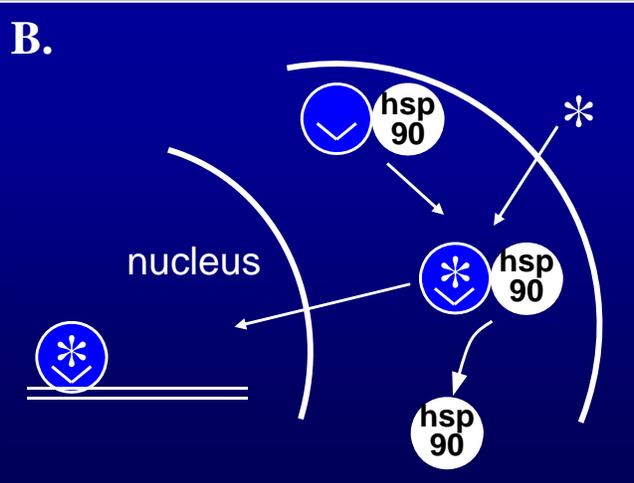
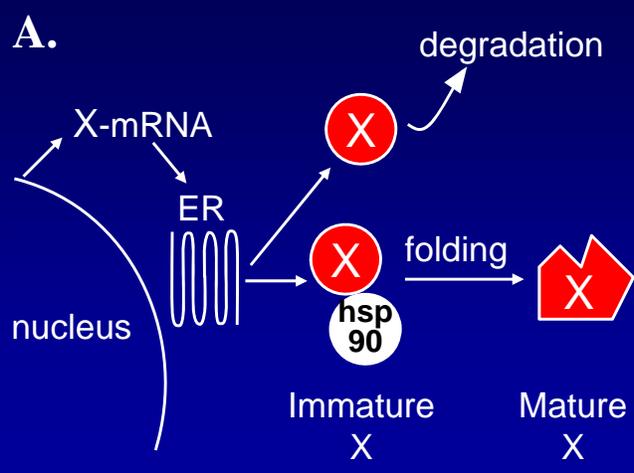
1) Bead-Geld

3) Bead-Geld + Geldampicin

2) Bead-Geld + Geld

4) Bead

*Neckers et al, PNAS 91:8324, 1994*

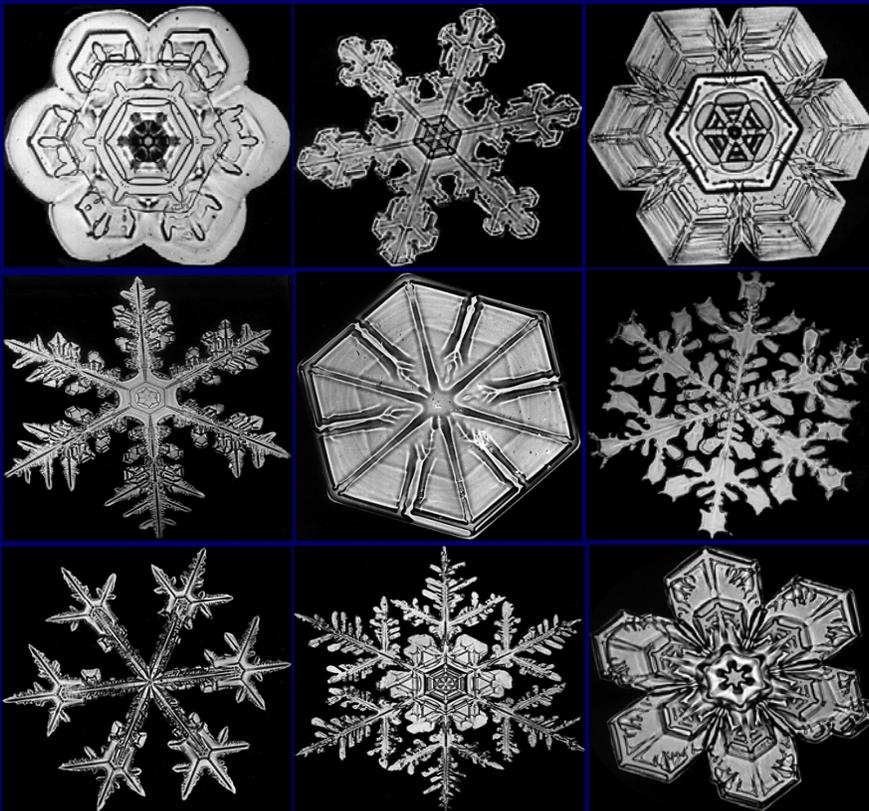


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# Diversity



It is estimated that there are  $10^{40}$  compounds in all of "chemical space". Since the Big Bang, there have only been  $10^{17}$  seconds.

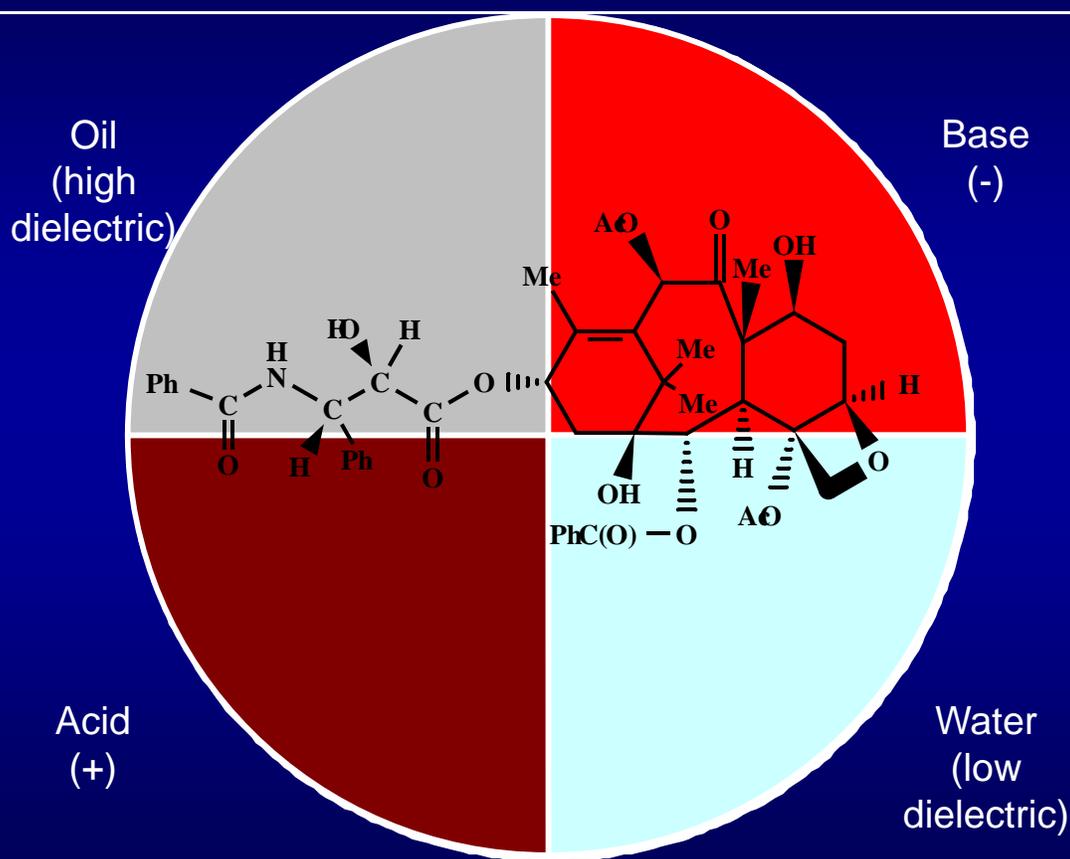
- Peter Wipf

## SOURCES OF DIVERSITY

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- “Natural Products” = entities derived from plants, animals, bacteria, etc. May have “ethnopharmacognosy” to suggest use
  - “pure compound” collections
  - extracts: aqueous/organic
  - genetically altered producer organisms
- Target non-selected chemical compound libraries
  - peptide / protein
  - non-peptide
- Target-directed chemical compound libraries
  - “classical” medicinal chemistry / bona fide crystal structure - derived
  - “docked” lead structures into model

# Natural Products: Unique arrays of the four “elements” which make a really useful drug



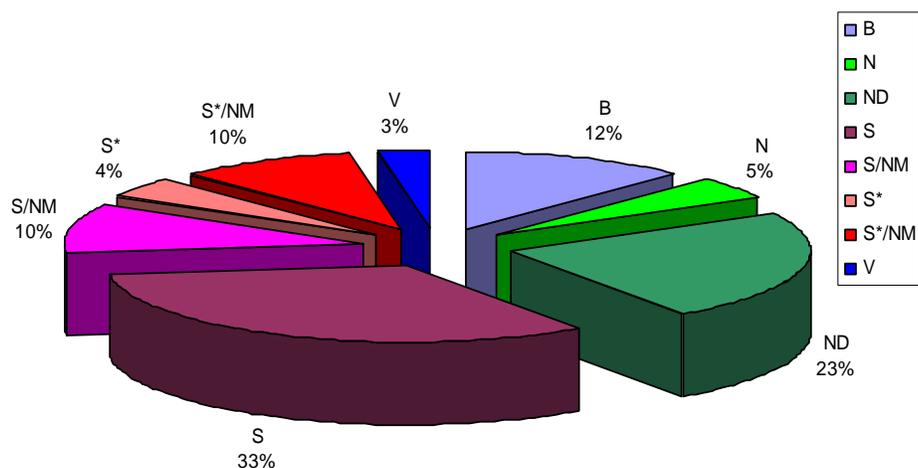
## Sources of "Modern Drugs"

If one looks at the current drug scene from a chemical perspective (data from 1981 - 2002) then the following slides show reasonable approximations of the sources of drugs currently approved, World-wide, by the FDA or equivalent body.

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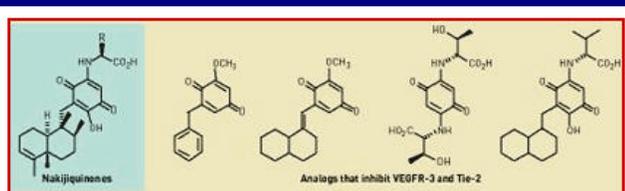
N	Natural Product
ND	Natural Product Derivative
S*	Natural Product Pharmacophore
S	Synthetic Compound
B/V	Biological / Vaccine
(NM)	Natural Product Mimic as a subdivision

## Sources of Drugs (1981-2002); Extended Subdivisions n = 1031



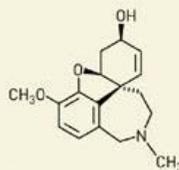
*Newman et al, J. Nat. Prod., 2003, 66, 1027-1037*

# EXAMPLES OF NP LEAD GENERATION OF NOVEL SCAFFOLDS



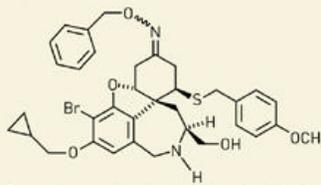
**GUIDED BY NATURE** A compound library developed around nakijiquinones, which are natural inhibitors of the receptor tyrosine kinase called Her-2/Neu, produced analogs that inhibit two other receptor tyrosine kinases, VEGFR-3 and Tie-2.

## NATURE LEADS A library based on a natural product ...



Galanthamine, an antiedementia drug

... turns up a new compound with a different activity

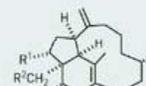


Secramine, a galanthamine-based molecule that blocks protein trafficking

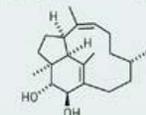
## INSECT CHEMISTRY Nasute termites ...



... are rich in trinervitane compounds



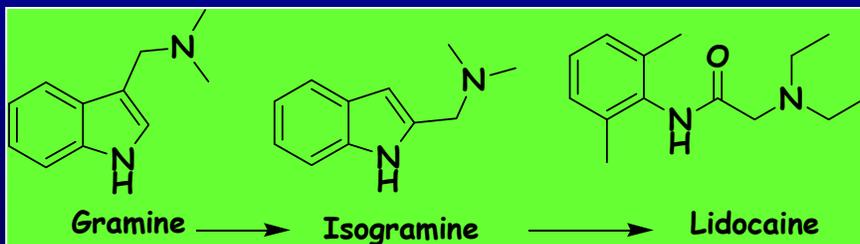
$R^1, R^2, R^3 = OH$   
 $R^1, R^3 = OH; R^2 = H$   
 $R^1 = OAc; R^2, R^3 = OH$   
 $R^1 = OH; R^2, R^3 = OAc$   
 $R^1, R^2, R^3 = OAc$   
 Ac = acetyl



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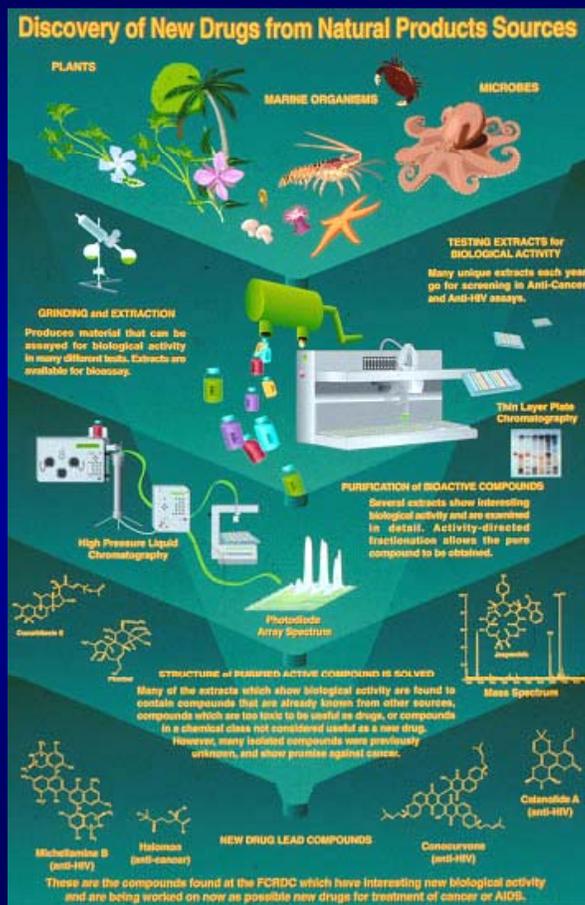
## Discovery of Lidocaine

- \*Central Asian camels refused to eat a certain type of reed
- \*Characterization of gramine as the antifeedant principle led to the synthesis of isogramine
- \*Taste-test: numbness; therefore, lead for anesthetic agent development

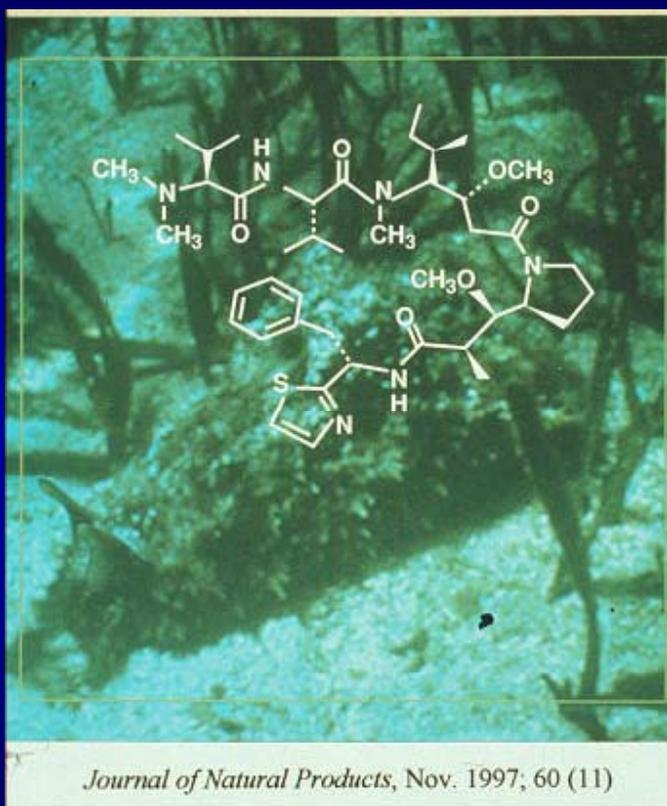


*Courtesy of N. R. Farnsworth*

# Natural Product Isolation Tree



“You are what you eat”



*Dolabella auricularia*

Dolastatins come from a *Symploca* species that they graze on

## **“Non-culturable” versus “Cultured” microbes**

- **The microbial World has only just been scratched.**
  - **Much less than 1% of the available organisms have even been seen, let alone identified.**
- **In soil, there are estimates of > 1000 species per gram**
  - **very few can be cultured**
  - **these may not be representative of the “Soil meta-Genome”**
- **Over 1000 microbes per mL of seawater can be seen and only ~ 1% can be cultured using current methods.**

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## TRIPEPTIDE COMBINATORIAL LIBRARY

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X X X

Four amino acids in each position

$$4^3 = 64$$

A = Alanine

R = Arginine

T = Threonine

W = Tryptophan

*after R. Houghten, 1999*

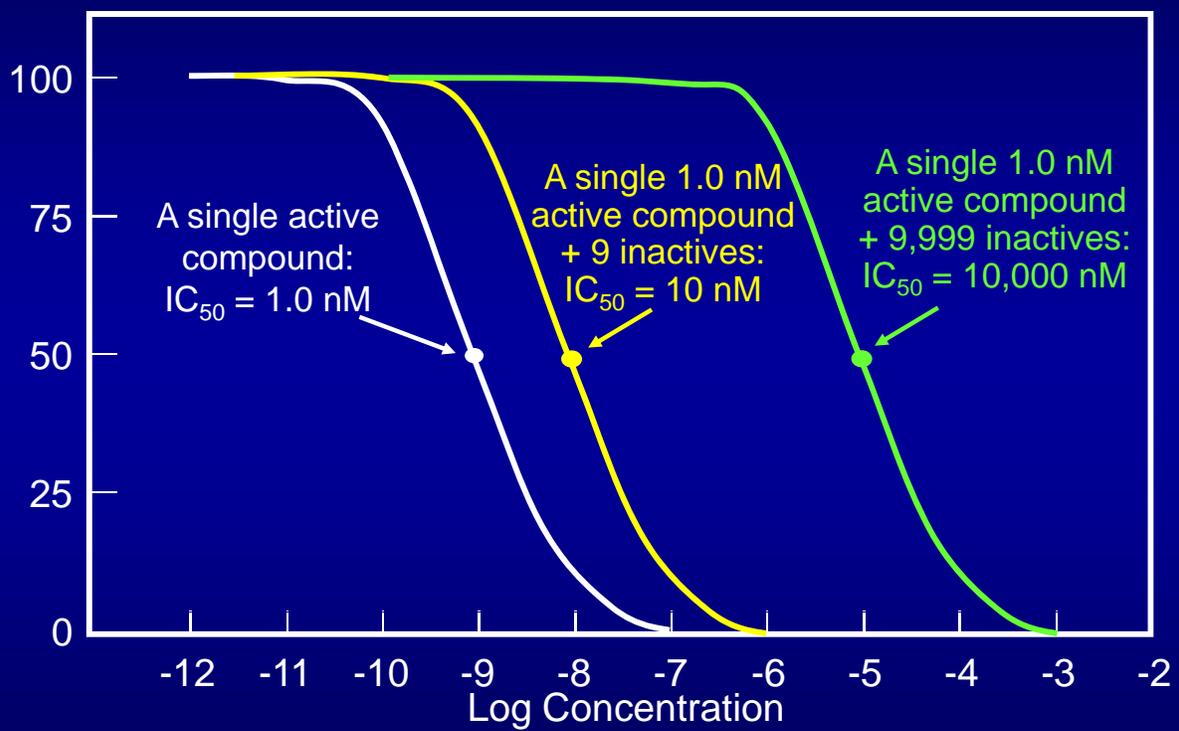
## NUMBER OF PEPTIDES POSSIBLE WITH INCREASING LENGTH

Length	Peptide	Number
2	Ac – OO – NH <sub>2</sub>	400
3	Ac – OOO – NH <sub>2</sub>	8,000
4	Ac – OOOO – NH <sub>2</sub>	160,000
5	Ac – OOOOO – NH <sub>2</sub>	3,200,000
6	Ac – OOOOOO – NH <sub>2</sub>	64,000,000
7	Ac – OOOOOOO – NH <sub>2</sub>	1,280,000,000
8	Ac – OOOOOOOO – NH <sub>2</sub>	25,600,000,000

O = Individual Defined Amino Acid

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## IC<sub>50</sub> OF MIXTURES



## COMBINATORIAL LIBRARIES: THE MIXTURE QUESTION

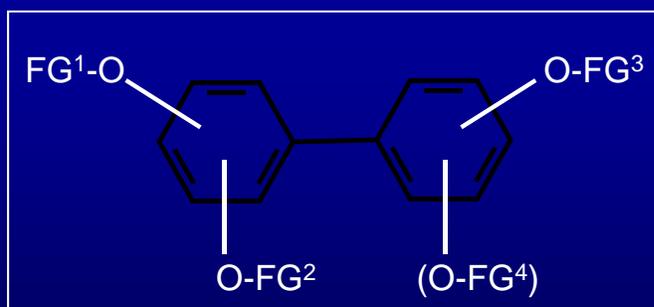
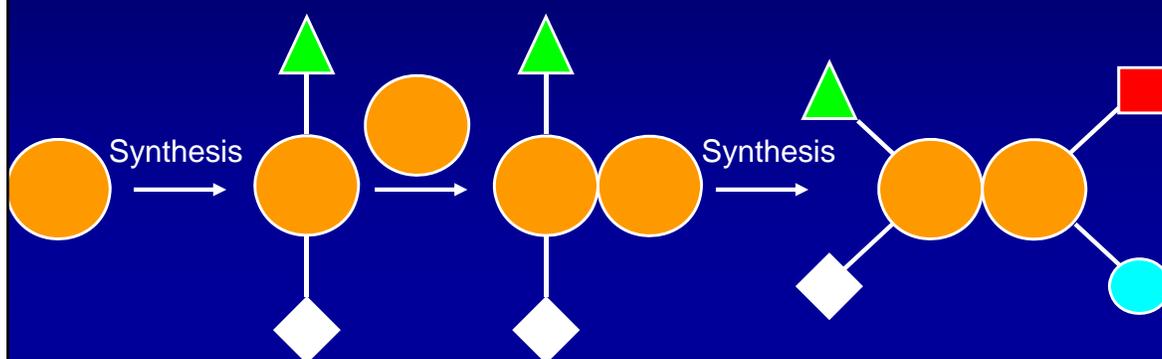
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	Natural Product Extracts	Synthetic Combinatorial Mixtures
Direct screening of compound mixtures	Yes	Yes
Discovery of highly active compounds	Yes	Yes
Equal concentrations of compounds	No	Yes
Chemical structures known	No	Yes
Synthetic pathway known	No	Yes
Structure – activity relationship known	No	Yes

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*after R. Houghten, 1999*

# NON-PEPTIDE “COMBINATORIAL” STRATEGIES COMBINE “SCAFFOLDS” (OR “BACKBONES”) WITH “FUNCTIONAL GROUPS”



The Chemical Generation of Molecular Diversity from  
<http://www.netsci.org/Science/Combichem/feature01.html>

## THE RULE OF FIVE

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An awareness tool for discovery chemists:

Compounds with two or more of the following characteristics are flagged as likely to have poor oral absorption

- More than 5 H-bond donors
- Molecular weight >500
- $c \log P > 5$
- Sum of N's and O's (a rough measure of H-bond acceptors) > 10

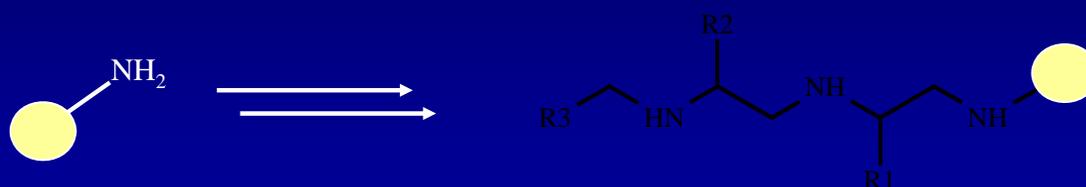
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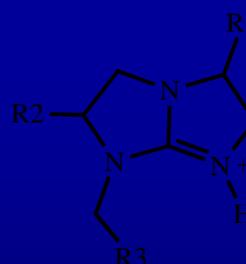
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## COMBINATORIAL LIBRARIES OF BICYCLIC GUANIDINES FROM REDUCED ACYLATED DIPEPTIDES



1.  $\text{CSIm}_2$   
2.  $\text{HF/anisole}$



$\text{R}_1 \times \text{R}_2 \times \text{R}_3 = 49 \times 51 \times 42 = 104,958$  compounds

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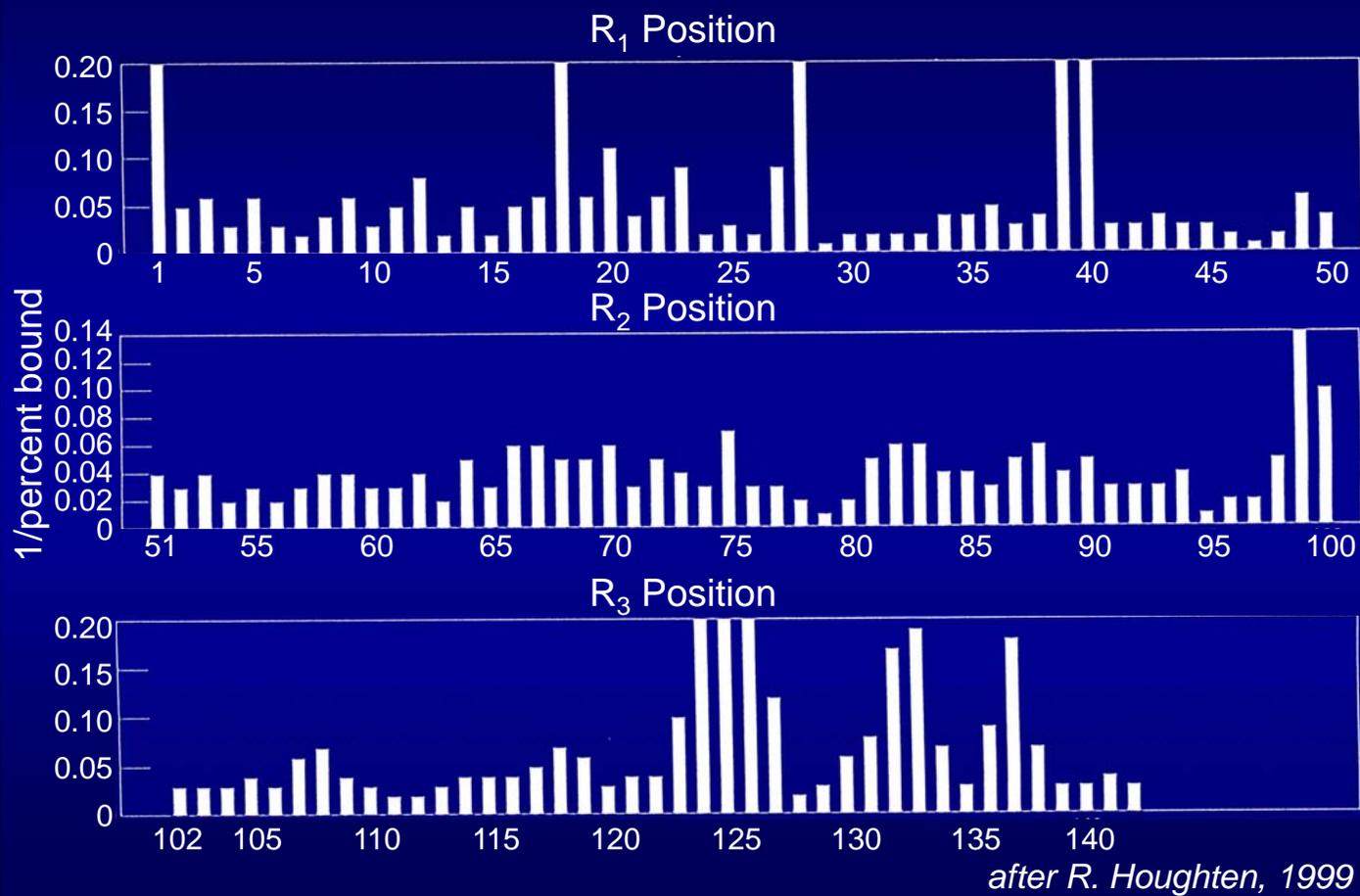
## BIOASSAYS (READY APPLICATION OF SOLUBLE LIBRARIES)

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- Soluble Acceptors
  - antibodies
  - enzymes
- Membrane-bound Receptors
  - tissue homogenate
  - functional cell based
- Microorganisms: Disruption of Function
  - bacteria
  - fungi
  - virus
- Differentiation
  - stem cells
- *In Vivo*

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# POSITIONAL SCANNING BICYCLIC GUANIDINE LIBRARY ( $\kappa$ RECEPTOR)



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## ONCE YOU HAVE A TARGET AND CADIDATE DRUG MOLECULES: HOW TO DESIGN A DRUG SCREEN?

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- Biochemical "Pure target" Screen (binding, functional):
  - Advantage: "Pure" Structural / Functional Outcomes
  - Disadvantage: Out of cellular / biochemical context
- Cell-Based
  - Advantage: Readout in a "living" system;
  - Disadvantage: Must deconvolute mechanism

# CASE 1: TYROSINE KINASES AS BIOCHEMICAL SCREENING TARGET

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## COMMON ELEMENTS / REPEATED THEMES

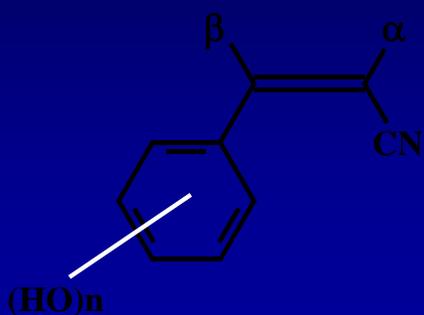
- Overexpressed or activated in cancer (e.g, EGFR, Her2/neu, etc)
- Altered activity by mutation (e.g., *c-kit*)
- Altered activity by translocation(e.g., *bcr-abl*)
- Overexpression associated with
  - advanced stage
  - inferior prognosis



## STRUCTURAL CLASSES OF TYRPHOSTIN:

*mimic the kinase transition state*

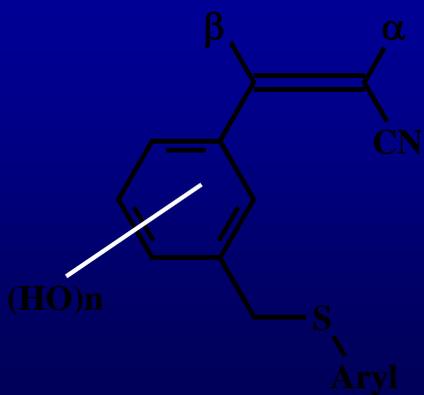
Benzene malononitrile



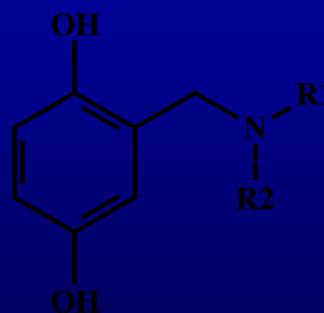
Bisubstrate quinoline



S-Arylbenzene malononitrile



Lavendustin-based



Levitsky, *FASEB J* 6: 3275, 1992

## bcr-abl FUSION PROTEIN



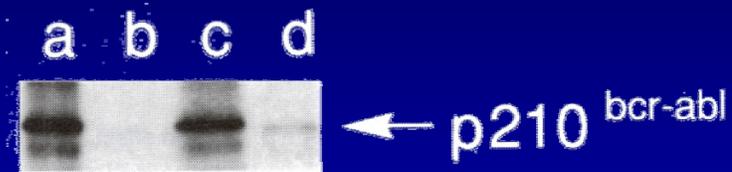
bcr

autophosphorylation

Phosphorylation of  
other substances

*McWhirter JR, EMBO 12:1533, 1993*

## INITIAL TYRPHOSTIN SCREEN: CORRELATE p210<sup>bcr/abl</sup> AUTOKINASE WITH K562 GROWTH INHIBITION

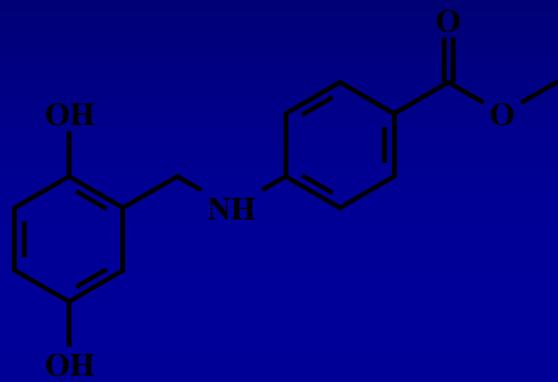


	IC <sub>50</sub> , K562
a – control	-
b – 50 μM AG957	15
c – 50 μM AG555	9.2
d – 50 μM AG1318	21

*Kaur et al, Anti-Cancer Drugs, 5: 213, 1994*



Erbstatin  
NSC 606641



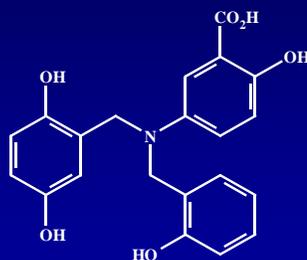
AG957  
NSC 654705

## EXAMPLE OF "RATIONAL" APPROACH: bcr-abl directed agents

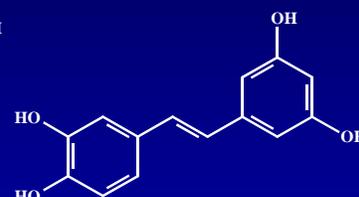
Natural  
product  
empiric lead



erbstatin



lavendustin



piceatannol

1st generation  
synthetic



AG957



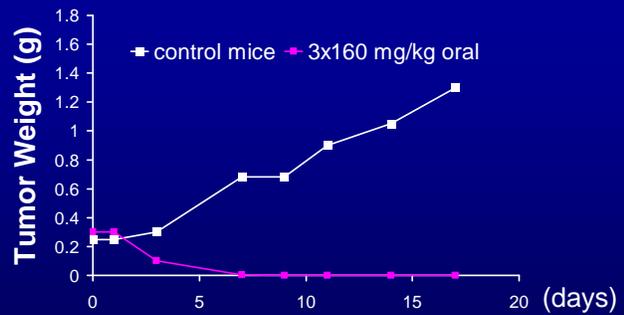
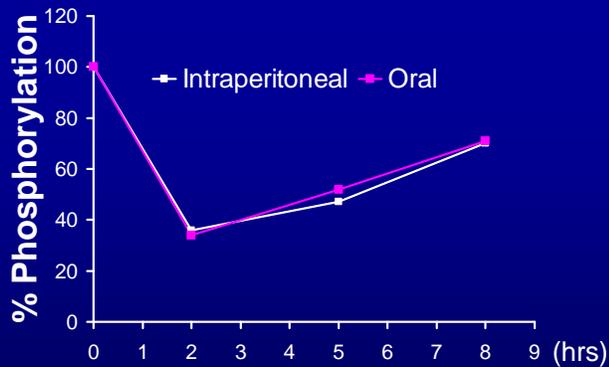
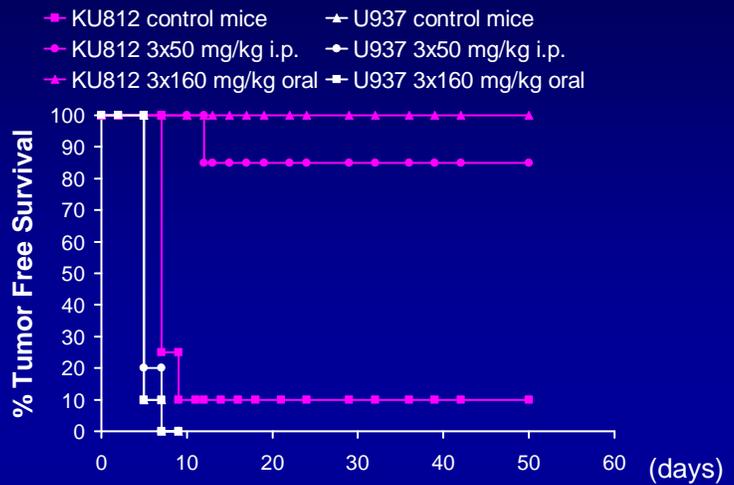
AG1112

2nd generation  
synthetic;  
in clinic



CGP 57148B = STI571

## STI571: An oral in vivo bcr-abl kinase inhibitor



Tyr phosphorylation *in vivo*

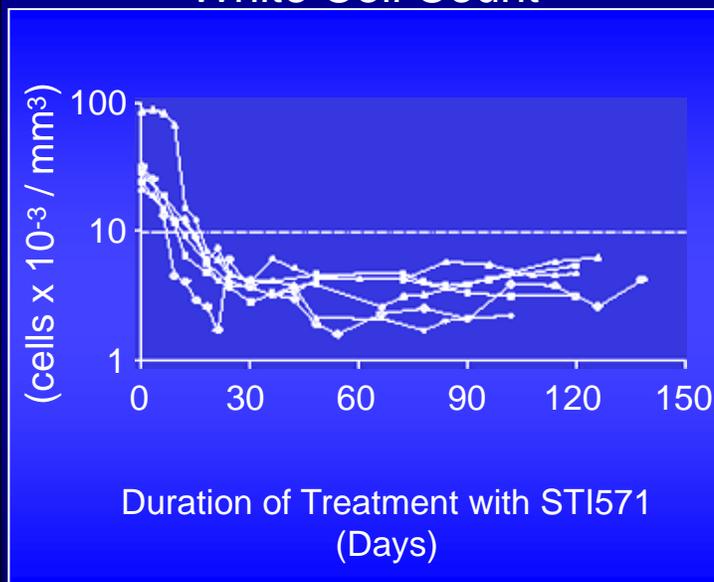
Antitumor activity *in vivo*

le Coutre et al, JNCI 91:163, 1999

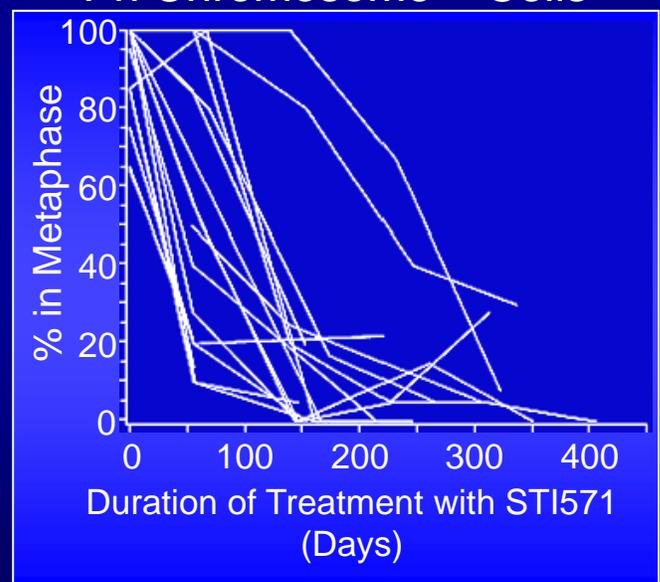
## EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF A SPECIFIC INHIBITOR OF THE BCR-ABL TYROSINE KINASE IN CHRONIC MYELOID LEUKEMIA

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RENAUD CAPDEVILLE, M.D., SAYURI OHNO-JONES, B.S., AND CHARLES L. SAWYERS, M.D.

### White Cell Count

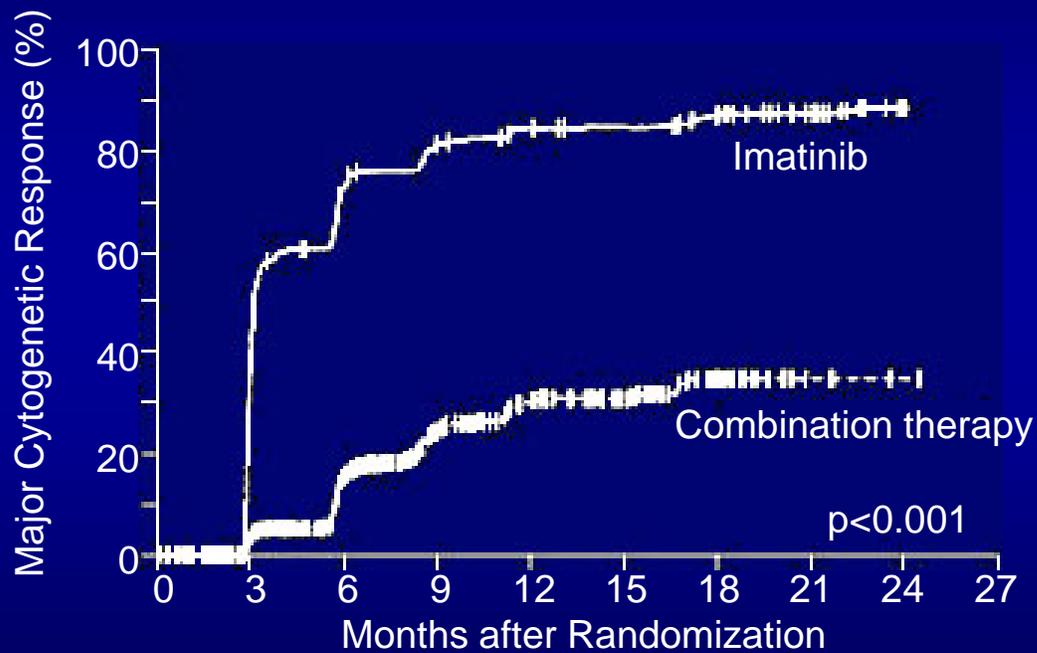


### Ph Chromosome + Cells



NEJM 344: 1031, 2001

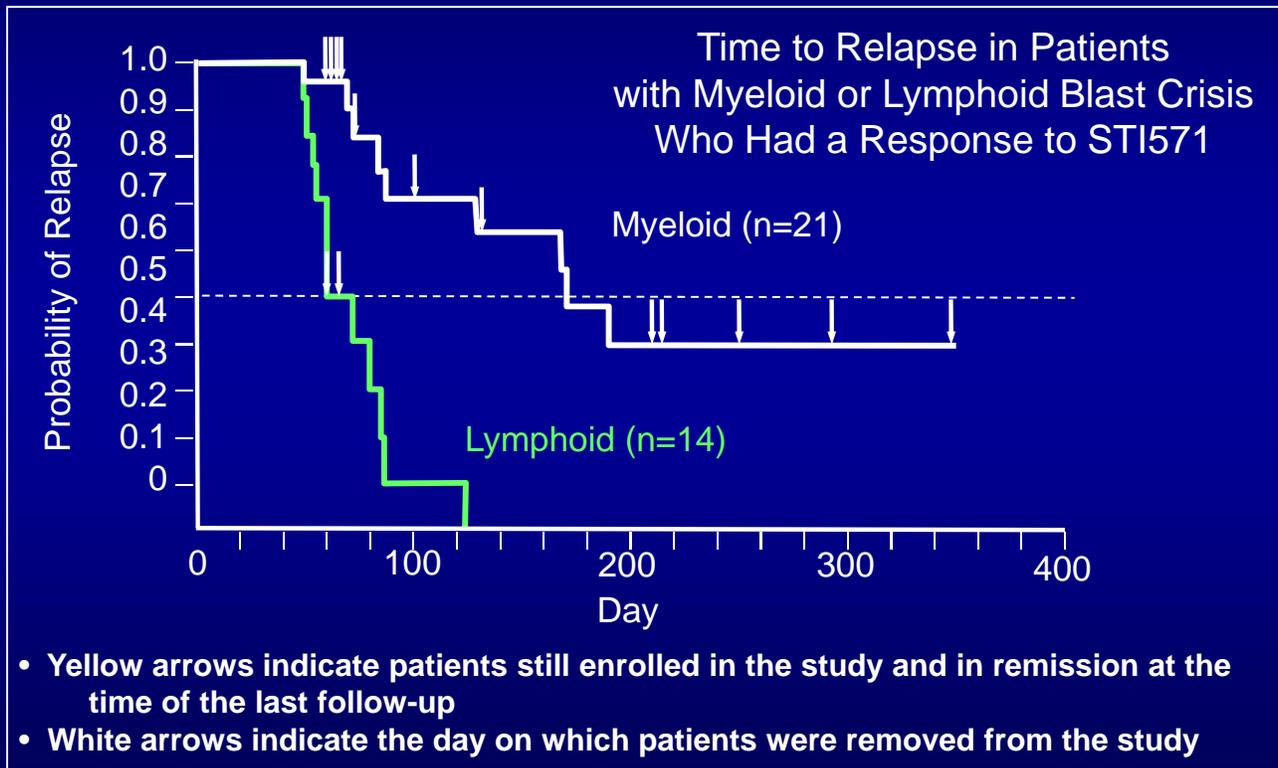
# TIME TO A MAJOR CYTOGENETIC RESPONSE FOR IMATINIB VS. INTERFERON AND LOW-DOSE CYTARABINE IN CHRONIC-PHASE CML



*Druker et al, NEJM 348: 994, 2003*

# IMATINIB IN BLAST CRISIS OF CML AND ALL WITH THE PHILADELPHIA CHROMOSOME

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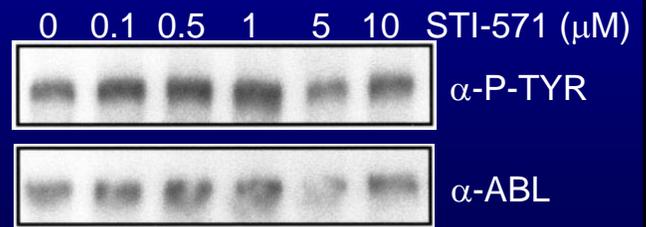
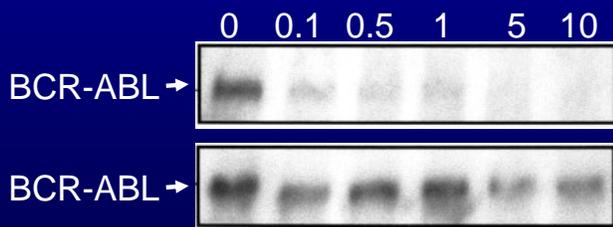
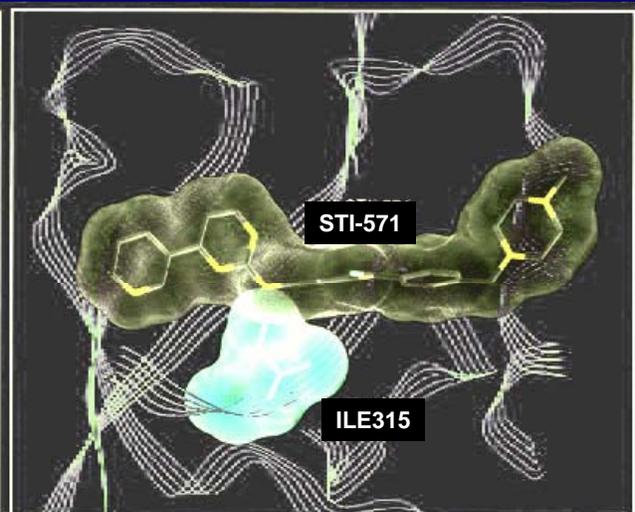
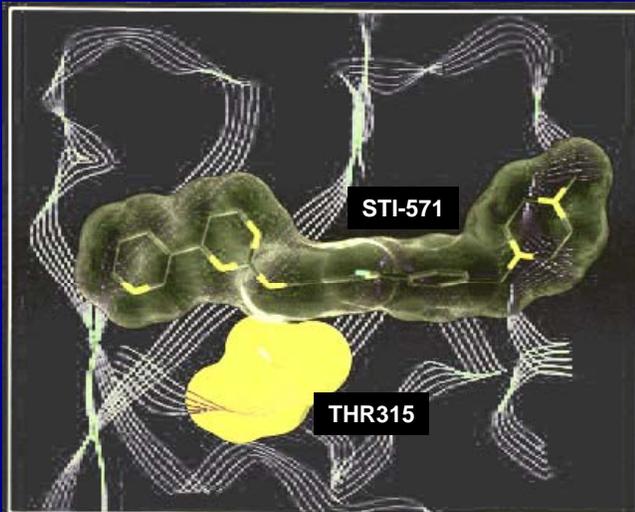
NEJM 344: 1038, 2001

# Clinical Resistance to STI-571 Cancer Therapy Caused by BCR-ABL Gene Mutation or Amplification

Mercedes E. Gorre,<sup>1,3</sup> Mansoor Mohammed,<sup>2</sup> Katharine Ellwood,<sup>1</sup>  
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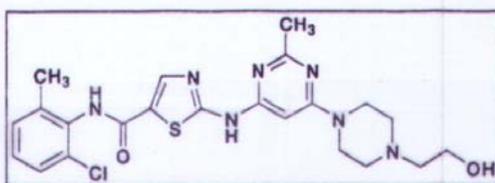
BCR-ABL Wild Type

BCR-ABL T3151 Mutant



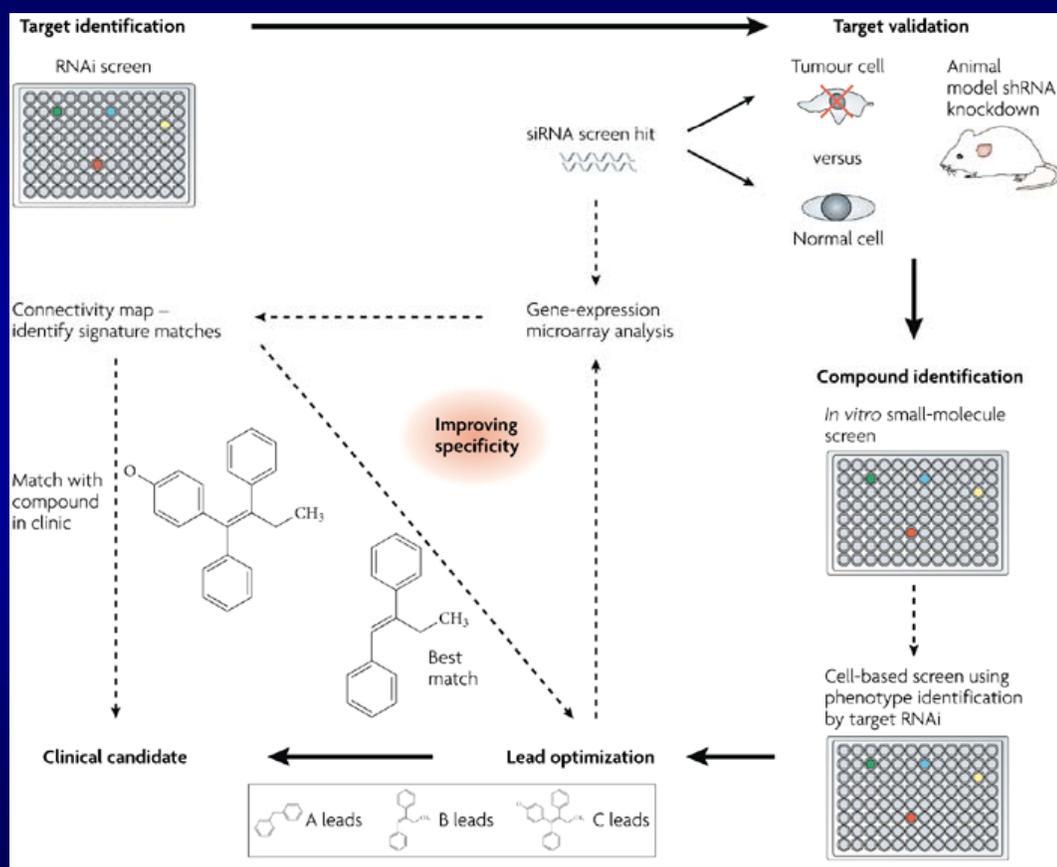
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## DASATINIB (BMS-354825) ACTIVE AGAINST MOST IMATINIB RESISTANT MUTANTS



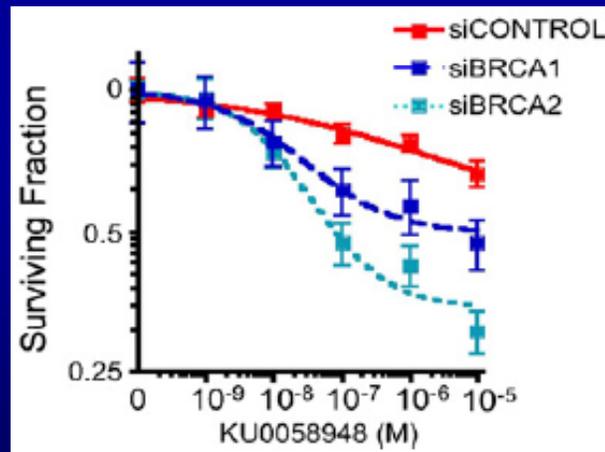
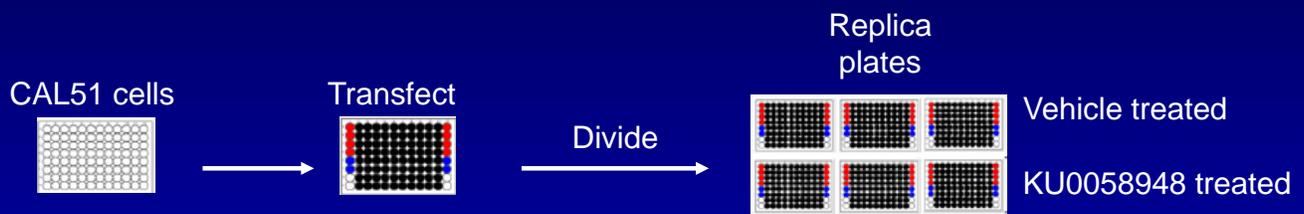
Ba/F3 Clone	BMS-354825 IC <sub>50</sub> , nM (fold WT IC <sub>50</sub> )	Imatinib IC <sub>50</sub> , nM (fold WT IC <sub>50</sub> )
p210 WT	1.34 (1)	323 (1)
L248R	16 (12)	>10,000 (>30)
Y253H	10 (7.5)	>10,000 (>30)
E255K	13 (9.7)	8,400 (26)
V299L	18 (13.4)	540 (1.7)
T315I	>1,000 (>750)	>10,000 (>30)
T315A	125 (93)	760 (2.4)
F317L	18 (13.4)	810 (2.5)
F317V	53 (40)	350 (1.1)

# CASE 2: UTILIZING RNAi IN CELL BASED SCREENS TO ENHANCE DRUG DISCOVERY



*Iorns et al, Nat Rev Drug Disc 6: 556 (2007)*

# DEVELOPMENT OF HTS PARP INHIBITOR SENSITIVITY SCREEN



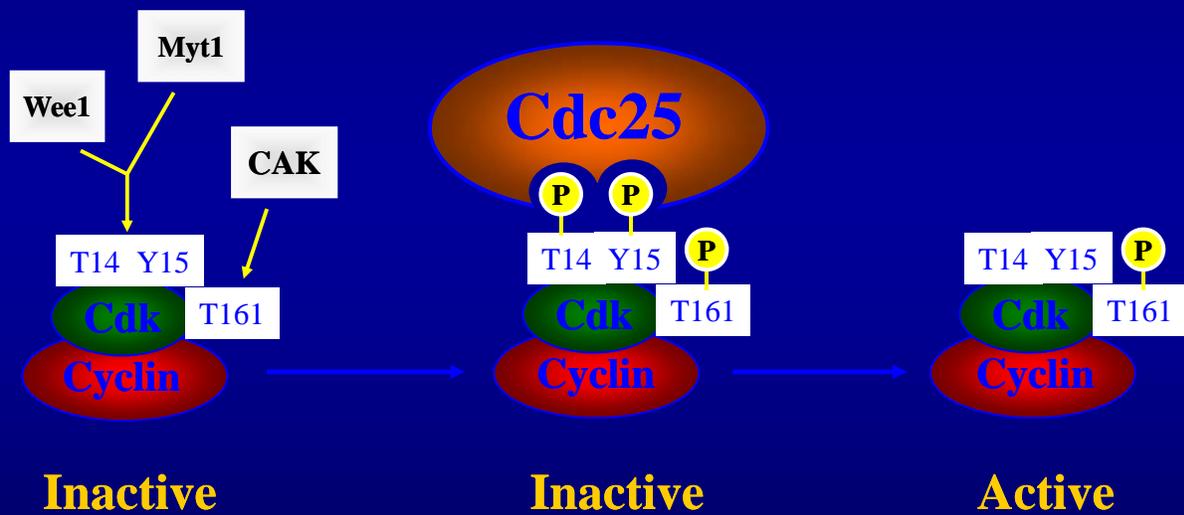
Lord et al, DNA Repair 7: 2010 (2008)

## CASE 3: CDC25 Phosphatases and Cancer

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- CDC25A and B overexpressed in many cultured cancer cell lines.
- Cdc25A suppresses apoptosis.
- Overexpression of CDC25A or B has been detected in human breast, head and neck, cervical, skin, lymph, lung and gastric cancers.
- Human CDC25A & B cooperated with Ha-Ras<sup>G12V</sup> and CDC25A cooperated with Rb<sup>-/-</sup> in the oncogenic focus transformation of mouse embryonic fibroblasts and tumor formation in nude mice. Thus, Cdc25A & B may be human oncogenes.

# Regulation of Cell Cycle Progression by Cdc25: Cdk Activation

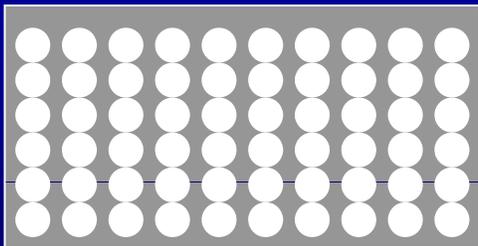


# Method for identifying Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitors

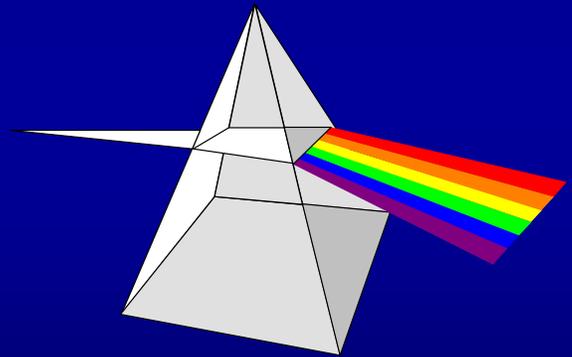
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GST-Cdc25 in assay buffer

Fluorescein diphosphate



Incubate 1h  
RT

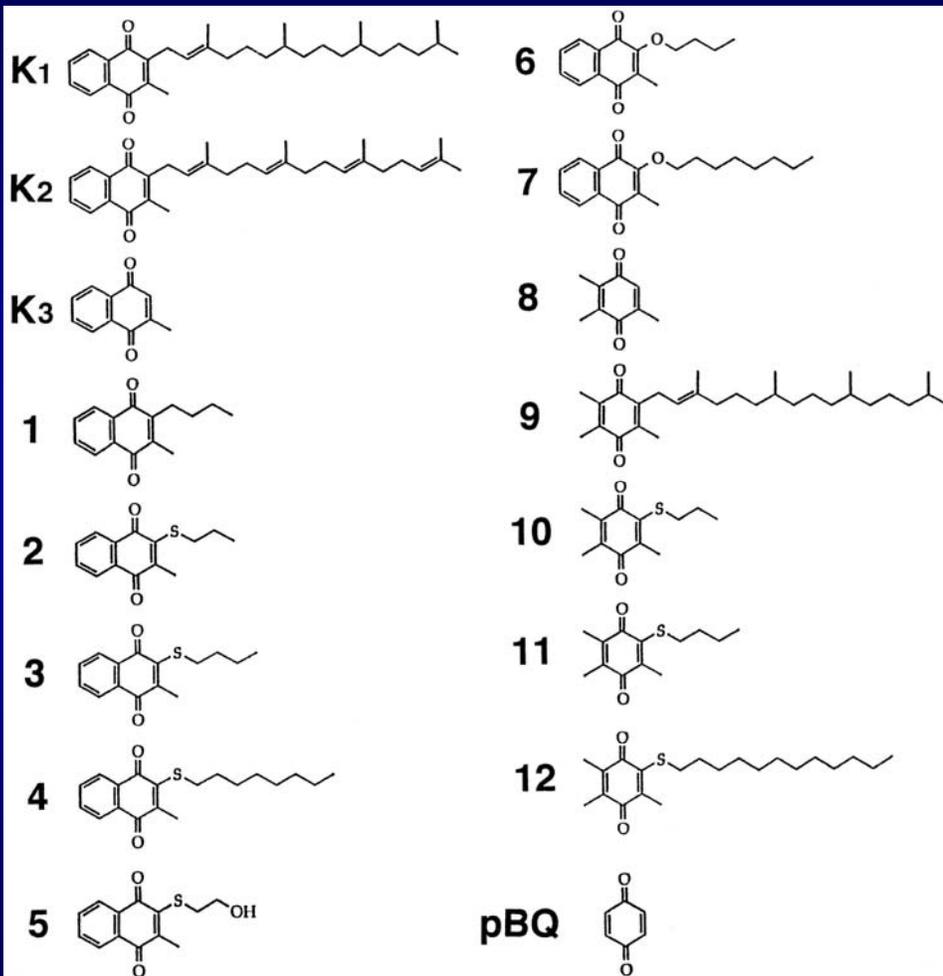


Read product  
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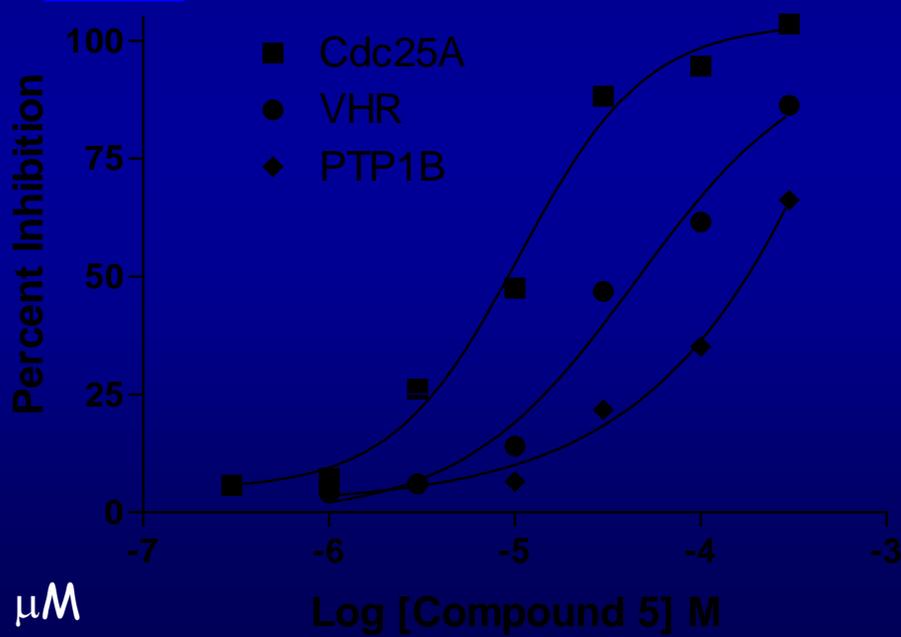
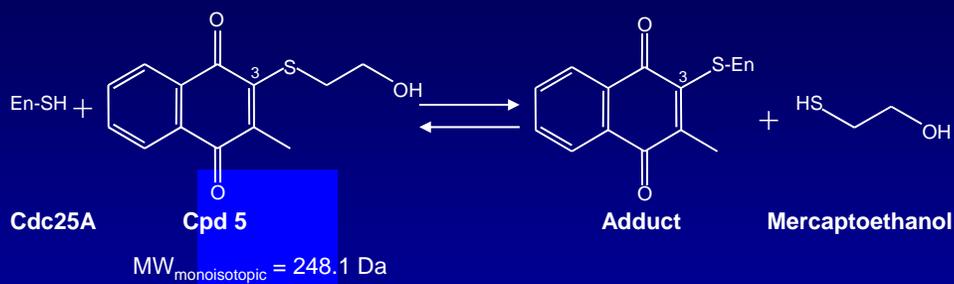
# Chemical Screening Approach

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- Targeted Array Libraries
- Diverse Chemical Libraries



## Compound 5 inhibits Cdc25



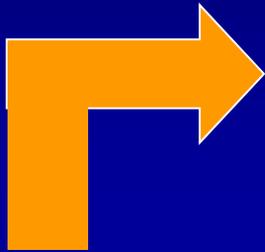
# Compound Validation

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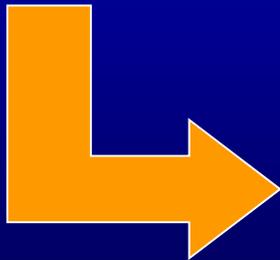
- **Cellular: Cell Cycle**
- **Biochemical: Substrate phosphorylation**
- **Genetic: Chemical complementation**

# tsFT210 Cell System

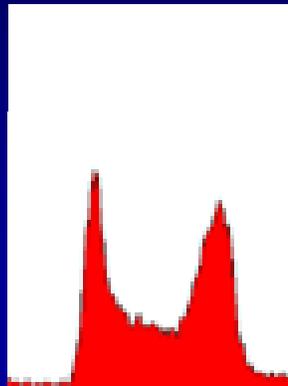
32° 17 h



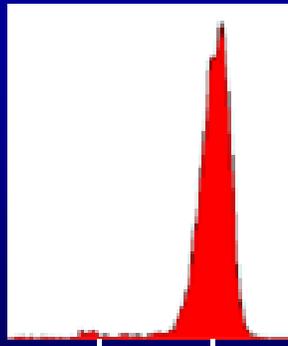
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Cdk1 mutants



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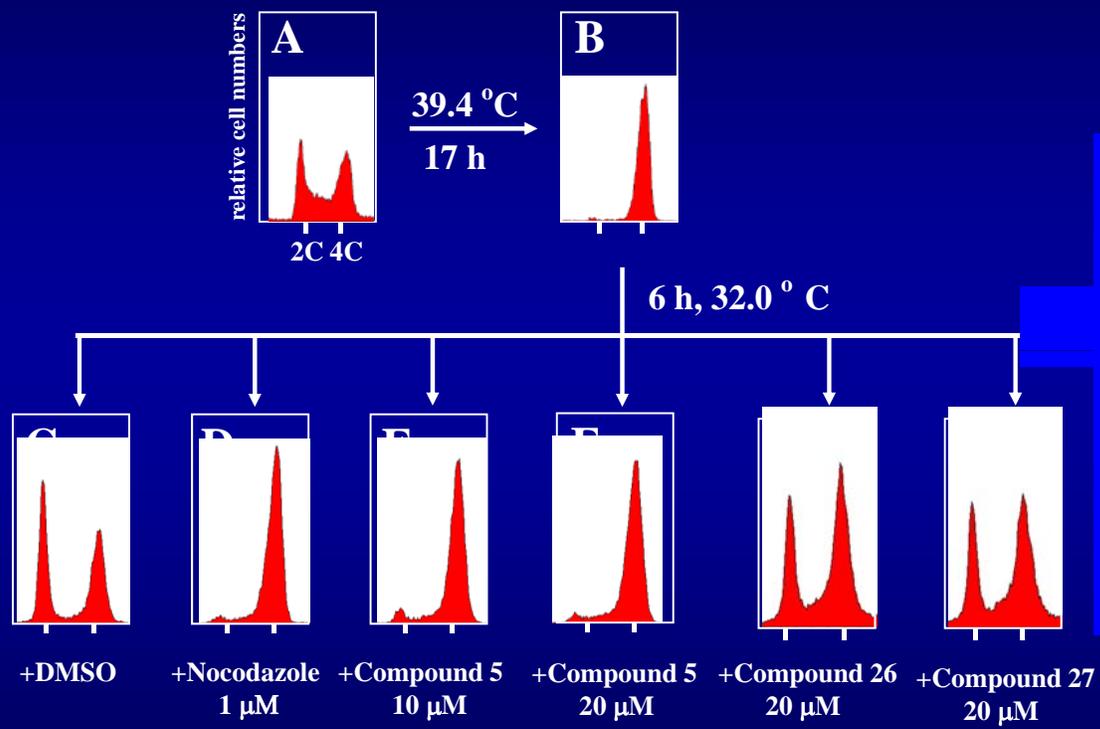
Functional Cdk1



No functional Cdk1

G1 G2/M

## Compound 5 causes G2/M arrest



## CASE 4: NMR-BASED SCREENING

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1. Screen “fragment” like molecules with “leadlike” properties (MW <300; ClogP ~1.5)
2. Characterize **binding** and portion of molecule to which they bind
3. Ligands with weak affinities can be defined ( $\sim K_D = 5\text{mM}$ )
4. Lead to high affinity binders through iterative screening
5. Can label protein of interest with isotopes “sensitive” to ligand effects (e.g. N15) and utilize proton resonances of drug to simultaneously allow definition of ligand and receptor binding sites

Haiduk et al. *J Med Chem* 48: 2518, 2005

## NMR AS MEANS OF DEFINING BINDING SITES

E.G., BLEOMYCIN BINDING TO DNA

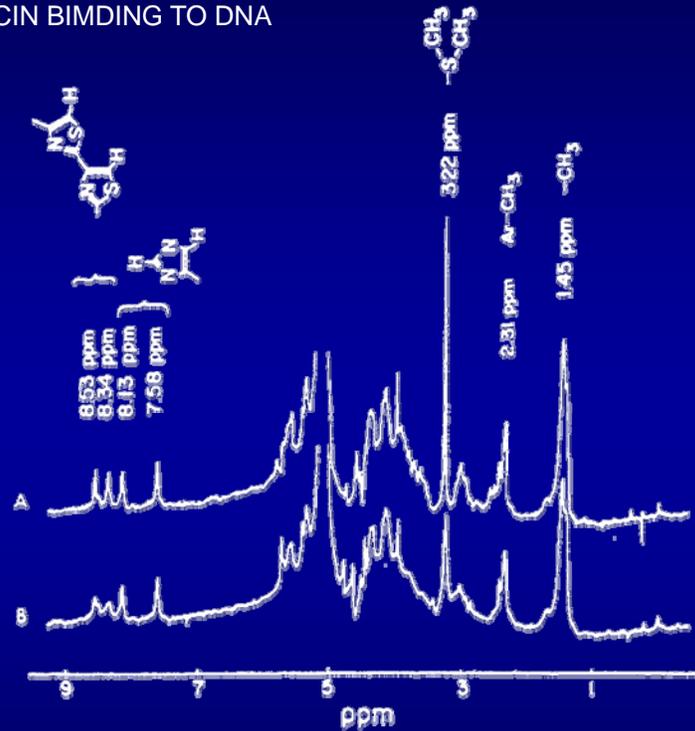
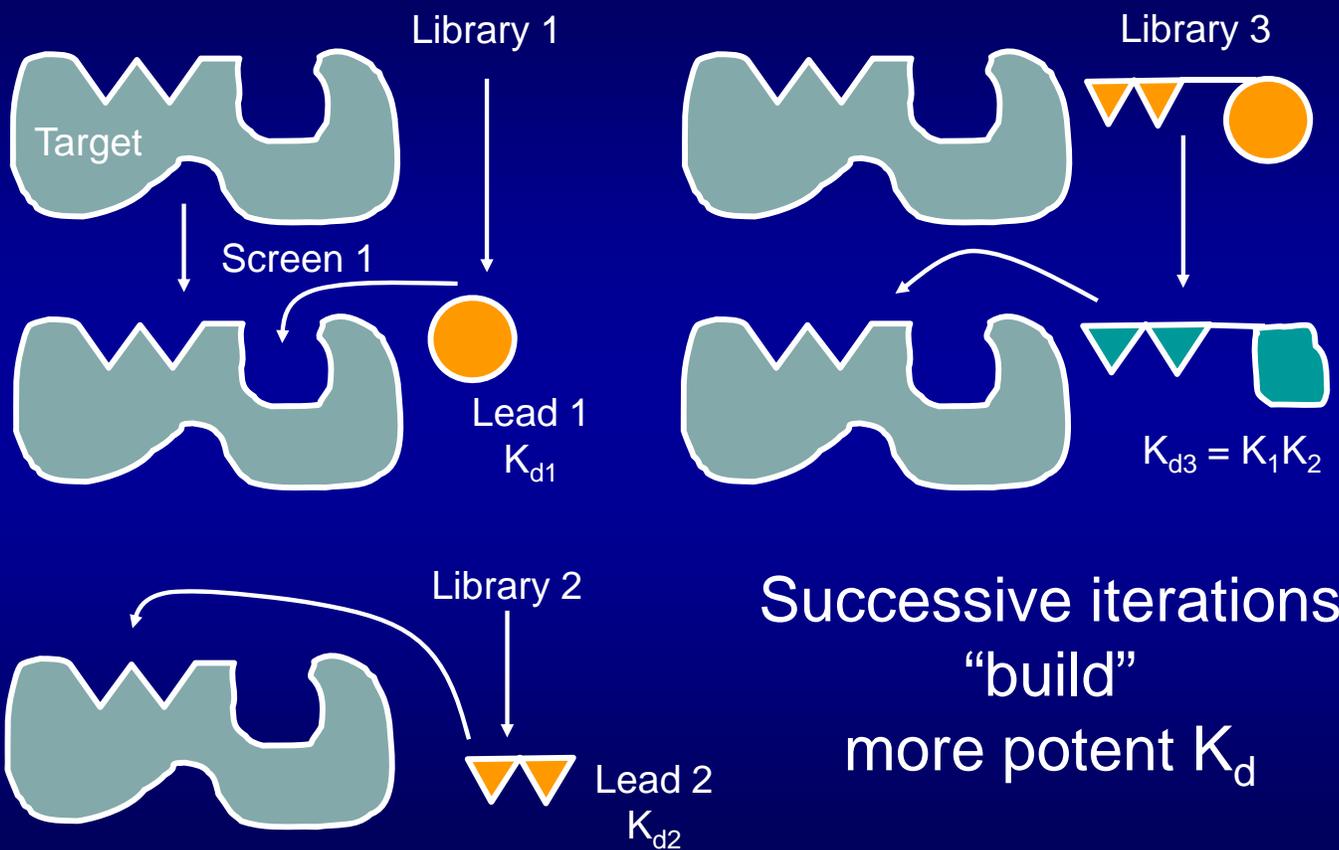


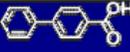
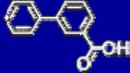
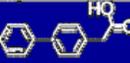
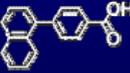
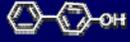
FIGURE 7:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of bleomycin at 100-MHz resolution. Each spectrum is an average of 512 scans. (A) With 6 mM bleomycin in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at pH 8.4; (B) 6 mM bleomycin and 3.5 mM calf thymus DNA in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , pH 8.4.

Horwitz et al. *Biochemistry* 16: 3641. 1977

# BUILDING A DRUG LEAD

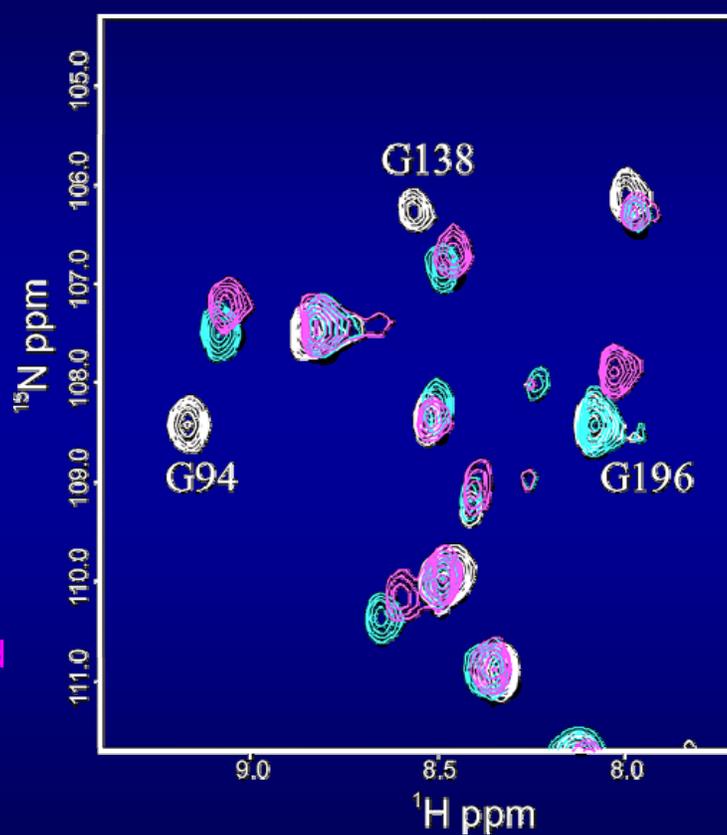


## AFFINITIES OF SELECTED BIARYL COMPOUNDS FOR BCL-XL

No.	Structure	NMR $K_d$ ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	No.	Structure	NMR $K_d$ ( $\mu\text{M}$ )
1		$300 \pm 30$	11		$4300 \pm 1600$
2		$1200 \pm 530$	12		$13000 \pm 7000$
3		$> 5000$	13		$5000 \pm 2000$
4		$> 5000$	14		$2000 \pm 440$
5		$> 5000$	15		$11000 \pm 4800$
6		$2000 \pm 1600$	16		$13000 \pm 4500$
7		$1990 \pm 990$	17		$9000 \pm 2000$
8		$383 \pm 117$	18		$4000 \pm 2050$
9		$238 \pm 110$	19		$6000 \pm 1970$
10		$250 \pm 139$	20		$6000 \pm 2000$

*Petros et al. J Med Chem 49: 656. 2006*

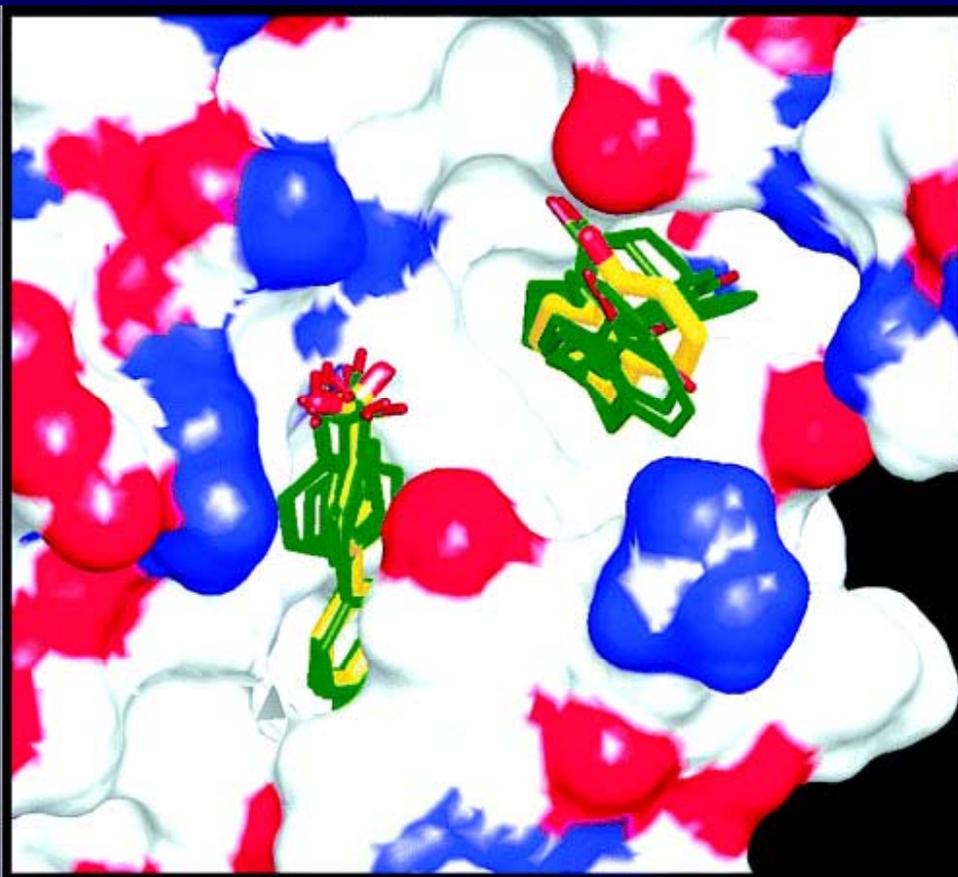
**SECTION FROM A  $^{15}\text{N}$  HSQC SPECTRUM OF BCL-XL IN THE PRESENCE AND ABSENCE OF COMPOUND**



alone (white)  
2 mM biaryl acid **1**  
(cyan)  
2 mM biaryl acid **1** and  
5 mM naphthol  
derivative **11** (pink)

*Petros et al. J Med Chem 49: 656. 2006*

**SUPERPOSITION OF SEVEN LOW-ENERGY STRUCTURES CALCULATED FOR  
BCL-XL COMPLEXED TO 1 AND 11**



*Petros et al. J Med Chem 49: 656. 2006*

## OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

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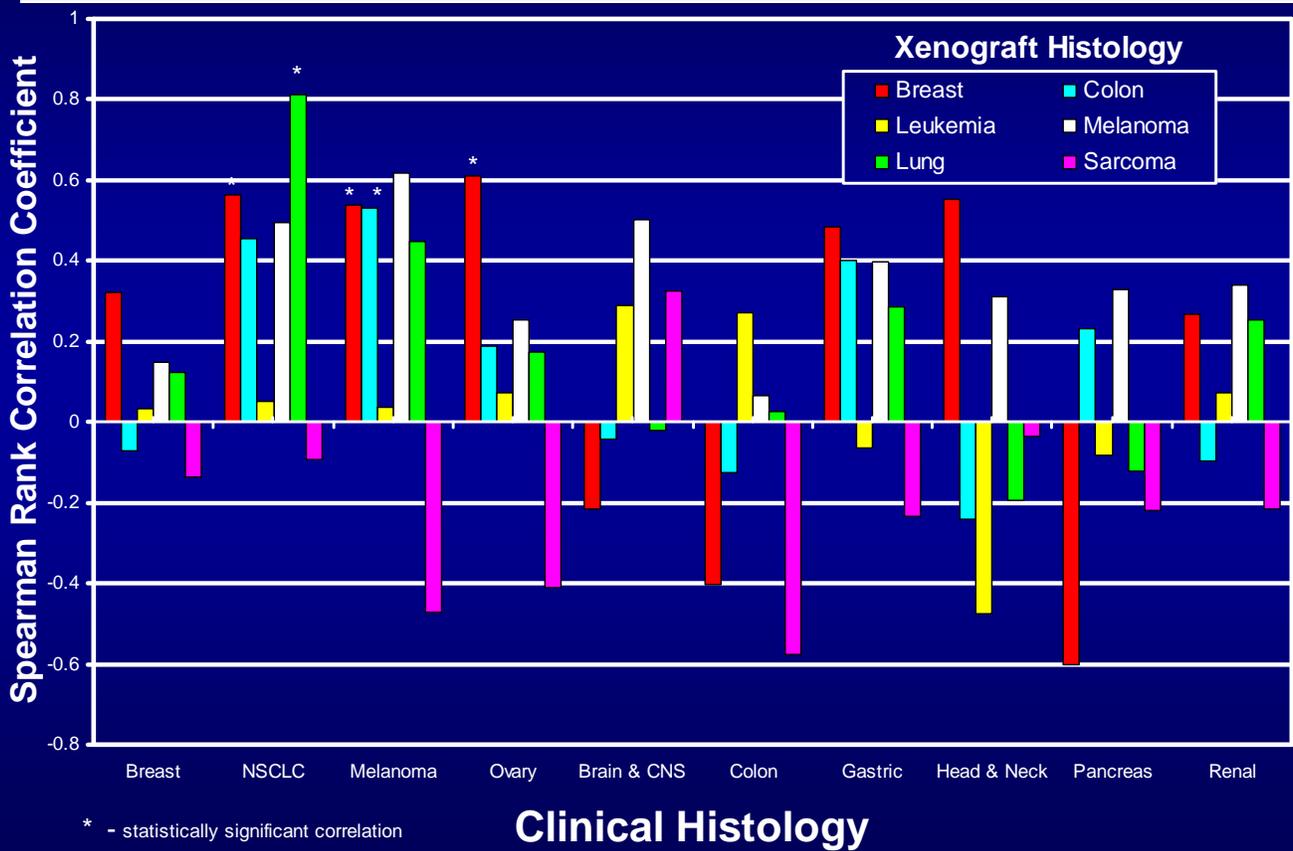
- General Introduction
- Definition of Drug Targets
- Generating Diversity
- Definition of Lead Structures
- Qualifying Lead for Transition to Early Trials

## STEPS IN CANCER DRUG DISCOVERY & DEVELOPMENT

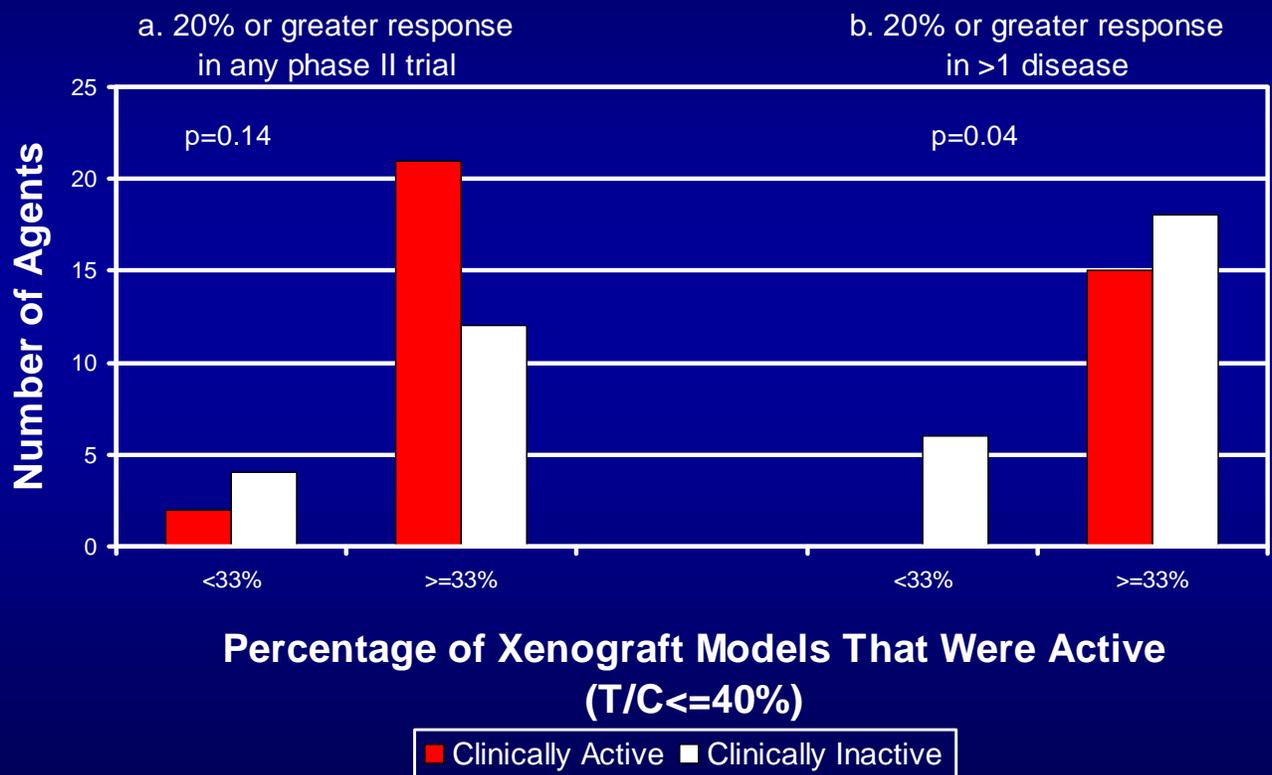
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# CORRELATION OF *IN VIVO* ACTIVITY WITH CLINICAL ACTIVITY BY DISEASE TYPE



## % *IN VIVO* ACTIVITY vs CLINICAL ACTIVITY (39 AGENTS)



## PROBLEMS WITH EMPIRICAL MODELS

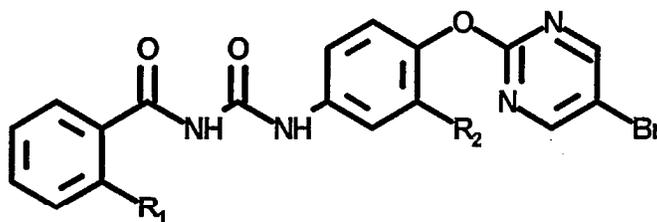
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- Lack of predictive power *in vivo*
- Poor correlation of non-human with human pharmacology
- Divorced from biology
- Inefficient: many compounds screened; developed, but have “late” = clinical trials outcome at Phase III to define “validation” of compound action

Figure 1

**BENZOYLPHENYLUREAS**

(Ishihara Sangyo Kaisha, Ltd.)



NSC	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>
624548	NO <sub>2</sub>	Cl
639828	NH <sub>2</sub>	Cl
639829	N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>
647884	NH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>
654259	NCOCH <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> · HCl	CH <sub>3</sub>
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National Cancer Institute Developmental Therapeutics Program

Dose Response Curves

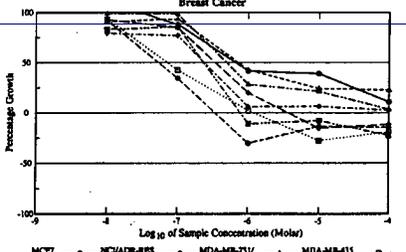
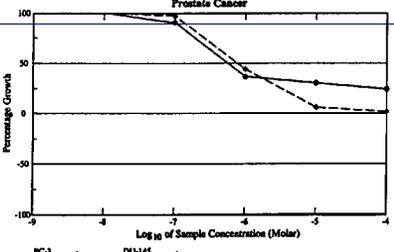
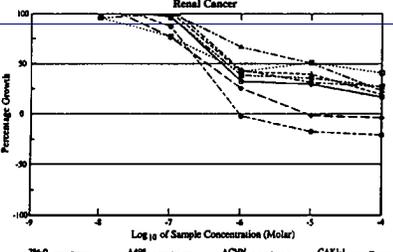
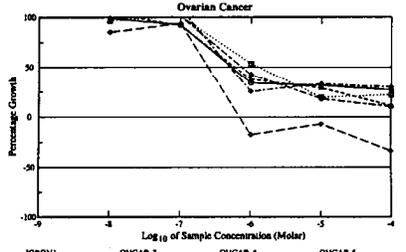
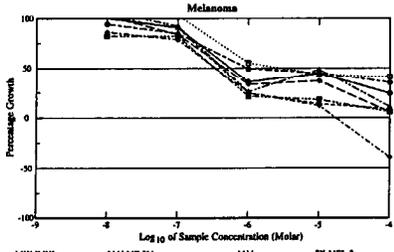
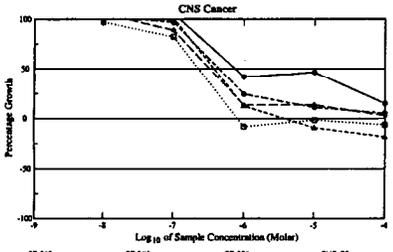
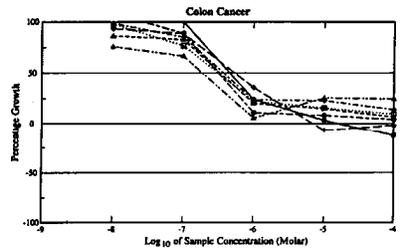
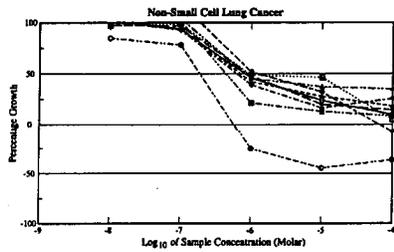
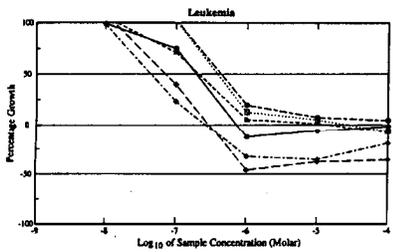
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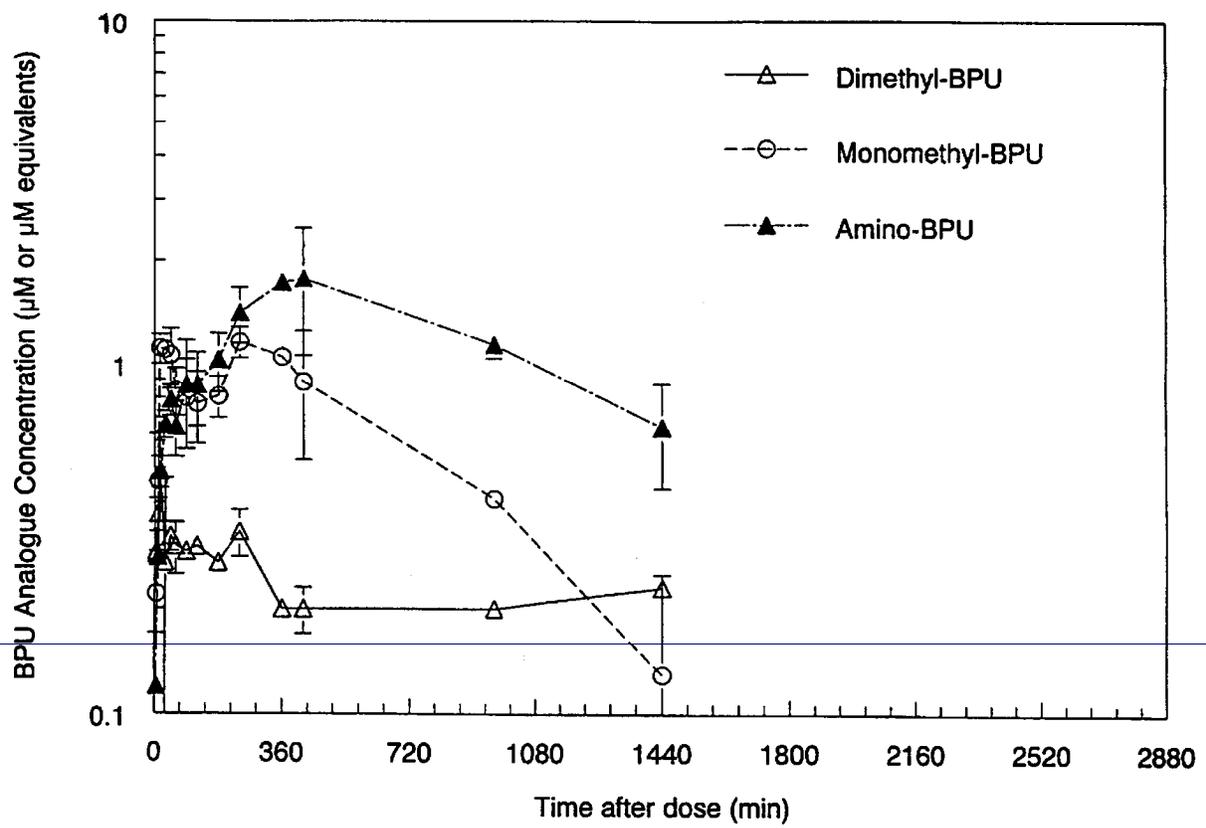
**Figure 4**

**Efficacy Testing of NSC 639829 in Human Tumor Xenografts**

Model	Stage/ Implant Site	Treatment Route	Schedule	MTD (mg/kg /dose)	BW Loss %	Activity Optimal %T/C	Growth Delay %[(T-C)/C]C
AS-283 (SCID mice)	Early-SC	IP	QD X5	15	3.7	<b>0</b>	<b>43</b>
	Adv-SC	PO	QD X5	8	10.1	<b>18</b>	<b>65</b>
	Adv-SC	PO	Q4D X3	18	16.2	<b>21</b>	<b>88</b>
NCI-H522	Adv-SC	IP	Q4D X3	20	0.0	<b>19</b>	<b>57</b>
		PO	Q4D X3	45	0.9	<b>19</b>	<b>83</b>
OVCAR-3	Adv-SC	IP	Q4D X3	20	1.5	<b>21</b>	<b>75</b>
		PO	Q4D X3	>45	2.3	<b>25</b>	<b>71</b>
MDA-MB-231	Adv-SC	IP	QD X5	>12	0.0	106	-23
	Early-SC	PO	Q4D X3	>30	0.9	<b>37</b>	<b>32</b>
		PO	Q7D X3	100	0.7	63	<b>37</b>
MDA-MB-435	Early-SC	IP	QD X5	12	0.0	<b>33</b>	> <b>29</b>
		IP	Q4D X3	30	0.1	<b>11</b>	> <b>29</b>
	Early-SC	IP	QD X5	12	12.2	<b>13</b>	> <b>43</b>
		IP	Q7D X3	>30	3.7	53	> <b>33</b>
		PO	Q7D X3	>67.5	8.6	<b>38</b>	> <b>58</b>
MDA-N	Early-SC	IP	Q7D X3	>25	4.6	65	16

(BPUTAB2.WPD)

Figure 13



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## FDA PRECLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY & TOXICOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

- DRUGS

- Two Species - Rodent & Non-rodent
- Clinical Route & Schedule
  - Follow NCI Guidelines
- Pharmacokinetics - Optional



- BIOLOGICALS

- Most Relevant Species
- Clinical Route & Schedule



## BENZOYLPHENYLUREA PRECLINICAL MTD & DLTs

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Schedule <i>q4Dx3, po</i>	RAT	DOG
MTD (Total Dose)	360 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	> 150 < 240 mg/m <sup>2</sup>
DLT	Bone Marrow GI Tract	Bone Marrow, GI Tract

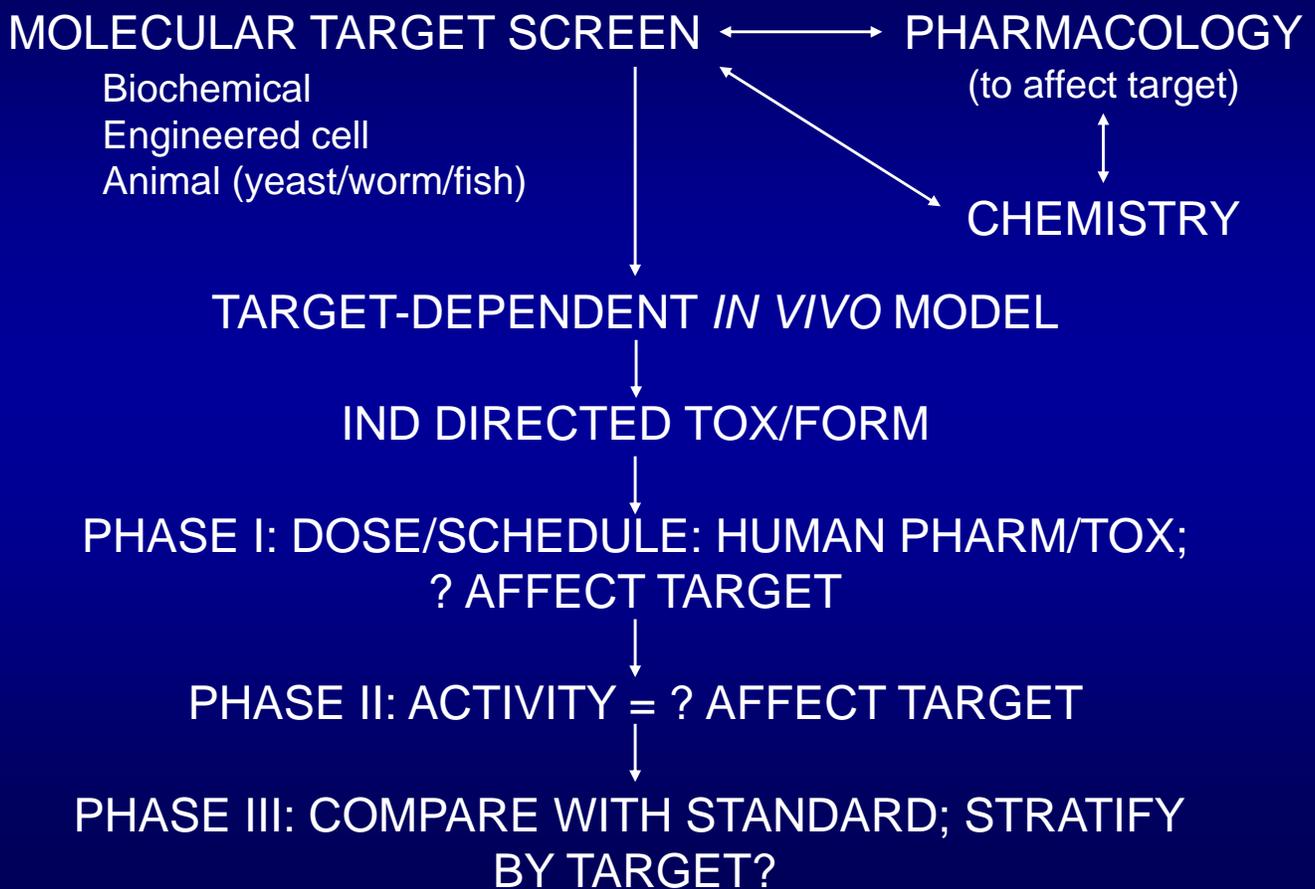
**Starting Dose: 24 mg/m<sup>2</sup>**

## PROBLEMS WITH “MTD” DRIVEN ENDPOINTS

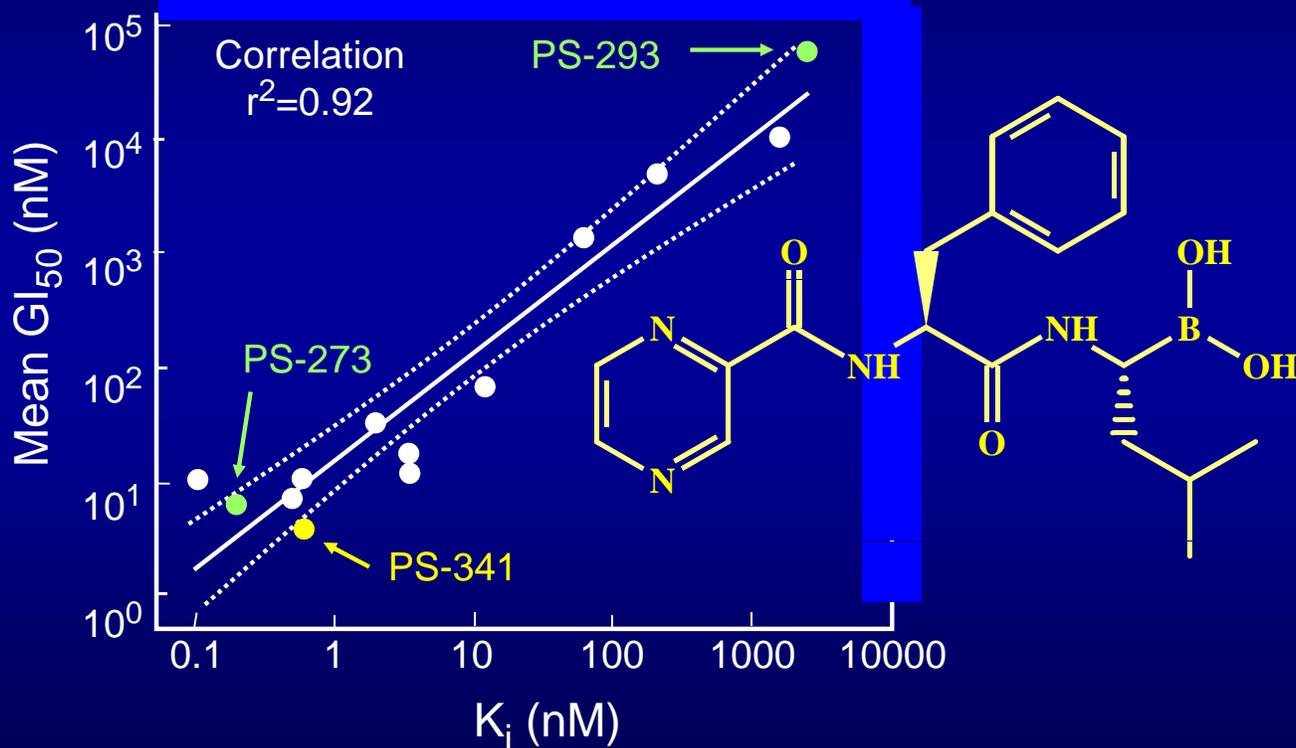
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- Drugs regulating pathways important in oncogenesis are effective by combining with high affinity binding sites; therefore must distinguish “targeted” vs “non-targeted” toxicity related to these binding sites
- Whether dosing beyond effect on desired target “buys” therapeutic value not clear
- Therefore must define in pre-clinical studies “*BIOLOGICALLY EFFECTIVE DOSE*” and “*MAXIMUM TOLERATED DOSE*”
- *Use BIOLOGIC rather than TOXIC endpoints in Phase I?*

# “RATIONAL” DRUG DISCOVERY

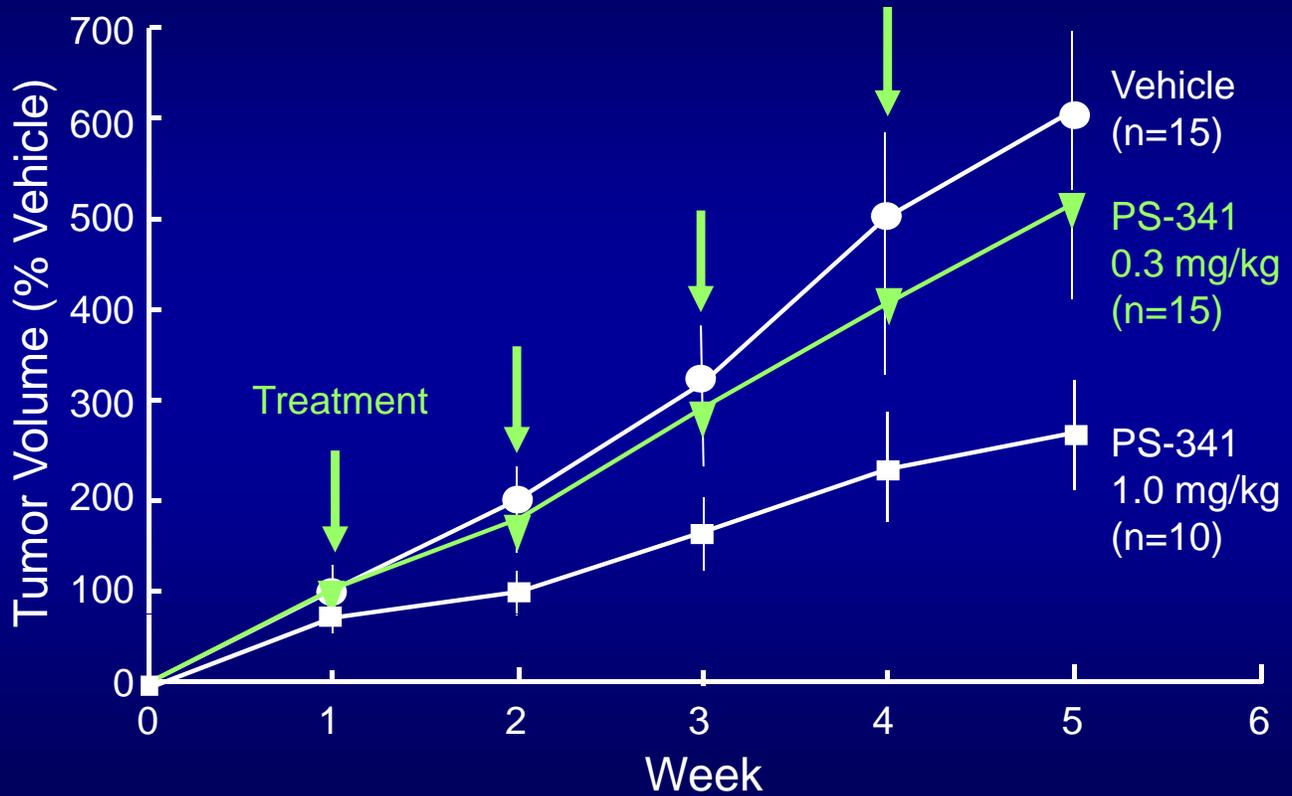


# CORRELATION BETWEEN 20S PROTEASOME INHIBITORY POTENCY & GROWTH INHIBITION FOR 13 DIPEPTIDE BORONIC ACIDS



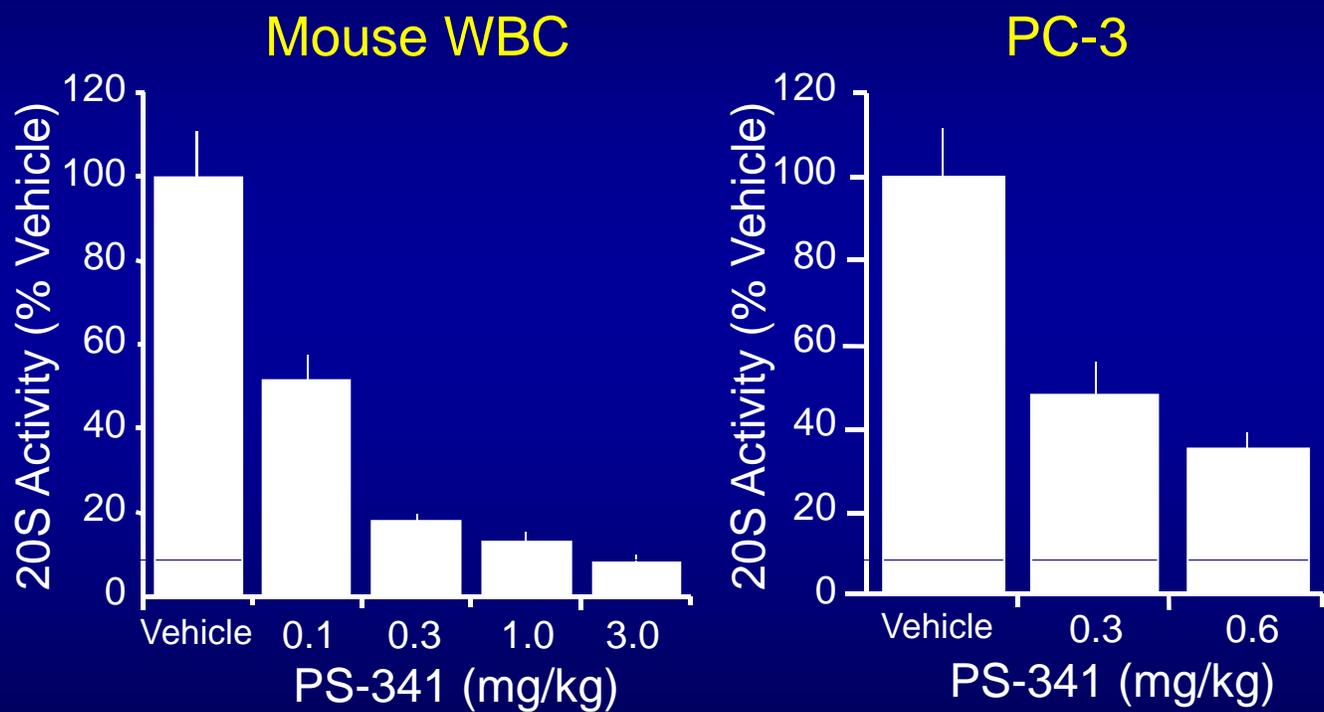
Adams et al, Cancer Res 59:2615, 1999

## EFFECT OF PS-341 ON PC-3 TUMOR GROWTH IN MICE



*Adams et al, Cancer Res 59:2615, 1999*

## EFFECT OF PS-341 ON 20S PROTEASOME ACTIVITY



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# PS-341: INTERSPECIES

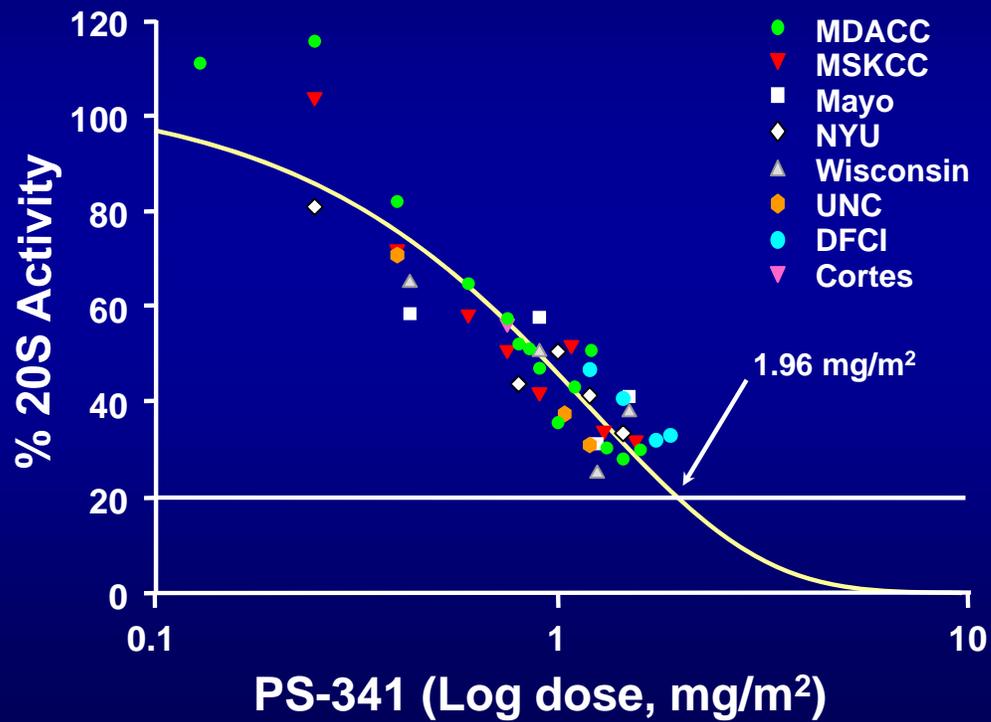
Q: Is the 'safe' dose in animals in the efficacy range for man?

Species	Dose (mg/kg)	Dose (mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	% 20S Proteasome Inhibition*
Mouse	1.0	3.0	80
Rat	0.25	1.5	80
NHP	0.067	0.8	70

\*In white blood cells at 1.0 h, post-dose

Ref: Adams, et al, *Cancer Res* 59:2615, 1999

## Ex Vivo Proteasome Activity: 1 Hour Post Treatment



## PRECLINICAL DRUG STUDIES: SUMMARY

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- Aid and promote clinical trials design
- Assure likely safety of initially explored regimen
- Provide scientific basis for assessing clinical effects of agent
- Increasingly to focus on correlating molecular effects of agents on intended targets along with “usual” pharmacologic / toxicologic endpoints