DRUG DISCOVERY

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

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

Reasons for failure

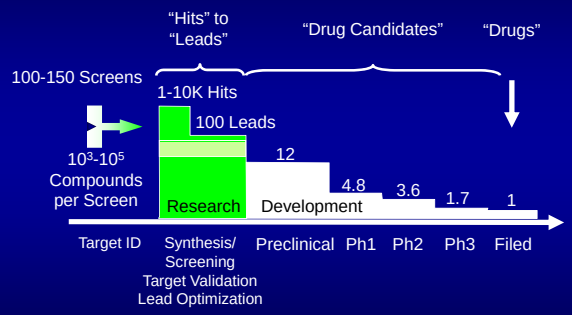
- Toxicity, 22%
- Lack of efficacy, 31%
- Market reasons, 6%
- Poor biopharmaceutical properties, 41%

Reasons for slowdown

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

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

TRADITIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL R&D Suffers High Attrition*



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

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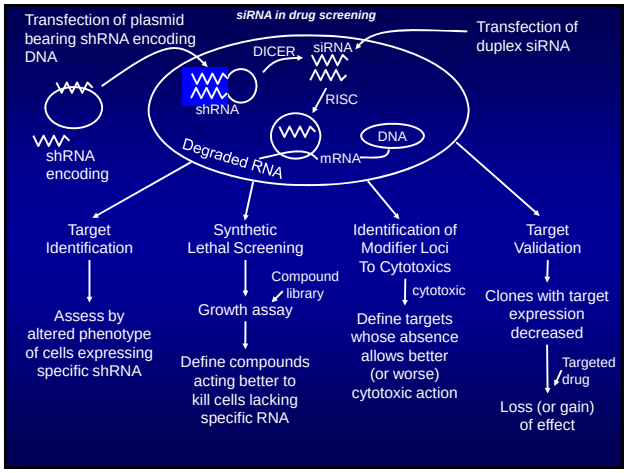
TWO CONTRASTING DRUG-DISCOVERY "PHILOSOPHIES"

- "EMPIRICAL": Recognize initial drug lead by functionally useful effect
  - -E.g. : penicillin (anti-bacterial effect)
    rauwolfia (anti-hypertensive)
    taxol (anti-tumor)
    digoxin (cardiotonic / antiarrythmic)
- "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?



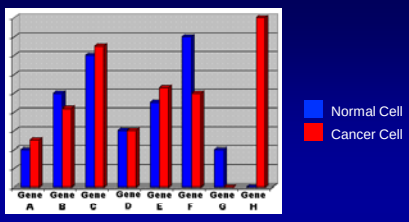
MOLECULAR TARGET DEFINITION - HOW TO?

- **BIOLOGY:**
  - * Cytogenetics → Breakpoints → Molecules (bcr-abl)
  - * "Positive" selection from tumor DNA → Active oncogenes (signal transduction)
  - * Tumor gene expression profiling
  - * siRNA - induced modulation of phenotype
- **" RETROFIT" ACTIVE MOLECULES:**
  - * Binding partners (geldanamycin, rapamycin, fumagillin)
  - * Computational algorithm (molecule ↔ target)
    - COMPARE
    - Cluster analysis
- **"CLASSICAL:"**
  - * Cell metabolism / Biochemistry
  - * Suggest single targets → Inefficient; Medicinal Chemistry possible
- **CHEMICAL GENETICS:**
  - * Libraries of molecules and precisely defined organisms

Cancer Genome Anatomy Project PROCESS

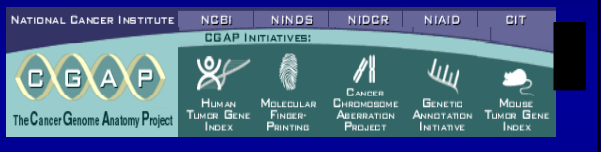
- Tumor material (archival)
- "Laser capture microdissection" of tumor cells from defined sections
- Creation of tumor-derived cDNA libraries
- Sequence to establish uniqueness
- Deposit in public domain

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.

http://cgap.nci.nih.gov



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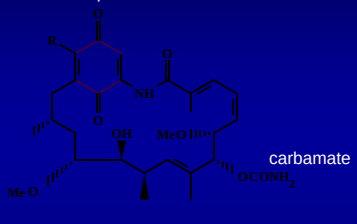
GELDANAMYCIN: EXAMPLE OF BINDING PARTNER DEFINING TARGET

benzoquinone



ansa ring

carbamate

	NSC	R
Geldanamycin	122750	OMe
17-AAG	330507	$NHCH_2CH=CH_2$

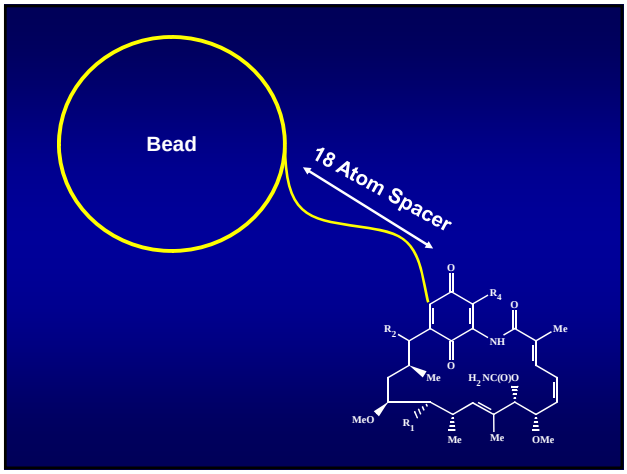
BENZOQUINOID ANSAMYCINS INITIAL CELL PHARMACOLOGY - I

- "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

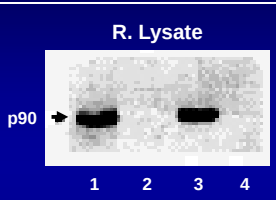
  (Uehara et al, MCB 6: 2198, 1986)

- 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)

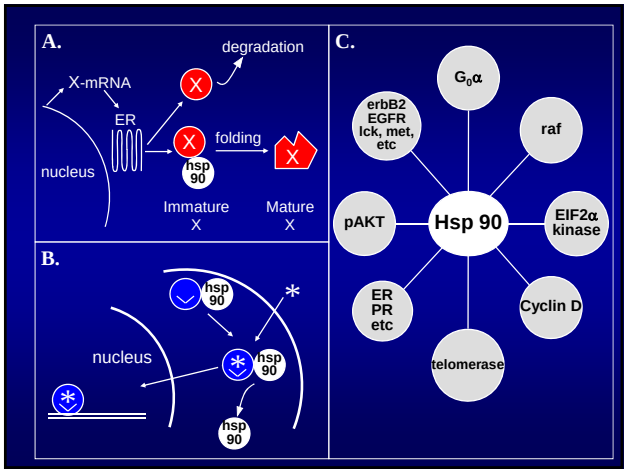


GELDANAMYCIN BEADS IDENTIFY HSP90 AS BINDING PARTNER



1) Bead-Geld
2) Bead-Geld + Geld
3) Bead-Geld + Geldampicin
4) Bead

Neckers et al, PNAS 91:8324, 1994



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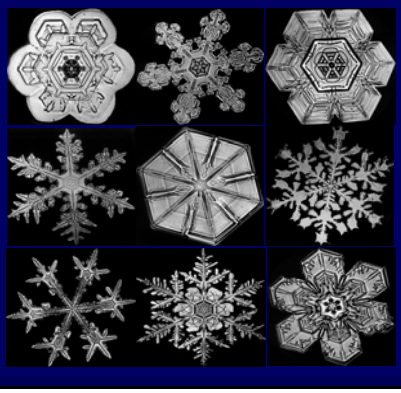


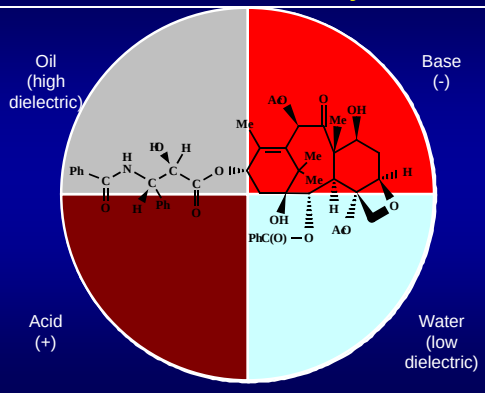
It is estimated that there are 10^{40} compounds in all of "chemical space". Since the Big Bang, there have only been 10^{17} seconds.

- Peter Wipf

SOURCES OF DIVERSITY

- "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



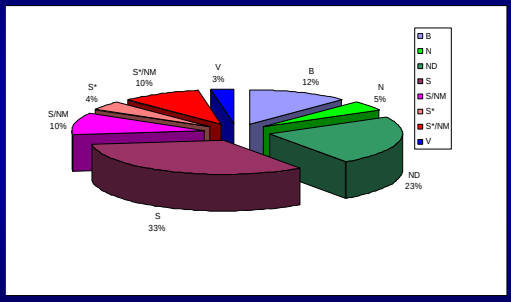
Sources of "Modern Drugs"

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.

Codes are:

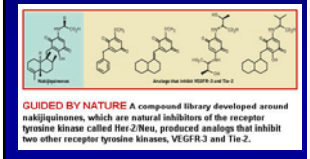
N	Natural Product
ND	Natural Product Derivative
S*	Natural Product Pharmacophore
S	Synthetic Compound
B/V	Biological / Vaccine
(NM)	Natural Product Mimic as a subdivision

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

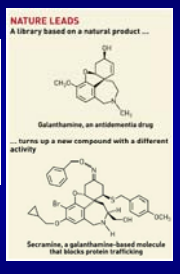


Newman et al, J. Nat. Prod., 2003, 66, 1027-1037

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.

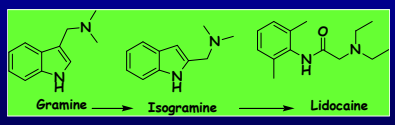


Discovery of Lidocaine

*Central Asian camels refused to eat a certain type of reed

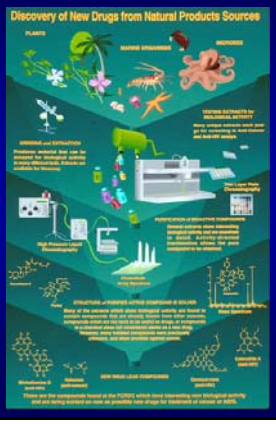
*Characterization of gramine as the antifeedant principle led to the synthesis of isogramine

*Taste-test: numbness; therefore, lead for anesthetic agent development

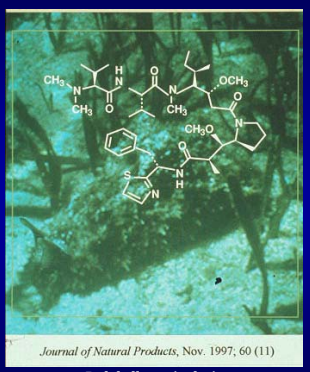


Courtesy of N. R. Farnsworth

Natural Product Isolation Tree



"You are what you eat"



Journal of Natural Products, Nov. 1997; 60 (11)

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

X X X

Four amino acids in each position
$4^3 = 64$

A = Alanine
R = Arginine
T = Threonine
W = Tryptophan

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NUMBER OF PEPTIDES POSSIBLE WITH INCREASING LENGTH

Length	Peptide	Number
2	Ac – OO – NH_2	400
3	Ac – OOO – NH_2	8,000
4	Ac – OOOO – NH_2	160,000
5	Ac – OOOOO – NH_2	3,200,000
6	Ac – OOOOOO – NH_2	64,000,000
7	Ac – OOOOOOO – NH_2	1,280,000,000
8	Ac – OOOOOOOO – NH_2	25,600,000,000

O = Individual Defined Amino Acid

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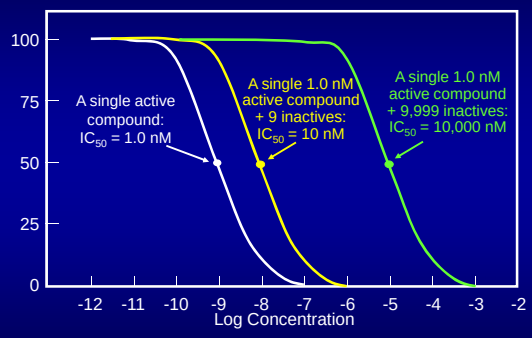
IC_{50} OF MIXTURES



COMBINATORIAL LIBRARIES: THE MIXTURE QUESTION

	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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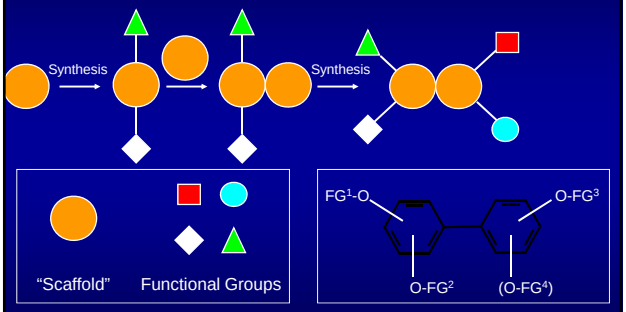
NON-PEPTIDE "COMBINATORIAL" STRATEGIES COMBINE "SCAFFOLDS" (OR "BACKBONES") WITH "FUNCTIONAL GROUPS"



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

THE RULE OF FIVE

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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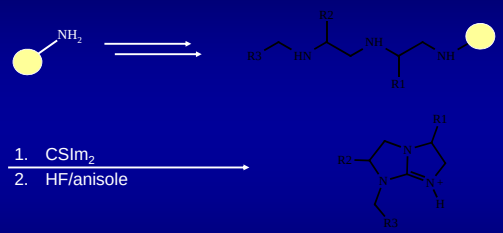
COMBINATORIAL LIBRARIES OF BICYCLIC GUANIDINES FROM REDUCED ACYLATED DIPEPTIDES



R1 x R2 x R3 = 49 x 51 x 42 = 104,958 compounds

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BIOASSAYS (READY APPLICATION OF SOLUBLE LIBRARIES)

- 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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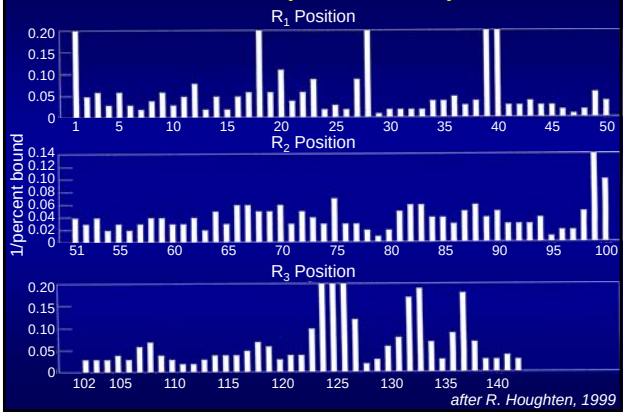
POSITIONAL SCANNING BICYCLIC GUANIDINE LIBRARY (κ RECEPTOR)



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

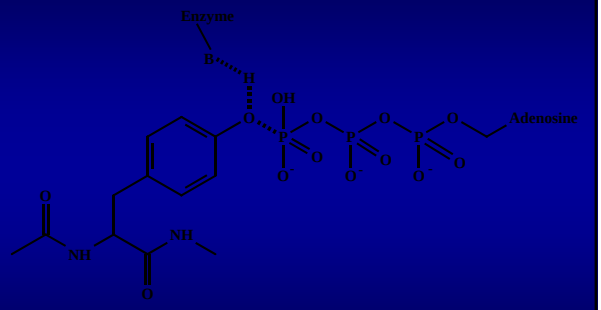
- Biochemical "Pure target" Screen (binding, functional):
  - •Advantage: "Pure" Structural / Functional Outcomes
  - •Disadvantage: Out of cellular / biochemical context
- Cell-Based
  - •Advantage: Readout in a "living" system;
  - •Disadvantage: Must deconvolute mechanism

CASE 1: TYROSINE KINASES AS BIOCHEMICAL SCREENING TARGET

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

PROPOSED ENZYMATIC MECHANISM FOR TPKs



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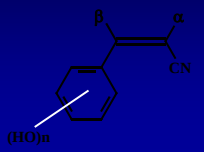
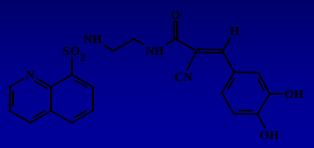
STRUCTURAL CLASSES OF TYRPHOSTIN:
mimic the kinase transition state

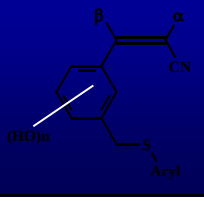
Benzene malononitrile



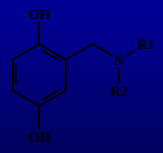
Bisubstrate quinoline



S-Arylbenzene malononitrile



Lavendustin-based



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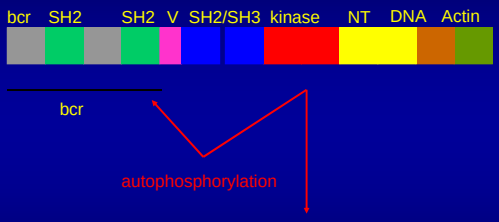
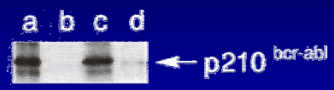
bcr-abl FUSION PROTEIN



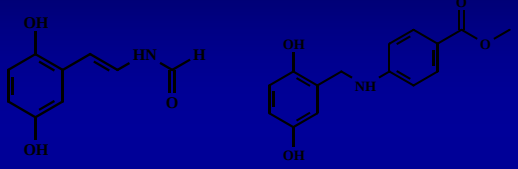
McWhirter JR, EMBO *12:1533, 1993*

INITIAL TYRPHOSTIN SCEEN: CORRELATE p210$^{bcr/abl}$ AUTOKINASE WITH K562 GROWTH INHIBITION



	IC50, 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, 199



Erbstatin
NSC 606641

AG957
NSC 654705

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

Natural product empiric lead

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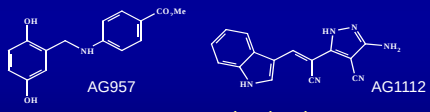
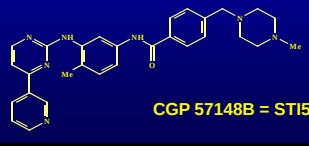
1st generation synthetic



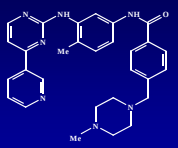
AG957 AG1112

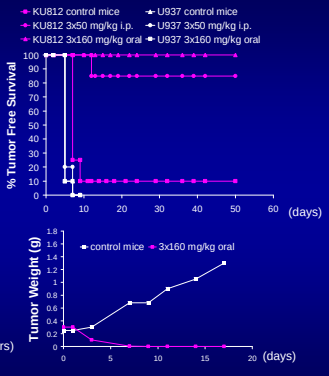
2nd generation synthetic; in clinic

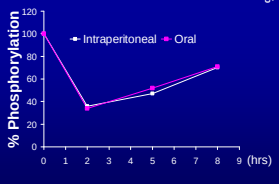


CGP 57148B = STI571

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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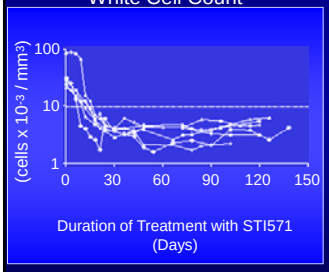

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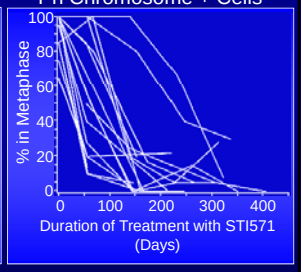

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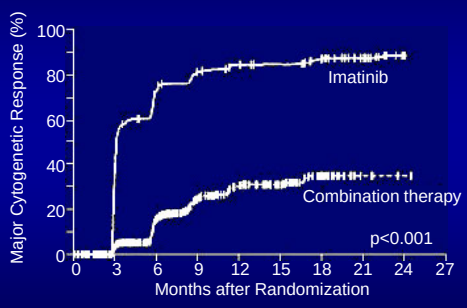
TIME TO A MAJOR CYTOGENETIC RESPONSE FOR IMATINIB VS. INTERFERON AND LOW-DOSE CYTARABINE IN CHRONIC-PHASE CML



Druker et al, NEJM 348: 994, 2003

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

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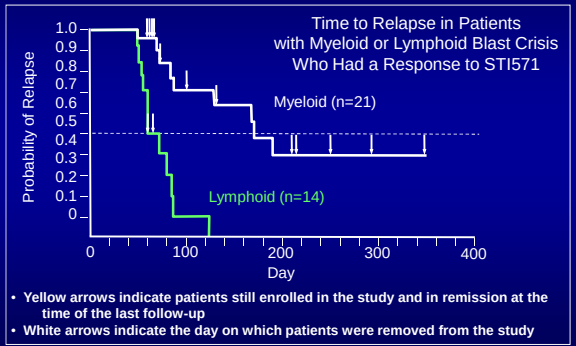

- **Yellow arrows indicate patients still enrolled in the study and in remission at the time of the last follow-up**
- **White arrows indicate the day on which patients were removed from the study**

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

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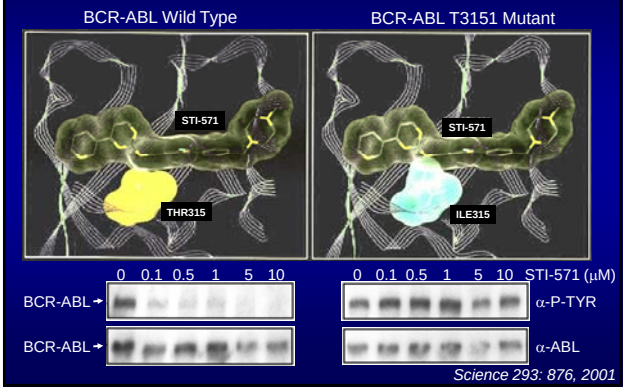

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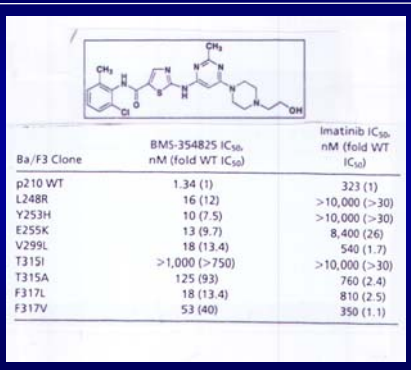
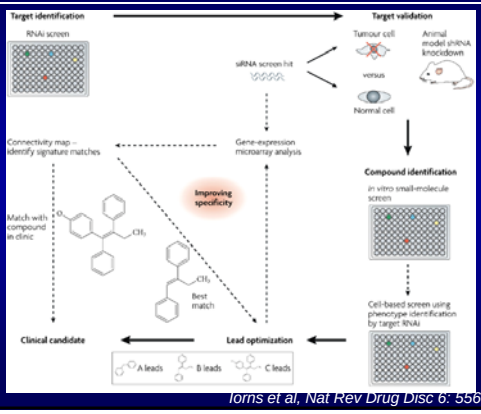
DASATINIB (BMS-354825) ACTIVE AGAINST MOST IMATINIB RESISTANT MUTANTS



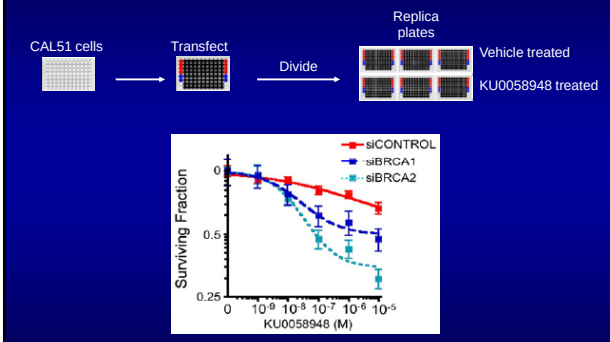
Ba/F3 Clone	BMS-354825 IC_{50}, nM (fold WT IC_{50})	Imatinib IC_{50}, nM (fold WT IC_{50})
p210 WT	1.34 (1)	323 (1)
L248R	16 (12)	>10,000 (>30)
Y253H	10 (7.5)	>10,000 (>30)
E255K	13 (9.7)	8,400 (26)
V299L	18 (13.4)	540 (1.7)
T315I	>1,000 (>750)	>10,000 (>30)
T315A	125 (93)	760 (2.4)
F317L	18 (13.4)	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

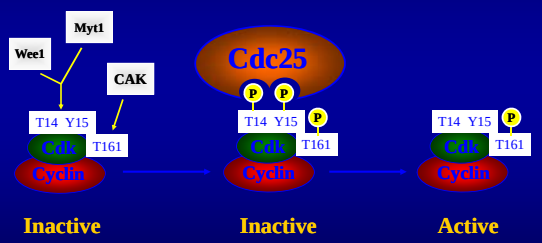


Lord et al, DNA Repair 7: 2010 (2008)

CASE 3: CDC25 Phosphatases and Cancer

- 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^{G12V} and CDC25A cooperated with Rb $^{-/-}$ in the oncogenic focus transformation of mouse embryonic fibroblasts and tumor formation in nude mice. Thus, Cdc25A & B may be human oncogenes.

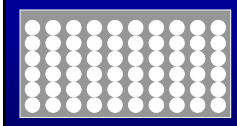
Regulation of Cell Cycle Progression by Cdc25: Cdk Activation



Method for identifying Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitors

GST-Cdc25 in assay buffer

Fluorescein diphosphate



Incubate 1h

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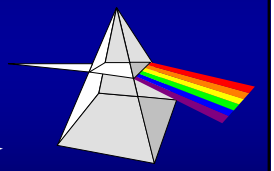
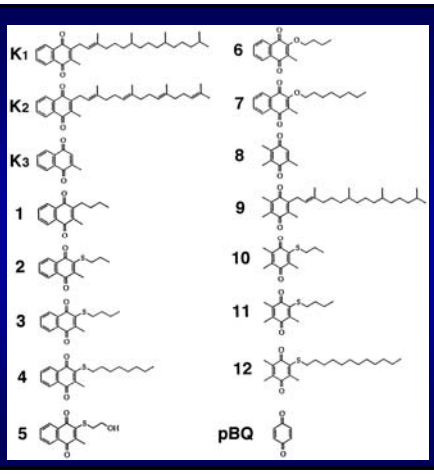


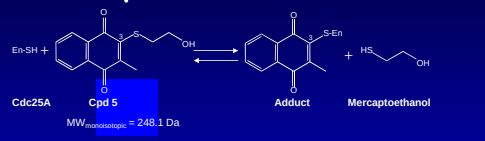
Read product
(fluorescein monophosphate)
on cytoflour II

Chemical Screening Approach

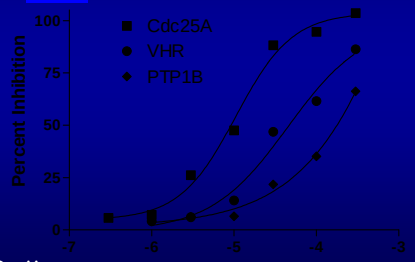
- Targeted Array Libraries
- Diverse Chemical Libraries



Compound 5 inhibits Cdc25



$MW_{monoisotopic}$ = 248.1 Da

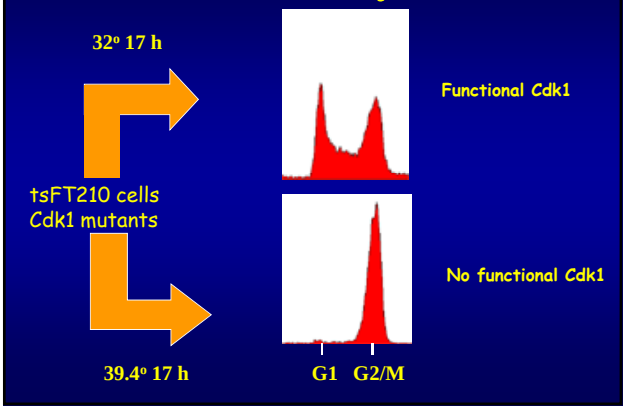


$Cdc25B_2$ K_i ~ 2 μM

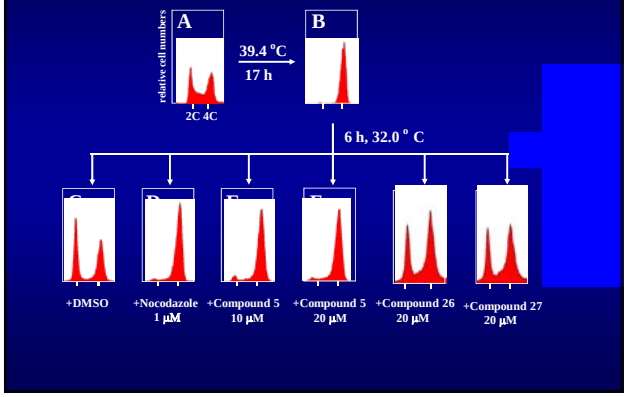
Compound Validation

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

tsFT210 Cell System



Compound 5 causes G2/M arrest



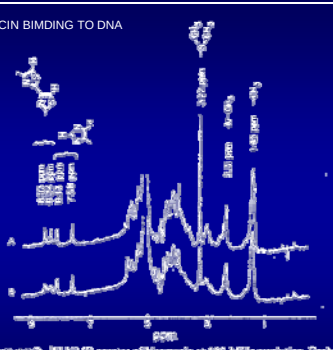
CASE 4: NMR-BASED SCREENING

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 (~K_D = 5mM)
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

Hajduk et al. J Med Chem 48: 2518, 2005

NMR AS MEANS OF DEFINING BINDING SITES

E.G., BLEOMYCIN BIMDING TO DNA



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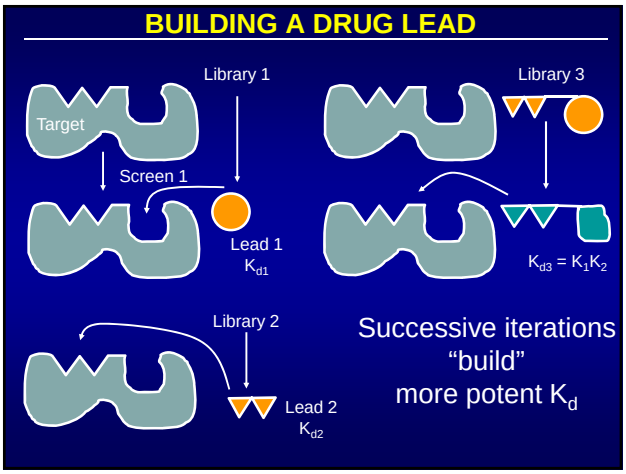
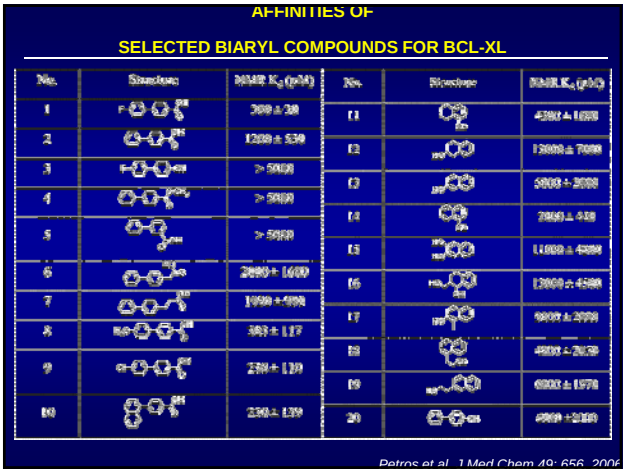
BUILDING A DRUG LEAD



AFFINITIES OF SELECTED BIARYL COMPOUNDS FOR BCL-XL



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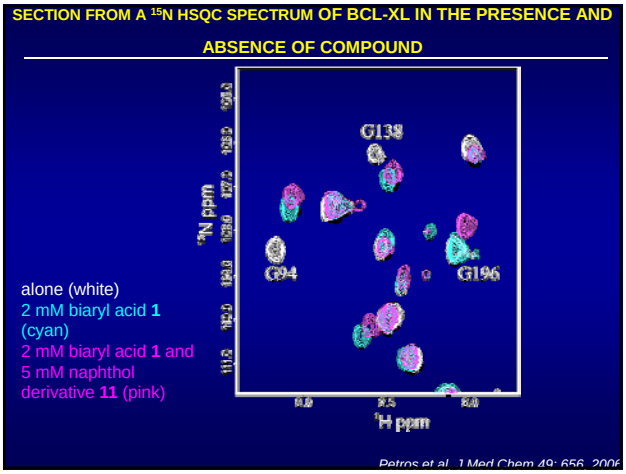
SECTION FROM A ^{15}N HSQC SPECTRUM OF BCL-XL IN THE PRESENCE AND ABSENCE OF COMPOUND



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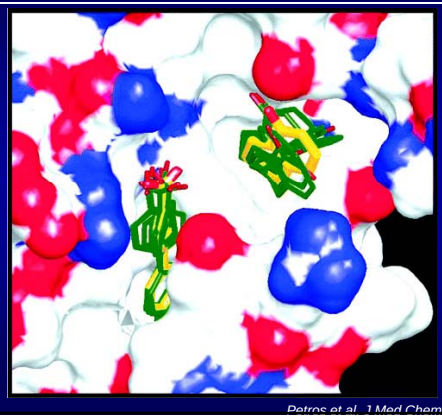
SUPERPOSITION OF SEVEN LOW-ENERGY STRUCTURES CALCULATED FOR BCL-XL COMPLEXED TO 1 AND 11



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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

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

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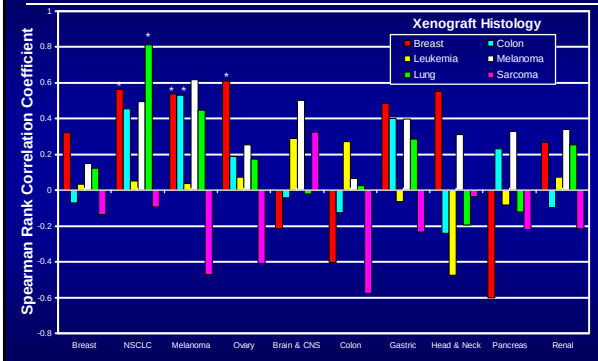
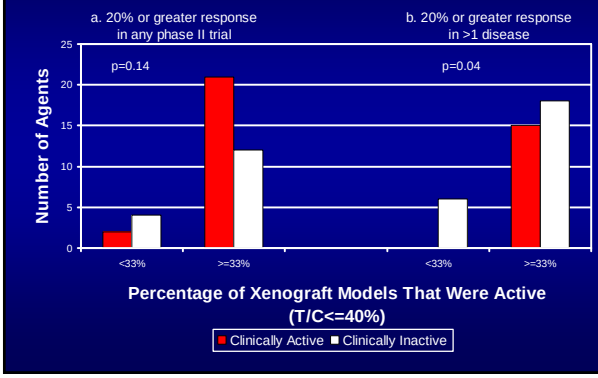
CORRELATION OF *IN VIVO* ACTIVITY WITH CLINICAL ACTIVITY BY DISEASE TYPE



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



PROBLEMS WITH EMPIRICAL MODELS

- 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

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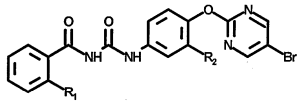


NSC	R_1	R_2
624548	NO_2	Cl
639828	NH_2	Cl
639829	$N(CH_3)_2$	CH_3
647884	NH_2	CH_3
654259	$NCOCH_2NH_2 \cdot HCl$	CH_3
654261	$NCOCH_2N(CH_3)_2 \cdot HCl$	CH_3

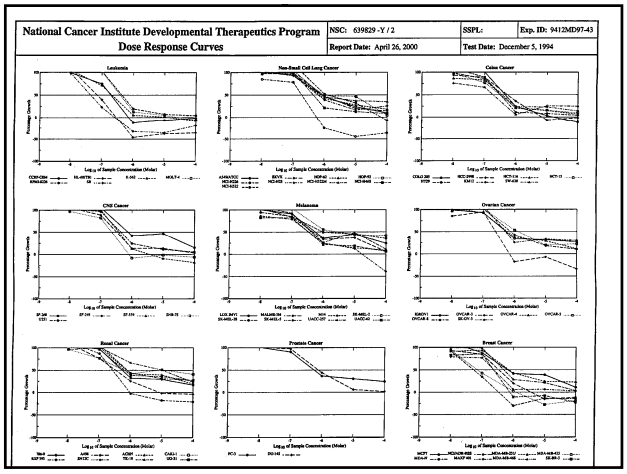
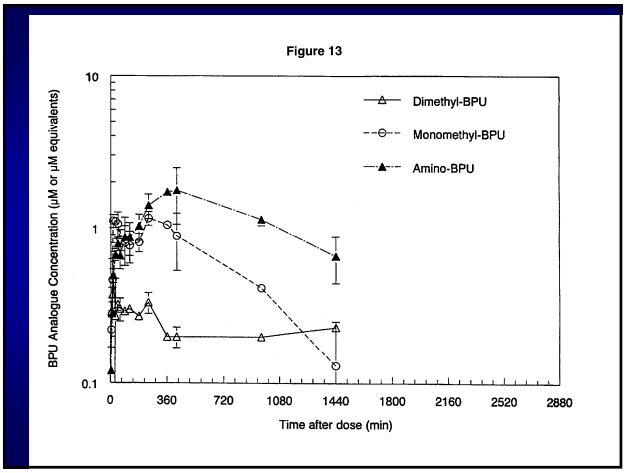


Figure 4

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	Early-SC	IP	QD X5	15	3.7	**0**	**43**
(SCID mice)	Adv-SC	PO	QD X5	8	10.1	**18**	**65**
	Adv-SC	PO	Q4D X3	18	16.2	**21**	**88**
NCI-H522	Adv-SC	IP	Q4D X3	20	0.0	**19**	**57**
		PO	Q4D X3	45	0.9	**19**	**83**
OVCAR-3	Adv-SC	IP	Q4D X3	20	1.5	**21**	**75**
		PO	Q4D X3	>45	2.3	**25**	**71**
MDA-MB-231	Adv-SC	IP	QD X5	>12	0.0	106	-23
	Early-SC	PO	Q4D X3	>30	0.9	**37**	**32**
		PO	Q7D X3	100	0.7	63	**37**
MDA-MB-435	Early-SC	IP	QD X5	12	0.0	**33**	**>29**
		IP	Q4D X3	30	0.1	**11**	**>29**
	Early-SC	IP	QD X5	12	12.2	**13**	**>43**
		IP	Q7D X3	>30	3.7	53	**>33**
		PO	Q7D X3	>67.5	8.6	**38**	**>58**
MDA-N	Early-SC	IP	Q7D X3	>25	4.6	65	16

(BPUTAB2.WPD)



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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

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

Starting Dose: 24 mg/m^2

PROBLEMS WITH "MTD" DRIVEN ENDPOINTS

- 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

MOLECULAR TARGET SCREEN ⟷ PHARMACOLOGY (to affect target)

Biochemical
Engineered cell
Animal (yeast/worm/fish)

CHEMISTRY

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TARGET-DEPENDENT *IN VIVO* MODEL

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IND DIRECTED TOX/FORM

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PHASE I: DOSE/SCHEDULE: HUMAN PHARM/TOX; ? AFFECT TARGET

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PHASE II: ACTIVITY = ? AFFECT TARGET

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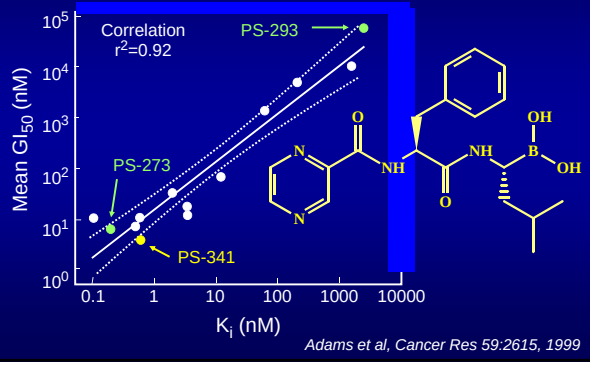
PHASE III: COMPARE WITH STANDARD; STRATIFY BY TARGET?

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



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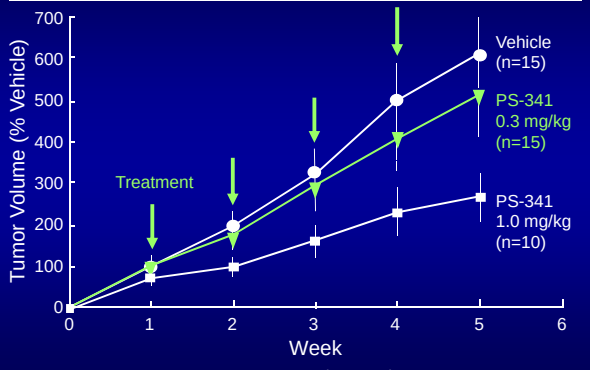
EFFECT OF PS-341 ON PC-3 TUMOR GROWTH IN MICE



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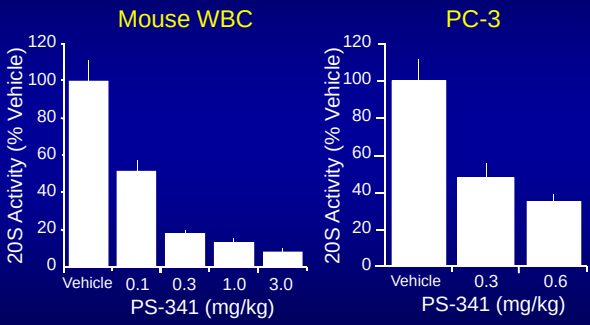

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PS-341: INTERSPECIES

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

Species	Dose (mg/kg)	Dose (mg/m^2)	% 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

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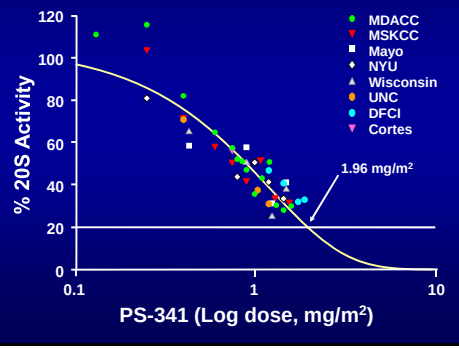
Ex Vivo Proteasome Activity: 1 Hour Post Treatment



PRECLINICAL DRUG STUDIES: SUMMARY

- 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