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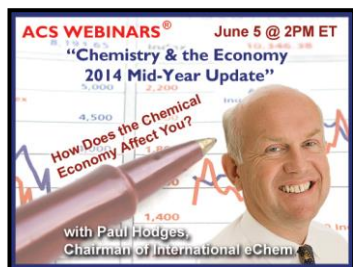
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Mark Jones, Executive External Strategy and Communications Fellow at Dow



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Dr. Rigoberto Hernandez, Professor in the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Georgia Tech

Dr. Stephen Quirk, Global Director of Life Sciences for the Kimberly-Clark Corporation

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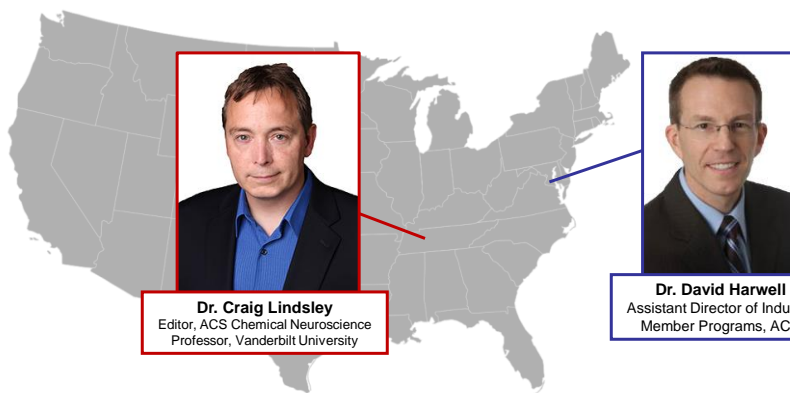
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Session 4: Lead Optimization – Building Efficacy & Safety



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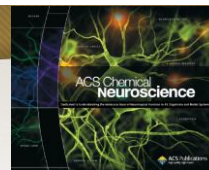
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Lead Optimization – Building Efficacy & Safety

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VCNDD Co-Director, Director, Medicinal Chemistry
Editor-in-Chief, *ACS Chemical Neuroscience*

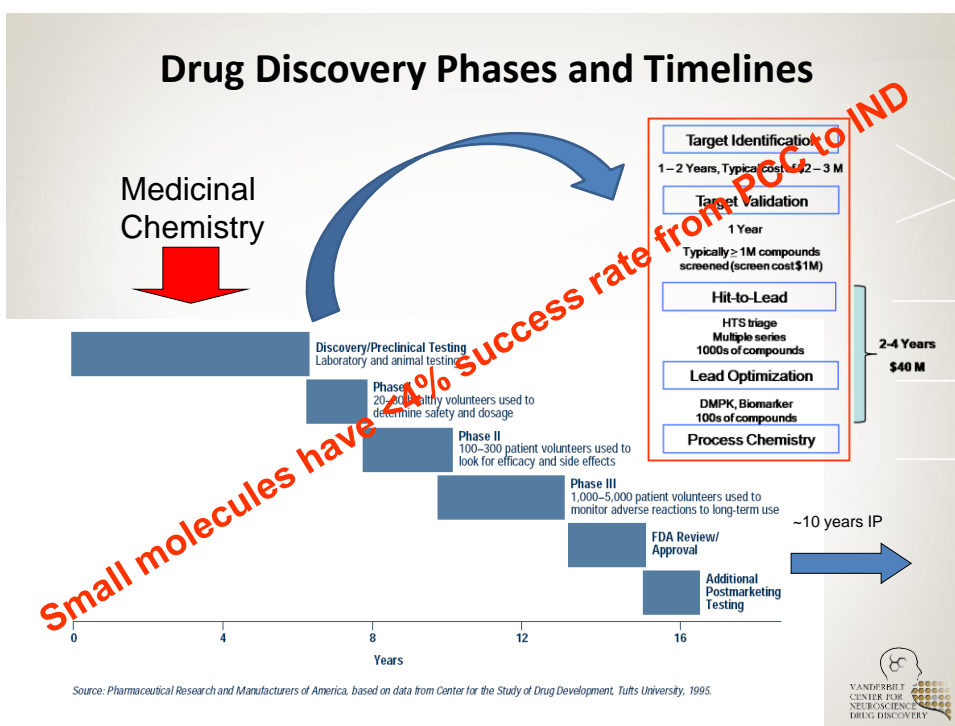
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NCDDDG: Discovery of Novel
Treatments for Schizophrenia



Drug Discovery Phases and Timelines



Criteria for Lead Selection

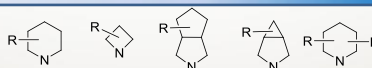
Compound Series

- Reproducible activity
 - Dose responsive
 - Confirmed structural identity
 - Purity established
 - No evidence of class instability
 - Tractable synthetic route established
 - Favorable IP position and competitive assessment for class
- } **Chemical Attributes**
- Demonstrable exploitable SAR
- } **Biochemical Attributes**
- Support for interaction with molecular target
 - Selectivity/Profile established
- } **Pharmacology Attributes**
- Assessment of 'drugability' (*in vivo* profile)
 - Secondary Assay Funnel Validated

Intellectual Property Position

Poor IP Solid IP

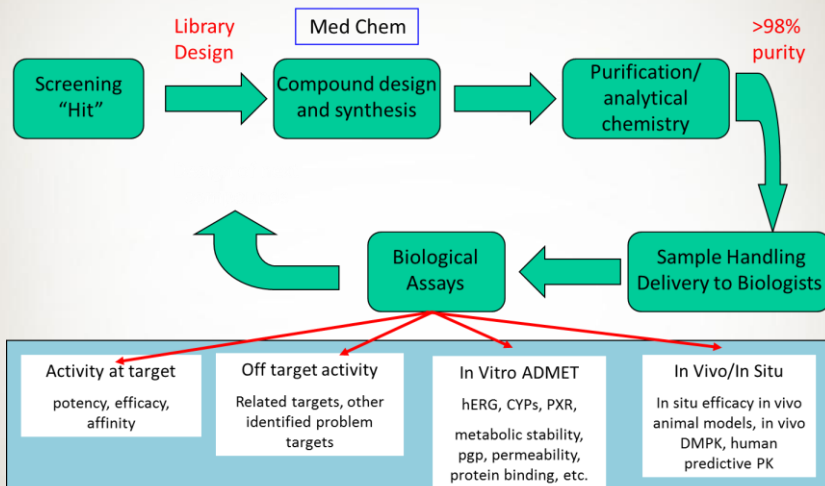
Chemotype
Frequency



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Lead Optimization— an iterative process of compound synthesis, testing, and design

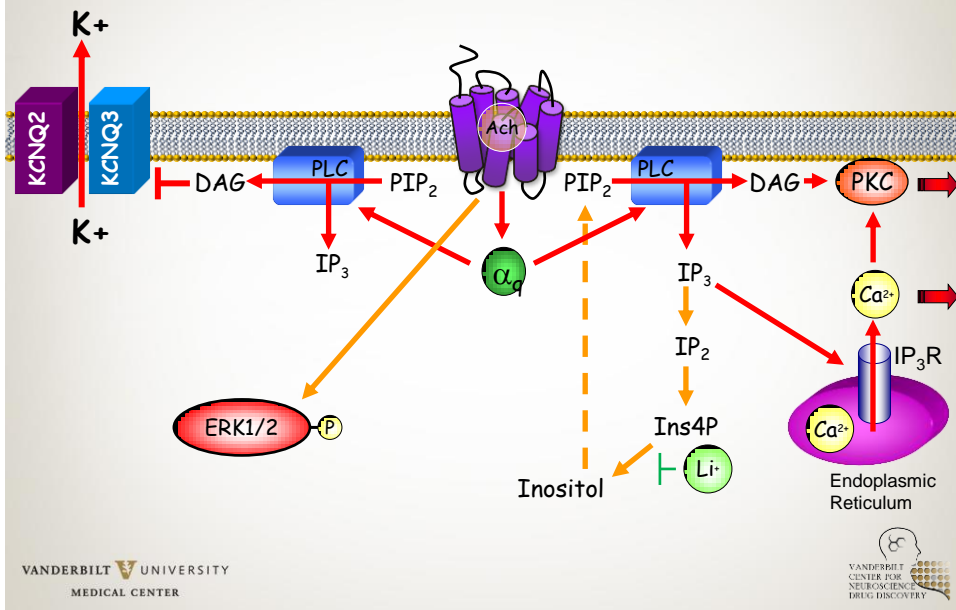


Requires Medicinal Chemists to KNOW Pharmacology

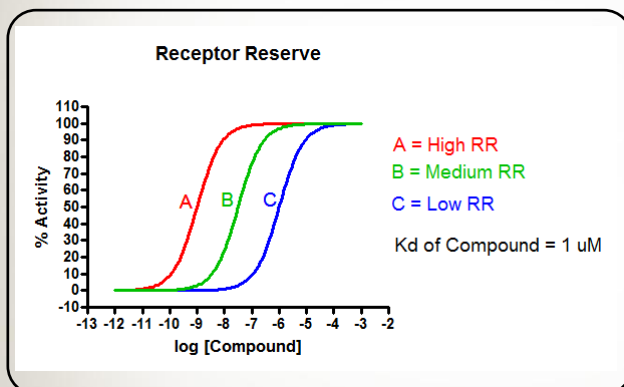
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An Overview of M₁ mAChR Signaling – Signal Bias

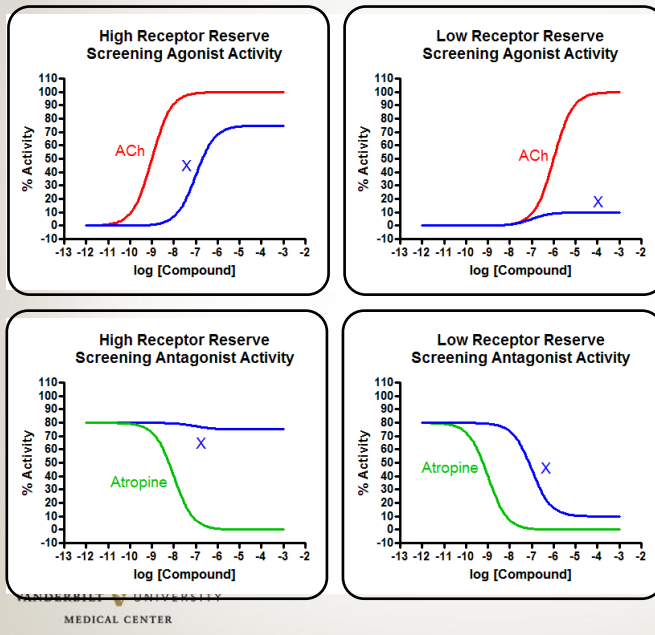


Receptor Reserve: Excess Receptors Beyond Those Necessary for a Maximal Response

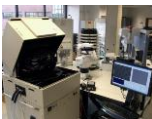


- High Receptor Reserve: Potency < Affinity
- Low Receptor Reserve: Potency ≈ Affinity
- In vivo there is a large range of mAChR receptor reserve levels
- In a given cell, mAChR coupling to distinct pathways can have different receptor reserves

Receptor Reserve – Weak Partial Agonist Considerations

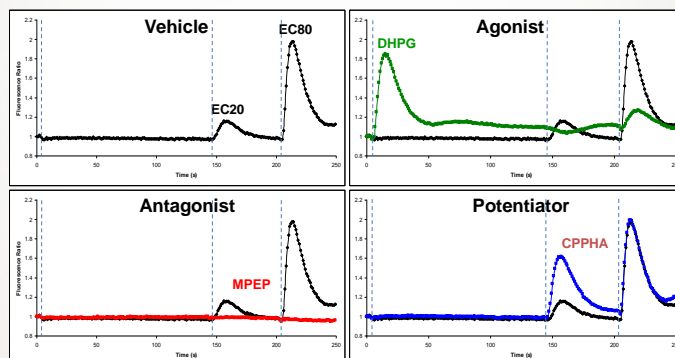


- Weak partial agonists can have increased efficacy and potency in high receptor reserve
- Weak partial agonists can look like antagonists in low receptor reserve
- High receptor reserve systems set the highest bar for identifying antagonists
- This is critical for an antagonist program as it is the safest way to identify true antagonists



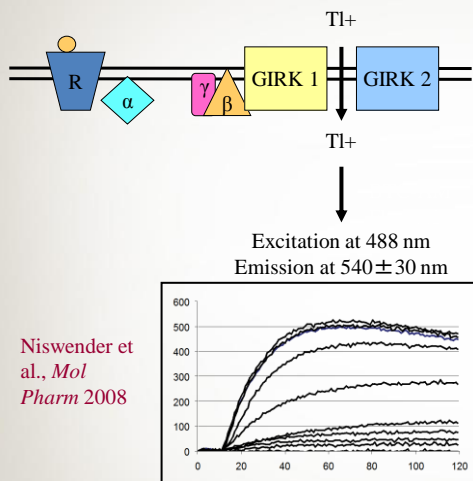
Primary Screening Success

Kinetic assays, multiplexed additions, and careful data analysis result in outstanding success with numerous screens (~15)

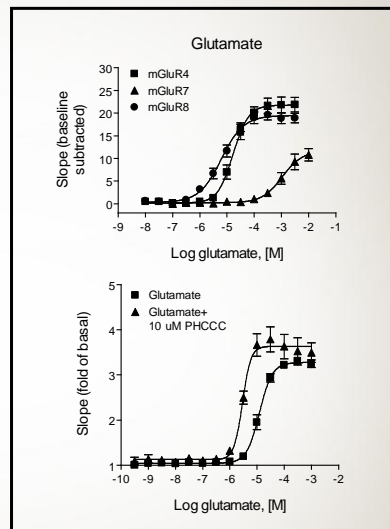


- A single HTS identifies agonists, PAMs, NAMs, agonists and antagonists
- For routine primary screen, identifies 'molecular switches'
- Enables us to identify ago-PAMs (safe/desirable versus severe AEs, based on target)

Assay Development

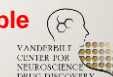


Niswender et al., *Mol Pharm* 2008



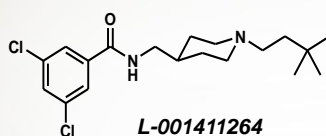
Do not drive on a single assay read-out – native when possible

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Fluorine Introduction

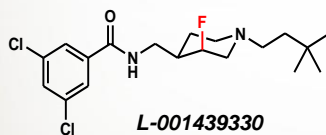
- Inclusion of a F atom to attenuate the basicity of the ring N atom
(J. Med. Chem. 1999 42 2087)



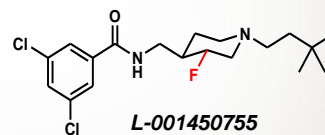
L-001411264
 α 1 61 nM
 $pK_a = 8.7$
Panlabs 12 hits



L-001428751
 α 1 66 nM
 $pK_a = 7.9$
Panlabs 4 hits



L-001439330
 α 1 29 nM
 $pK_a = 7.9$
Panlabs 4 hits



L-001450755
 α 1 506 nM
 $pK_a = 6.7$

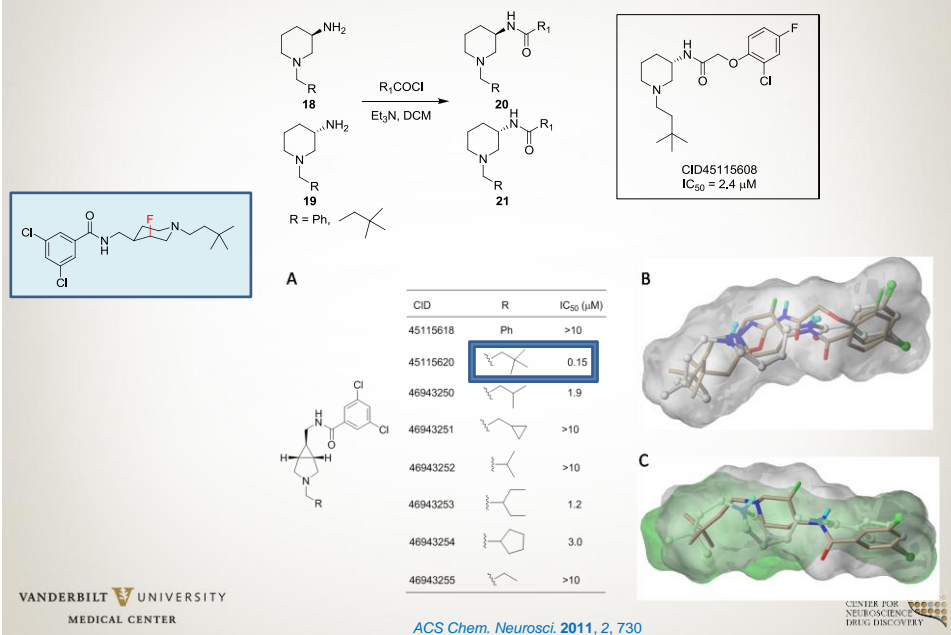
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• Efficacious in sleep, HIC, essential tremor, Wag-Rij, AHL, Pain

JMC, 2008, 51, 3692; JMC, 2008, 51, 6471



Scaffold Hopping For IP



In vitro Drug Metabolism & Pharmacokinetics

Molecular Metabolism

- Permeability –CNS & intestinal
- Active uptake/efflux (disposition)
- Drug-drug interactions (DDI)
- Human hepatocytes (human PK)

Caco-2, MDCK cells, vesicles
(tissue culture facility, outsource)



HT Bioanalysis → Bedrock Function

- automated sample prep'n
- state-of-art mass spec techniques
- automated data analysis/storage



Thermo
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Biotransformation

- Clearance mechanisms (CL_{int})
- P450, MAO: DDI & induction
- Metabolite identification (pharmacology/safety)
- Drug safety (Drug Interactions)

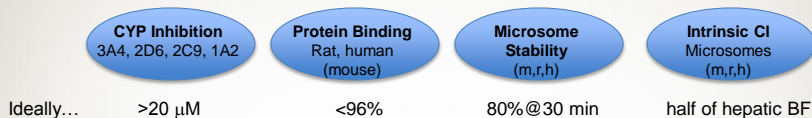


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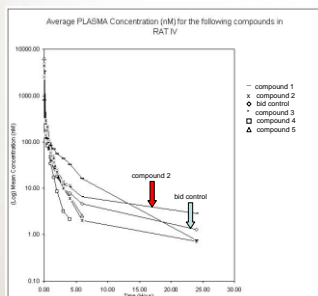
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In vitro Drug Metabolism & Pharmacokinetics

Tier 1



Cassettes

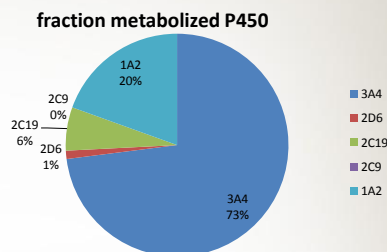


- Cassette PBL
- Standard PBL
- IV/PO mouse/rat
- Metabolite ID
- CYP mapping, etc.

P450 fraction metabolized (f_m)

	Substrate Depletion Clearance ^a		
	CL_{int} (mL/min/kg)	CL_H (mL/min/kg)	Fraction metabolized
rh3A4	69.5	16.1	73.0
rh2D6	0.3	0.3	1.2
rh2C19	1.5	1.4	6.3
rh2C9	not detected	0.0	0.0
rh1A2	5.4	4.3	19.5

^aRecombinant P450 CL_{int} values were scaled and then corrected using ISEF correction factors for known isoform specific substrates and incorporated published values of hepatic expression.

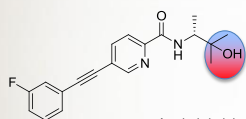


- In vitro CL_{int} with recombinant human P450 suggests 3A4 is the major oxidative metabolic pathway
(other routes of clearance not covered by this approach)
- Need to assess AO/XO – non-CYPs for many common heterocycles
- f_m values are used to estimate DDI potential
- Understand induction – chronic dosing study to assess drug exposure
- Synthesize and characterize major metabolites!

mGlu₅ PAM vs. Agonist - Neurotoxicity

Allosteric agonism at mGlu₅

- DHPG induces prolonged epileptiform discharges in native systems
- DHPG (ICV) induces limbic seizures and can be inhibited by antagonists



VU0424465

EC₅₀ = 7 nM (69%)

Cell: Ago-PAM

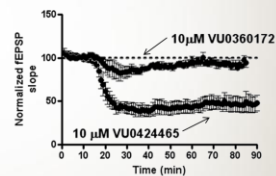
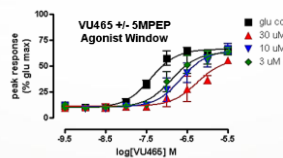
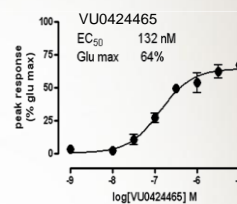
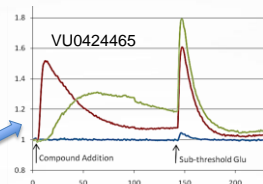
Astrocytes: Agonist

cLogP = 3.6

PPB (h, r) 97.8, 97.2% (rac)

AHL- beh. disturbances

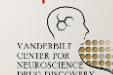
Agonist in both low and high expressing systems



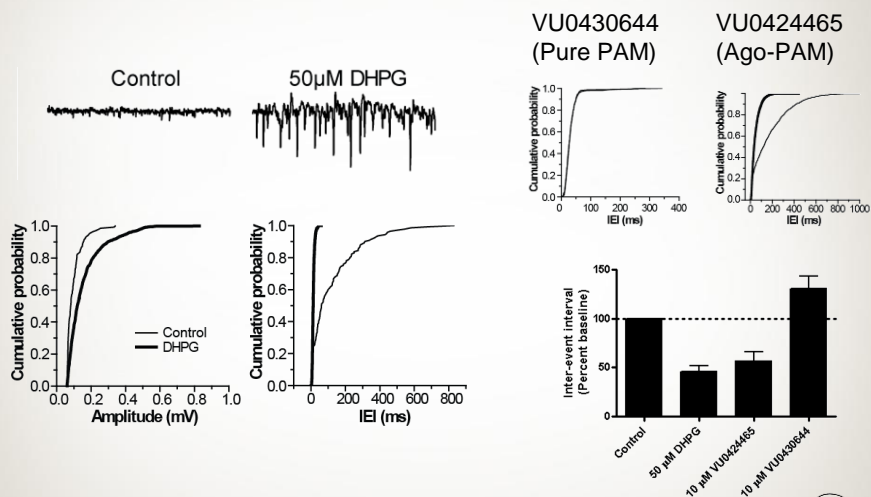
VU0424465 appears to be consistent with over-activation of mGlu₅ alone via Ago-PAM profile.

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mGlu₅ orthosteric and allosteric agonists induce epileptiform activity in hippocampal area CA3

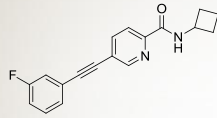


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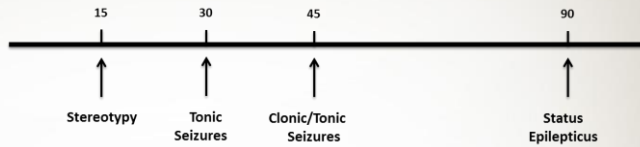


VU0403602 induces seizure activity after IP administration



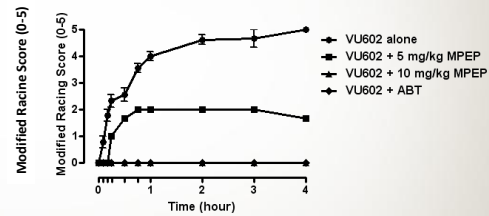
VU0403602

EC₅₀ = 22 nM H10H PAM



Dose (mg/kg) i.p.	Behavioral Effects
3	None
10	Stereotypy
30	Status Epilepticus

Racine Score of Behavioral Manifestations of VU0403602-induced seizure activity



➤ AE profile is blocked by MPEP and ABT (P450 Inhibitor)

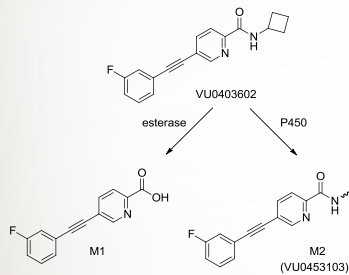
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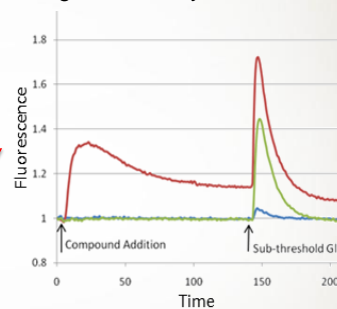


Major metabolite of VU0403602 (VU0453103) has robust agonist activity

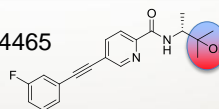
In vivo hepatic metabolism of VU0403602.



VU0453103 has allosteric agonist activity



VU0424465



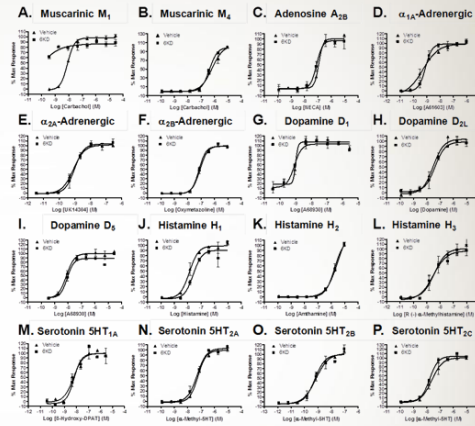
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Ancillary Pharmacology

Cat #	Assay Name	Batch*	Spec.	Rep.	Conc.	% Inh.
Compound: VU19-M1, PT #: 1169088						
200510	Adrenergic α_1	331860	hum	2	10 μ M	26
200610	Adrenergic α_{1A}	331861	hum	2	10 μ M	7
200720	Adrenergic α_2	331823	hum	2	10 μ M	7
203100	Adrenergic α_{1A}	331862	rat	2	10 μ M	-3
203200	Adrenergic α_{1B}	331863	rat	2	10 μ M	7
203400	Adrenergic α_{1C}	331894	hum	2	10 μ M	16
203500	Adrenergic α_{1D}	331895	hum	2	10 μ M	67
204010	Adrenergic β_1	331854	hum	2	10 μ M	0
204110	Adrenergic β_2	331855	hum	2	10 μ M	-9
280100	Androgen (Testosterone) AR	331880	rat	2	10 μ M	7
212510	Bradykinin B ₁	331866	hum	2	10 μ M	0
212620	Bradykinin B ₂	331867	hum	2	10 μ M	8
214510	Calcium Channel L-Type, Benzothiazepine	331860	rat	2	10 μ M	12
214600	Calcium Channel L-Type, Dihydropyridine	331868	rat	2	10 μ M	12
218000	Calcium Channel N-Type	331822	rat	2	10 μ M	1
217050	Cannabinoid CB ₁	331869	hum	2	10 μ M	12
219500	Dopamine D ₁	331827	hum	2	10 μ M	7
219700	Dopamine D ₂	331833	hum	2	10 μ M	14
219800	Dopamine D ₃	331834	hum	2	10 μ M	0
219900	Dopamine D ₄	331835	hum	2	10 μ M	1
224010	Endothelin ET _A	331817	hum	2	10 μ M	-5
224110	Endothelin ET _B	331818	hum	2	10 μ M	4
225010	Epidermal Growth Factor (EGF)	331821	hum	2	10 μ M	4
226010	Estrogen ER α	331860	hum	2	10 μ M	15
226500	GABA _A , Flunitrazepam, Central	331840	rat	2	10 μ M	3
226500	GABA _A , Muscimol, Central	331841	rat	2	10 μ M	-5
228610	GABA _A α_1	331867	hum	2	10 μ M	1
232030	Glucocorticoid	331830	hum	2	10 μ M	8
232700	Glutamate, Kainate	331885	rat	2	10 μ M	6
232810	Glutamate, NMDA, Agonism	331886	rat	2	10 μ M	19
232910	Glutamate, NMDA, Glycine	331894	rat	2	10 μ M	3
233000	Glutamate, NMDA, Phenylethylamine	331883	rat	2	10 μ M	5
239010	Histamine H ₁	331941	hum	2	10 μ M	10
239710	Histamine H ₂	331842	hum	2	10 μ M	1



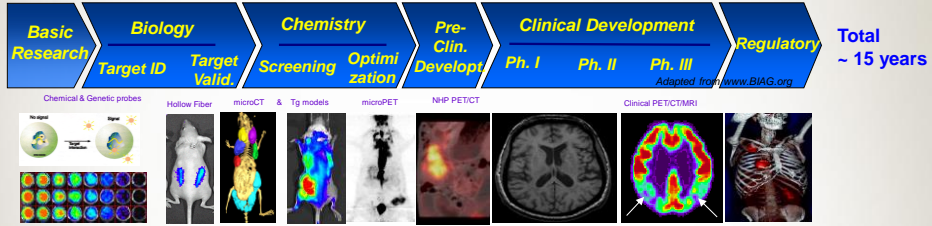
Essential for ion channels, prior to CV dog

PD Models

- Does preclinical rodent model(s) mimic the human disease? Is translational?
- Is there capacity to drive a lead optimization program?
- IS there a genetic model?
- Should you employ animal models?
- Test mechanism in disease population with assurance you have target engagement?

Imaging Biomarker Initiative

Cost (\$M) 165 205 39 120 94 46 86 101 26 \$881



Total ~ 15 years

• Preclinical Research and Development

- In vivo target evaluation – Drug efficacy testing, faster identification of optimal molecule
- In vivo animal model development – Enabling more predictive models
- Evaluate potential drug safety liability

• Early Clinical Development (From Phase I to Phase II POC)

- Target engagement
- Dose selection and early demonstration of efficacy and/or toxicity
- Stratification of patient cohorts – Shorter and successful clinical trials
- Quick Kill ... Cheap Failure ! Faster re-deployment of resources and \$

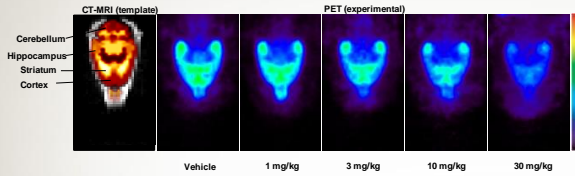
• Late Clinical Development

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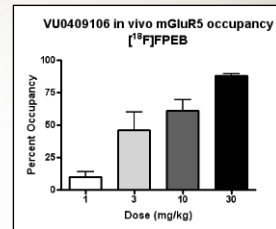


Biomarkers

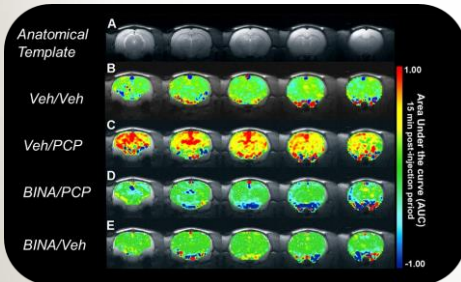
PET



VU0409106 50% Occupancy gives full efficacy in primary PD model

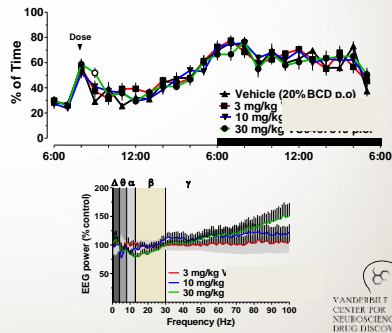


fMRI



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Sleep-Wake EEG



AstraZeneca: The 5R Framework for Successful Lead Optimization

Right target

- Strong link between target and disease
- Differentiated efficacy
- Available and predictive biomarkers

Right LO strategy – the 6th R

- Iterative parallel synthesis
- Matrix libraries
- Technology

Right tissue

- Adequate bioavailability and tissue exposure
- Definition of PD biomarkers
- Clear understanding of preclinical and clinical PK/PD
- Understanding of drug–drug interactions

Right safety

- Differentiated and clear safety margins
- Understanding of secondary pharmacology risk
- Understanding of reactive metabolites, genotoxicity, drug–drug interactions
- Understanding of target liability

Right patients

- Identification of the most responsive patient population
- Definition of risk–benefit for given population

Right commercial potential

- Differentiated value proposition versus future standard of care
- Focus on market access, payer and provider
- Personalized health-care strategy, including diagnostic and biomarkers

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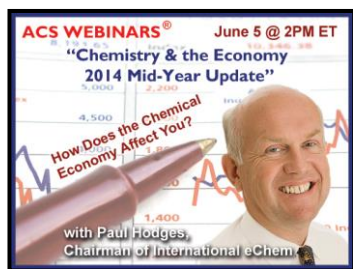
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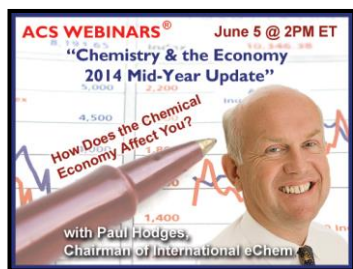


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