

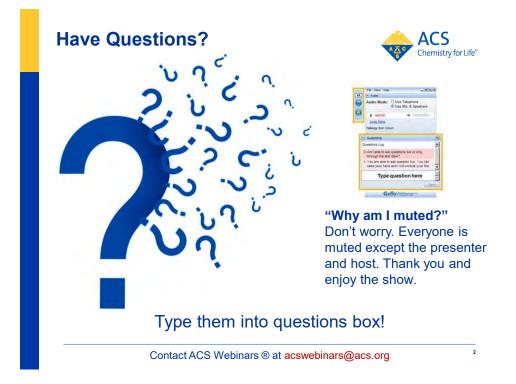


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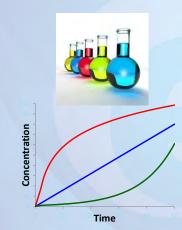
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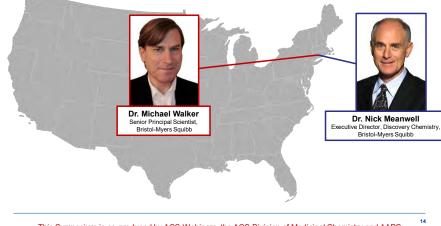




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# Strategies to Improve Solubility of Drug Candidates





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# **Today's Speaking Points**

- Dose establishes the level of solubility which needs to be achieved
- Factors hampering the aqueous solubility of drugs
- Improving solubility by dissecting a molecule based on its interaction with its target
- Underappreciated and unexpected effects of certain structural modifications



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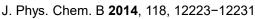
- Compounds defined as sparingly-to-practically insoluble made up 67% of the drugs in 2006
- The highest percent (37%) of drugs displayed solubility < 0.1 mg/mL</p>

The demand for high potency and low dose means that poor solubility will remain an important issue in drug discovery.

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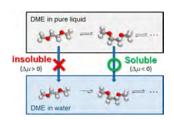
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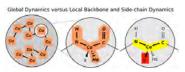
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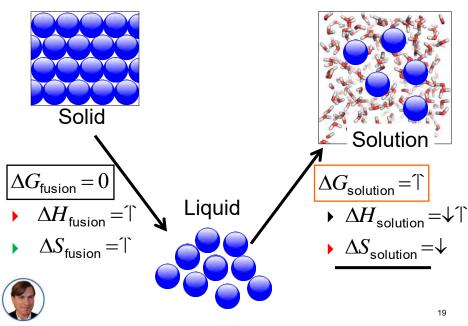






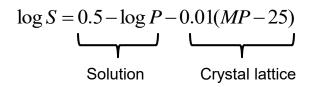
# Erroneous Explanations for the Limited Water Solubility of Organic Liquids......"

J. Chem. Ed. 1994, 71, 281



### Loss in Entropy Disfavors Dissolution

# **General Solubility Equation**



### **Assumptions**

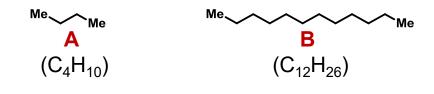
Small, rigid molecule

Compound is completely miscible with octanol,  $\log X_o = 0.5$ 





Which molecule, A or B, adopts a collapsed conformation in water?



- A
- B
- Both A and B
- Neither A nor B

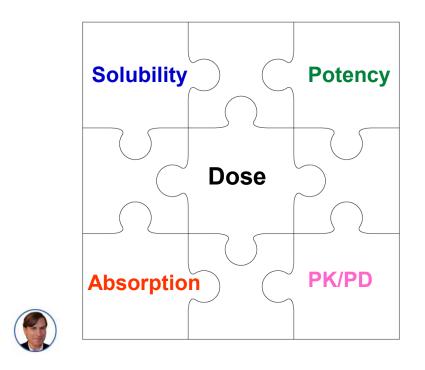
# Answer: Neither A nor B

Numerous experiments have shown that n-alkanes up to at least  $C_{12}$  exist in a fully extended conformation in water. A recent study suggests that the trend continues up to at least  $C_{22}$ 

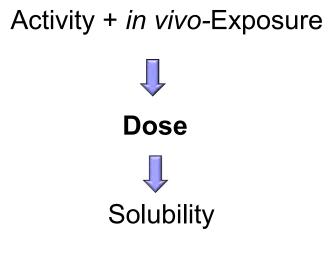


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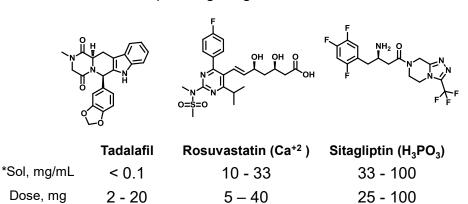






## Dose ↔ Solubility

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http://www.medscape.com; Top 100 Most Prescribed, Top-Selling Drugs, \*LISP solubility categories, practically insoluble, slightly soluble, an

\*USP solubility categories, practically insoluble, slightly soluble and soluble, resp.

### $Dose \rightarrow Target Solubility$

$$S = 0.015 \times \left(\frac{D}{K_a}\right)$$

S = Target Solubility

D = Target dose

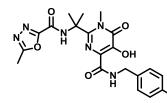
 $K_a$  = Intestinal absorption rate constant

Absorption Rate	S (mg/mL) relative to $D$ (mg)	
Low	≥ 0.01 <i>D</i>	
High	≥ 0.001 <i>D</i>	



Derived from the Maximum Absorbable Dose equation Pharm. Res. **1996** 13, 1795

# Activity + Exposure $\rightarrow$ Dose



**Raltegravir (Merck)** 

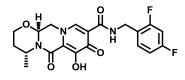
Serum Adj EC<sub>95</sub> = 31 nM

<sup>a</sup>C<sub>12</sub> = 160, 350 nM

Dose = 400 mg BID

(Sol = 30 – 100 mg/mL)

<sup>a</sup> Dog dosed at 2 and 10 mg/kg <sup>b</sup>Rat, dog, cyno dosed at 5 mg/kg



Dolutegravir (ViiV) Serum Adj  $EC_{90} = 152 \text{ nM}$  ${}^{b}C_{24} = 2,988(r), 701(d), 122(c) \text{ nM}$ Dose = 50 mg QD (Sol = 1 - 10 mg/mL)

J. Med. Chem., **2013**, 56, 5901 J. Med. Chem., **2008**, 51, 5843

### Lessons Learned: Overcoming Poor Solubility

### **Reduce Dose**

- Increase in vitro activity
  - Log P
  - Increase H-Bonding
  - Conformational control
  - Fill pockets (increase size)

#### Optimize absorption

•Log P

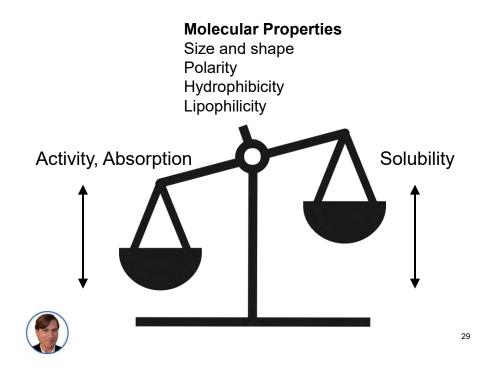
- Reduce H-bonding
- Reduce polarity
- Reduce size

Etc....

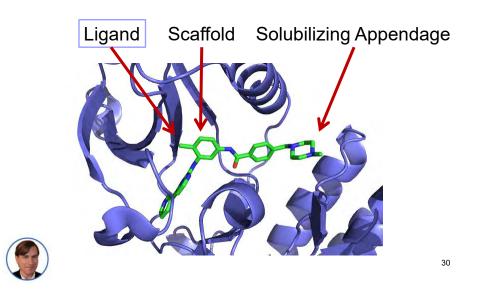
### **Increase Solubility**

- Lower Log P
  - H-Bonding to water
  - Reduce Size
  - Increase polarity
- Lower melting point
  - Reduce H-bonding
  - Increase flexibility

Etc....



# **Dissection of Molecule**



# **Ligand Effects on Solubility**

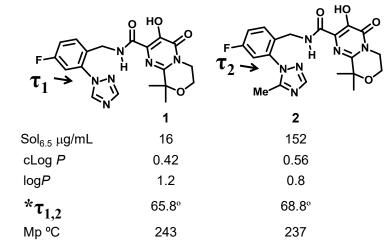
$\Delta$ Log S (% compounds with increased sol)				
	Leach et al.	Zhang et al.	Gleeson et al.	
F	-0.22 (34)	-0.45 (22)	-0.1 (9)[Ar]	
Cl	-0.67 (14)	-1.45 (4)	-0.35 (5)[Ar]	
CF <sub>3</sub>	-0.81 (17)	-0.77 (25)	-0.54 (3)	
Me	-0.21 (33)	-0.50 (26)	-0.11 (11)	
OMe	-0.11 (42)	-0.24 (43)	-0.03 (19)	
CN	-0.26 (36)	-	-0.14 (9)	
OH	0.07 (56)	0.97 (85)	0.31 (48)[Ali]	
$\mathrm{NH}_2$	-	0.76 (61)	0.37 (54)[Ali]	
$SO_2Me$	0.26 (71)	-0.38 (0)	0.01 (27)	
$\mathrm{CO}_{2}\mathrm{H}$	-	-0.05 (45)	0.57 (56)	



J. Med. Chem. **2006**, 49, 6672 Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett. **2011**, 19, 5763 Bioorg. Med. Chem. **2009**, 17, 5906

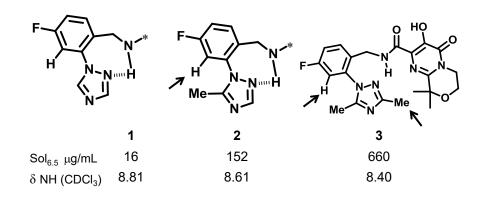
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# **Addition of Methyl**





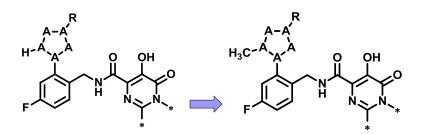
\*Determined by single crystal X-Ray crystallography





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**Matched Pair Analysis** 



### N = 41

Avg. change in solubility = +0.2 mg/mL

# of compounds with increase = 34 (avg. change in sol = 0.265 mg/mL) # of compounds with no change = 4

# of compounds with decrease = 3 (avg change in sol = -0.03 mg/mL)



# F Can Reduce Hydrophobicity

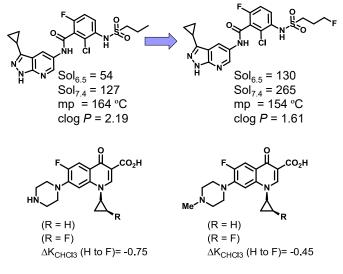
aryl versus akyl substitution

Fluorine addition to alkyl group reduces hydrophobicity



J Am Chem Soc (1964) 5175-5180 J Org Chem (1967) 2583-2586 35

# Use of **F** in Drug Design

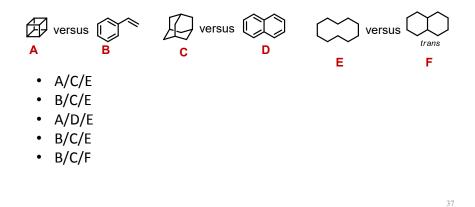




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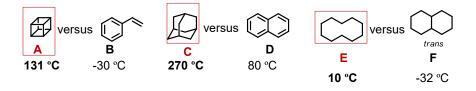


Which compound in each set has the higher melting point?



### Answer

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## **Disruption of H-Bonding**

Selective Androgen Receptor Modulator Model of X-Ray Structure  $\begin{array}{c} HO + H \\ + H$ 

- Crystal packing of BMS-564929 dominated by strong H-bonding
- Aryl rings are co-planar and close enough to π-stack

J Med Chem (2007) 3015-3025

**Remove H-Bond Acceptor** 

Model of X-Ray Structure но CN we We BMS-564929 2 Sol = 62 µM Sol = 2009 µM  $\log P = 1.3$  $\log P = 2.2$ Mp = 255 – 257 °C Mp = 173-177 °C H-bonding  $C_{k} = 0.71$  $C_{k} = 0.71$ D - A .... D - A .... D - A

- Mp is reduced by ~80 °C leading to ~30 fold improvement in solubility
- Number of H-bonds is preserved
- Aryl rings are co-planar not close enough to  $\pi$ -stack



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#### Internet Resources

Dr Bruno Villoutreix web site; http://www.vls3d.com/ Water in Biology; http://waterinbiology.blogspot.com Drug database: http://www.drugbank.ca <u>P</u>harmaco<u>K</u>inetics <u>K</u>nowledge Base (PKKB) http://cadd.ucsd.edu/adme BCS database; http://tsrlinc.com

#### **Solubility Reviews**

Solubility: it's not just for physical chemists *DDT*, **2006**, 11, 1012

Getting physical in drug discovery: a contemporary perspective on solubility and hydrophobicity DDT 2010, 15, 648

Optimizing the Solubility of Research Compounds: How to Avoid Going Off Track Am. Pharm. Rev. 2010, May/June issue

Hydrophobic Effects. Opinions and Facts Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl. 1993, 32, 1545

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#### Analysis of approved compounds

Statistics on BCS Classification of Generic Drug Products Approved Between 2000 and 2011 in the USA AAPS J. 2012, 14, 664

Molecular Characteristics for Solid-State Limited Solubility J. Med. Chem. 2008, 51, 3035

Poorly Soluble Marketed Drugs Display Solvation Limited Solubility J. Med. Chem. 2007, 50, 5858

BDDCS Applied to Over 900 Drugs AAPS Journal, 2011, 13, 519

Experimental solubility profiling of marketed CNS drugs, exploring solubility limit of CNS discovery candidate Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett. **2010** *20*, 7312

Assessment of the Amorphous "Solubility" of a Group of Diverse Drugs Using New Experimental and Theoretical Approaches *Mol. Pharm.*, **2015**, *12*, 484

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A medicinal chemistry perspective on melting point: matched molecular pair analysis of the effects of simple descriptors on the melting point of drug-like Compounds Med. Chem. Commun., 2012, 3, 584

Strategies at the Interface of Drug Discovery and Development: Early Optimization of the Solid State Phase and Preclinical Toxicology Formulation for Potential Drug Candidates J. Med. Chem. 2010, 53, 5897–5905

Predicting Intrinsic Aqueous Solubility by a Thermodynamic Cycle *Mol. Pharmaceutics*, **2008**, *5* (2), pp 266–279

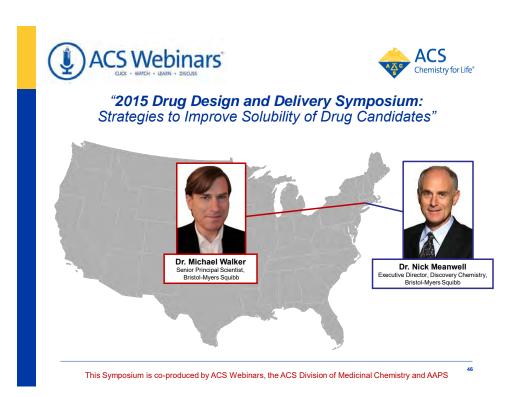
Improvement in Aqueous Solubility in Small Molecule Drug Discovery Programs by Disruption of Molecular Planarity and Symmetry J. Med. Chem. 2011, 54, 1539–1554

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U.S. Pharmacopeia Solubility Definitions

USP Solubility	*Solublity Range mg/mL	
Very Soluble	>1000	
Freely Soluble	100-1000	
Soluble	33-100	
Sparingl Soluble	10-33	
Slightly Soluble	1-10	
Very Slightly Soluble	0.1-10	
Practically Insoluble	<0.1	

\*Calculated. USP solubility is expressed as parts of solvent required to dissolve 1 part solute



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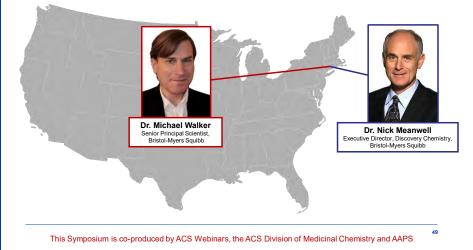
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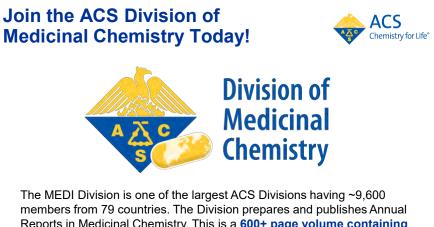
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