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Drug-Target Residence Time An Alternative Approach to Drug Optimization



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Session 1 of the 2016 Drug Design and Delivery Symposium

Key Tenet of the Drug-Target Residence Time Model

 The key tenet of this model is that the lifetime, or residence time, of the binary drug-target complex and not the binding affinity *per se*, dictates much of *in vivo* pharmacological activity.



Audience Survey Question

Who first proposed that drugs work by binding to specific receptors in the body?

- Archimedes
- Ehrlich
- Pasteur
- Curie

Poll Question #1

Question: Who first proposed that drugs work by binding to specific receptors in the body?

Answer: Paul Ehrlich (1854 –1915)

- 1908 Nobel prize in Physiology or Medicine
- Proposed the receptor theory of drug action in 1913¹
- Coined the phrase Corpora non agunt nisi fixate (a substance will not work unless it is bound).

¹ Ehrlich, P. Chemotherapeutics: Scientific Principles, Methods and Results. *Lancet* **182**, 445-451 (1913).





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Some Basic Definitions of Drug-Target Equilibrium



Residence Time = τ



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A Baseball Analogy



The runner is inhibited from stealing second base while the ball is in residence with the first basemen. As soon as the ball dissociates back to the pitcher, the inhibition of the runner is relieved.



Drug-Target Dissociation is Affected by Physico-chemical Forces that are Familiar to Medicinal Chemists

- Common Elements of Molecular Recognition
 - Hydrogen bonding patterns.
 - Apolar surface interactions.
 - Well oriented, polarizable groups.
 - van der Waals forces.
 - Conformational distortions of the binding pocket.

Often SAR efforts aimed at potency optimization are actually optimizing residence time, but this often goes unrecognized by medicinal chemists.



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Residence Time Often Drives Binding Affinity



Basavapathruni et al. (2012) Chem. Biol. Drug. Des. 80: 971-980







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When was the first study of drug-receptor association and dissociation kinetics published?

- 2006
- 1965
- 1938
- 1909

Poll Question # 2

Question: When was the first study of drug-receptor association and dissociation kinetics published?

Answer: 1909 by Archibald Vivian Hill (1866 - 1977)

- 1922 Nobel prize in physiology or medicine
- Measured rate of onset of nicotine-induced contractions and rate of relaxation after wash-out in frog abdominal muscle¹
- Also developed Hill Equation for equilibrium binding
- Father of the field of biophysics.

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¹ Hill, A. V. The mode of action of nicotine and curari, determined by the form of the contraction curve and the method of temperature coefficients. *J. Physiol.* **39**, 361-373 (1909).



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Selectivity for the primary target vs. other targets Depends on when one measures relative inhibition.

Sustained target inhibition at times when plasma levels of drug approach zero can help to minimize toxicity due to off-target effects.

Some Basic Definitions of Drug-Target Equilibrium



Retrograde Induced-Fit Mechanism of Compound



Audience Survey Question

Who first proposed that transition state complementarity was key to biological binding interactions such as enzyme activity?

- Hill
- Langmuir
- Pauling
- Heisenberg

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Poll Question # 3

Question: Who first proposed that transition state complementarity was key to biological binding interactions such as enzyme activity? (A) Hill, (B) Langmuir, (C) Pauling

Answer: Linus C. Pauling (1901 – 1994)

- 1954 Nobel prize in chemistry, 1962 Nobel peace prize
- Proposed critical nature of transition state binding in 1946¹

¹ Pauling, L. Molecular architecture and biological reactions. *Chem. Eng. News* **24**, 1375-1377 (1946).





A Few Examples from the Recent Literature



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Steroid 5α-reductase Inhibitors Tian, G. (1996) *J. Pharma. Sci.* **85**: 106-111.

- Finasteride is a mechanismbased, reversible inhibitor of the enzyme. K_i* = 0.3 pM.
- PK half-life = 4-7 hours.
- $t_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\text{dissoc.}} = > 30 \text{ days.}$
- PD effect = decrease in serum DHT levels
- PD half-life > 72 hours.
- After 1 or 10 mg dosing of finasteride for 7 day (qd), serum DHT levels remain suppressed for 7 days (after last dose).
- Suggested that recovery of DHT levels due to new enzyme synthesis = "ultimate physiological inhibition".



Copeland et al (2006) Nature Rev. Drug Discov. 5: 730-739





Residence Time, not K_i, Defines In Vivo Efficacy of Fabl Enoyl Reductase Inhibitors as Antimicrobials Against *Francisella tularensis* Infection



Source: Lu et al (2009) Slow-onset inhibition of the Fabl enoyl reductase from *Francisella tularensis*: Residence time and in vivo activity. *ACS Chem. Biol.* 4: 221-231.



Predicting PD with Residence Time: Walkup et al. (2015) *Nature Chem. Biol.* **11**: 416-423.



Examples for Which Long Residence Time is Contraindicated

Clincial Indication	Target	Example Drug	Clinical Toxicity
Thrombosis	P2Y ₁₂ receptor	Clopidogrel	Exended bleeding
Thrombosis	llb/Illa receptor	Roxifiban	Thrombocytopenia
Antipsychosis	D ₂ receptor	Chlorpromazine	Extrapyramidal (Parkinson- like) symptoms



Source: R. A. Copeland (2010) Expert Opinions Drug Discov., 5: 305-310.

Lessons Learned

- Drug-target residence time can have a direct effect on PD, efficacy and duration.
- Drug-target residence time allows for sustained target effects far beyond the PK half-life of drugs.
- Off-target toxicity may be ameliorated by compounds with long target residence time but short residence time for offtarget binders.
- Residence time is best quantified in vitro by measuring the values of k_{off} and from this, calculating $t_{\frac{1}{2}}^{dissociation}$.
- Modern biochemistry laboratories are well equipped for routine measurement of drug-target off rates, hence residence time.



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