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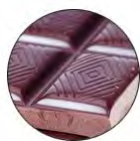
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
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

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## Designing Better Drug Candidates



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- Attrition and Compound Quality
- Druglike & Leadlike molecular properties
- Ligand efficiency metrics in optimisation

### Root Causes of Clinical Efficacy Attrition

*Evidence for progression of unoptimised compounds*



- **Pfizer: '4 Pillars' for phase II success** (Morgan et al, *Drug Discovery Today* 2012, **17**, 419; Bunnage, et al *Nat. Chem. Biol.* 2013, **9**, 195)
  - **Exposure at target; Binding to target; Pharmacological response; Target linked clinically to disease modification**
  - Low confidence in *exposure* amongst failed candidates: **"cannot conclude mechanism tested adequately in 43% of cases"**

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- **AstraZeneca: '5Rs'** (Cook et al, *Nat. Revs. Drug Disc.* 2014, **13**, 419)
  - **'Right': Target & Tissue (4Ps); Safety; Patient; Commercial potential**
  - 29% Clinical efficacy failures **"dose limited by compound characteristics or tissue exposure not established"**
  - **Decision making process:** 38% projects advanced to clinic had *low confidence in safety* & 78% of these eventually failed due to toxicity

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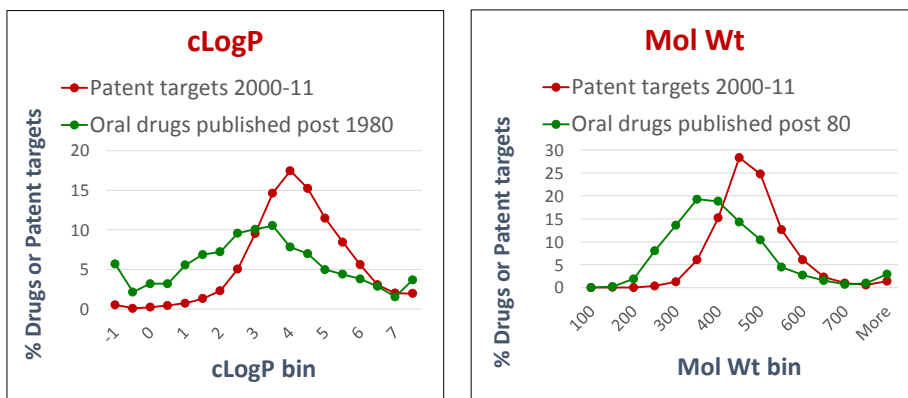


- **FDA submissions** (Sacks et al, *JAMA* 2014, **311**, 378)
  - 50% unsuccessful 1<sup>st</sup> time, 29% of which had **dose or clinical end point issues**
- **Medicinal Chemist's accountability: *compound-related failure***

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## Fundamental Assertion

*Physicochemical properties of molecules drive all aspects of compound quality: from target affinity to ADME & toxicity*



### Compounds patented by the leading 18 Companies carry increased ADME & toxicity risk versus recently marketed drugs

**Drug data:** Leeson et al, *Med. Chem. Comm.* 2011, **2**, 91, oral drugs updated to 2014;  
**Patent targets 2000-11** from 18 companies: Leeson & St-Gallay, *NRDD* 2011, **10**, 749

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## Inflation of 'Druglike' Physical Properties

**LogP:** 1-octanol/water partition coefficient

**Mol Wt / HA:** molecular weight/heavy atom count

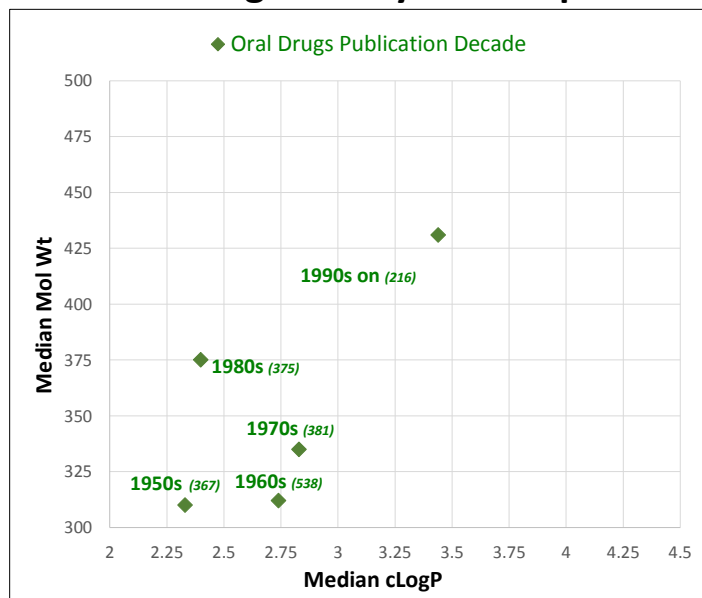
**HBD / HBA:** # hydrogen bond donors/acceptors

**Fsp3:** fraction of Csp3 atoms/total C atoms

**Ar:** # aromatic rings or atoms

**RotB:** # freely rotating bonds

**PSA:** polar surface area



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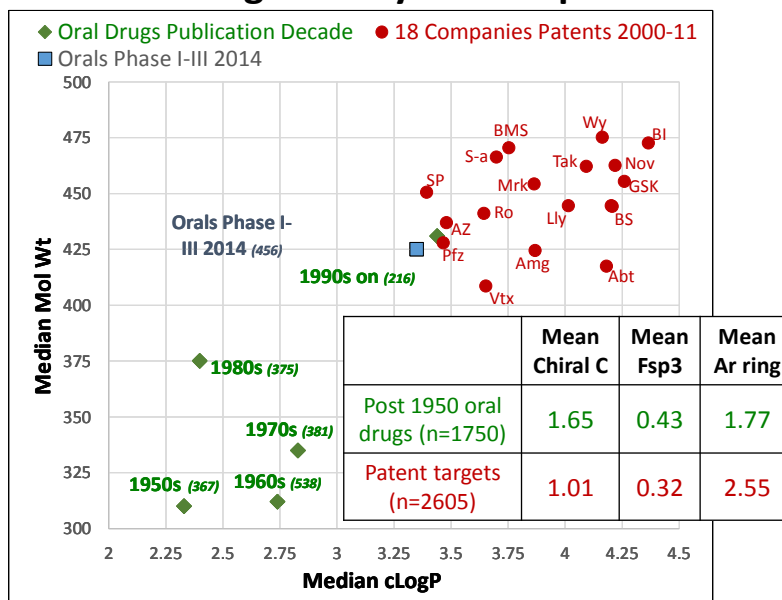
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**Oral drugs vs time**    **Least change:** cLogP, HBD, Fsp3, # chiral atoms  
**Most change:** Mol Wt, HBA, RotB, PSA, Ar; *all increasing* <sup>23</sup>

## Audience Survey Question

ANSWER WITH THE CORRECT LETTER IN THE QUESTIONS BOX



**Will the probability of success in a portfolio of drug candidates increase when its physicochemical & experimental properties more closely resemble those of marketed drugs?**

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Don't know

## Some Causes of ‘Molecular Obesity’

- **Increasing potency:** by adding atoms in optimisation?
- **HTS:** hit selection? *Mean published HTS hit*  $\sim 1\mu\text{M}$  &  $c\text{LogP} \sim 4$
- **Synthesis:** choosing hits suitable for parallel chemistry?
- **Newer targets:** eg protein-protein interactions
- **Target product profile:** disease risk/benefit can lead to acceptance of greater safety risk & dosing inconvenience

| Post 1990 oral drugs (n=216)  | Median cLogP | Median Mol Wt |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Kinase, HIV prot., HCV (n=45) | 4.64         | 556           |
| Others (n=171)                | 3.07         | 420           |

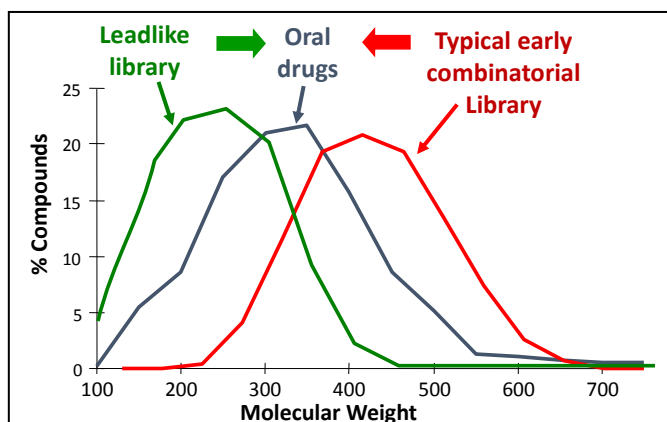
- **Local culture:** company physical property differences *not* driven by target & comparable to target class variation

**Potency ‘obsession’:** Hann, *MedChemComm*. 2011, **2**, 349; **HTS hit selection:** Keserú & Makara, *Nat. Rev. Drug Disc.* 2009, **8**, 203; Dahlin & Walters, *Future Med. Chem.* 2014, **6**, 1265; **Synthetic pragmatism:** Keserú et al, *Chem. Soc. Rev.*, 2014, **43**, 5387; **Company culture:** Leeson & St-Gallay, *Nat. Rev. Drug Disc.* 2011, **10**, 749; Leeson & Springthorpe, *Nat. Rev. Drug Disc.* 2007, **6**, 881

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## Optimisation: the ‘Leadlike’ Hypothesis

*Mol Wt & LogP tend to increase in optimisation*

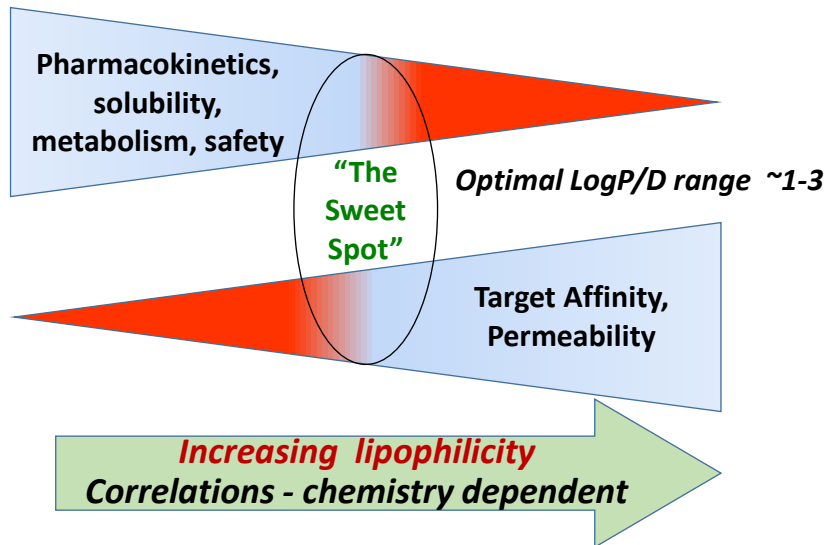


**‘Leadlike’ lead:** Affinity  $>0.1\mu\text{M}$ ; Mol Wt 100-350;  $c\text{LogP}$  1-3

**Leadlikeness:** Teague et al, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 1999, **38**, 3743; Oprea et al, *J. Chem. Inf. Comput. Sci.* 2001, **41**, 1308; Hann et al, *J. Chem. Inf. Comput. Sci.* 2001, **41**, 856; **Synthetic challenges:** Doveston et al., *Org. Biomol. Chem.* 2015, **13**, 859)

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## Lipophilicity - LogP & LogD<sub>7.4</sub> - a Key Property



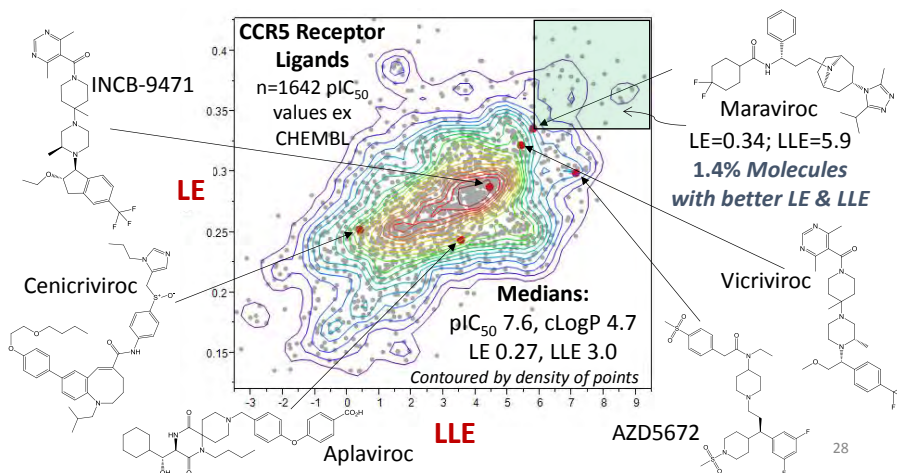
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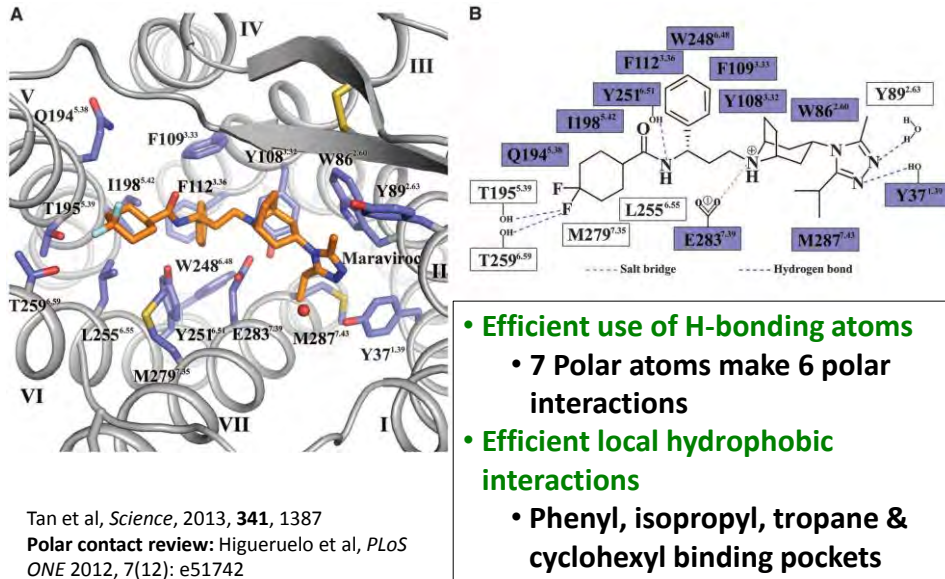
## Ligand Efficiency Metrics - 'Bang for Your Buck'

Hopkins et al, *Nat. Rev. Drug Disc.*, 2014, **13**, 105

| Ligand Efficiency - kcal/mol/atom              | Lipophilic Ligand Efficiency - Specificity |
|--|--|
| <b>LE = p(Activity) × 1.37 / # Heavy Atoms</b> | <b>LLE or LipE = p(Activity) – cLogP</b>   |
| Mean oral drug LE = 0.45                       | Mean oral drug LLE = 4.4                   |
| Lead optimisation: <i>conserve/increase</i>    | Lead optimisation: <i>increase</i>         |



## Structure of Maraviroc Bound to CCR5

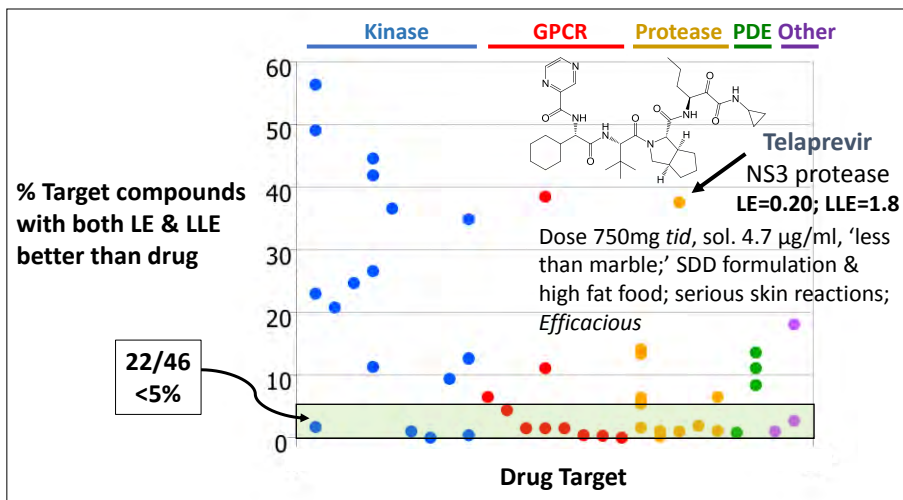


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## Oral Drug Ligand Efficiencies: 46 Drugs, 25 Targets

% LE + LLE better vs drug: kinases 22%; other targets 2.7%;

Only in class 1.5%. LE & LLE contribute equally to % score



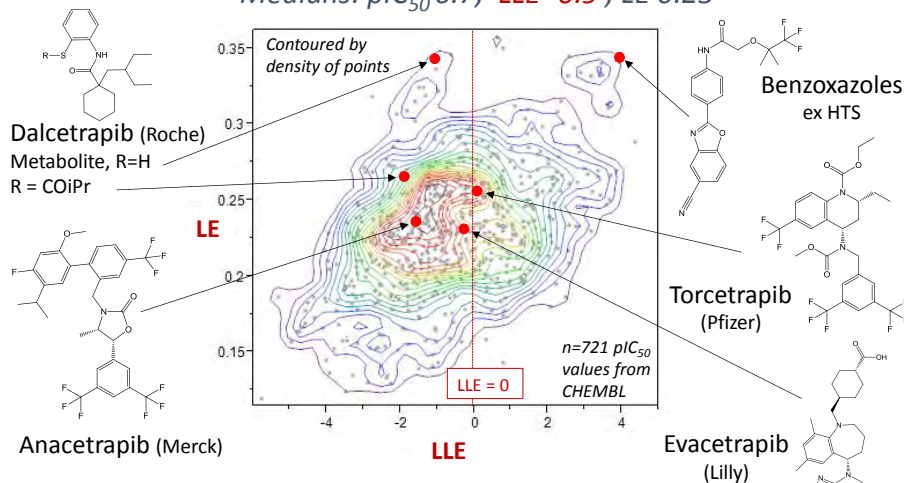
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## CETP: A High Value 'Lipophilic' Target

Medians:  $pIC_{50}$  6.7; **LLE -0.9**; LE 0.23



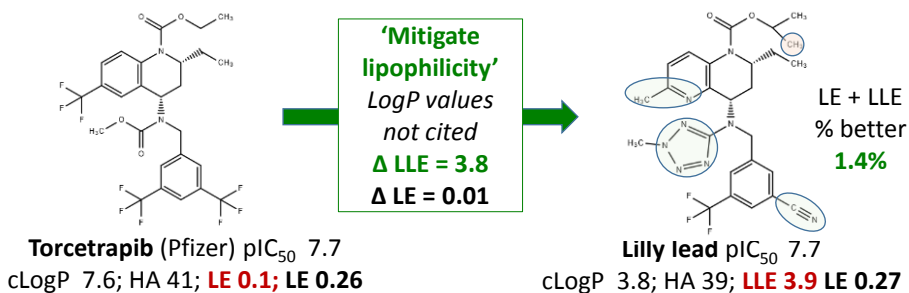
- 4 Phase III clinical candidates have **LLE  $\leq$  0**
- Torcetrapib (b.p.  $\uparrow$ ) & dalcetrapib (efficacy) discontinued
- Anacetrapib: levels are  $\sim$ 40% of treatment after 12 weeks; detectable in plasma four years after last dose

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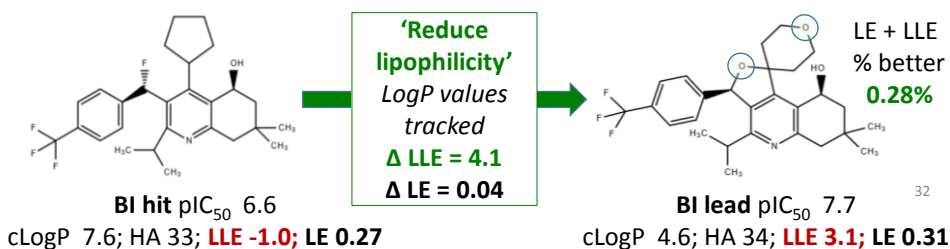
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$C \rightarrow N$  & O, hydrophilic substituents, control HA

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## Tracking Optimisation Trajectories

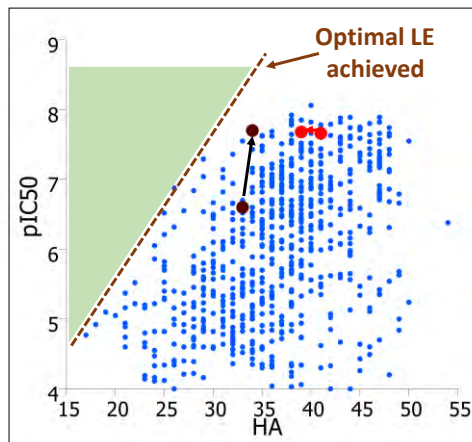
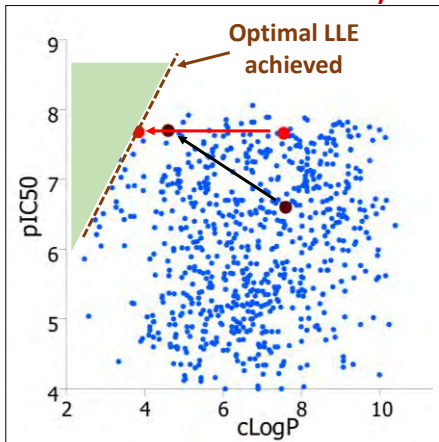
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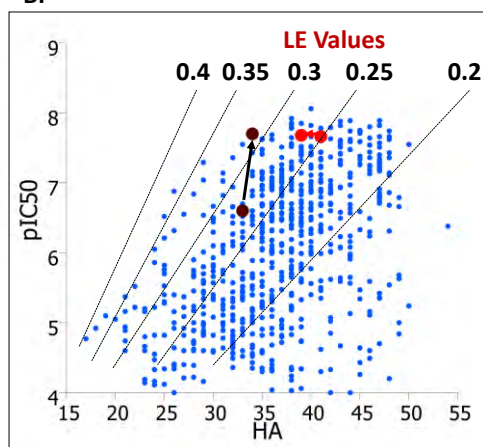
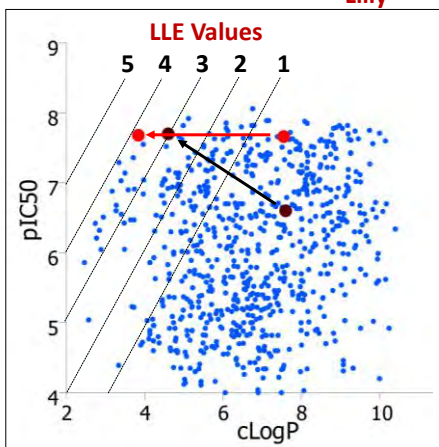
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- Plus LE vs LLE, LE vs HA, LLE vs cLogP....etc
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## Audience Survey Question

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**What viable strategies, other than seeking druglike physicochemical properties, can medicinal chemists apply to increase the output of new drugs?**

- a) Invest in novel synthetic methods to expand chemical space of parallel synthesis (eg greater Csp<sup>3</sup> content) & produce improved leadlike screening collections
- b) Employ predictive multi-parameter computational tools (eg, clearance, permeability, dose, solubility, LogD, hERG, Cyp inhibition etc) from hit i.d. onwards
- c) Ensure excellent collaboration with ADME & safety scientists
- d) Ensure timely terminations of compound series or projects making little/slow progress
- e) Others....?

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## Designing Better Candidates: Lessons Learned

- Compound quality contributes to clinical attrition
- The physicochemical property spaces occupied by patented molecules and marketed drugs are different
- In optimisation, lead molecules often increase in size and lipophilicity
- Ligand efficiencies, measures of potency per unit of lipophilicity & size, are frequently optimised for the targets of marketed drugs
- Tracking potency vs lipophilicity & size in optimisation can help steer projects towards drug like space, even with challenging targets

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