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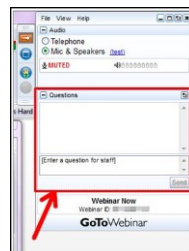


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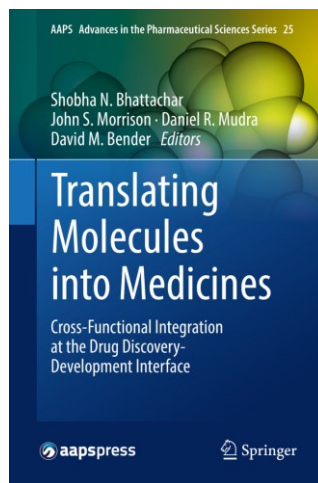
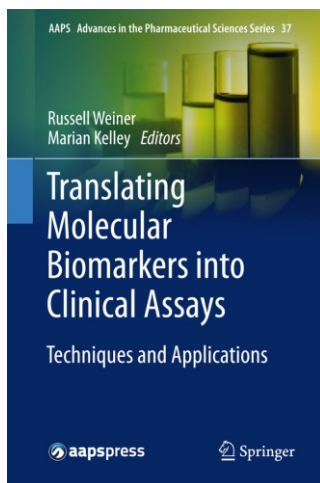
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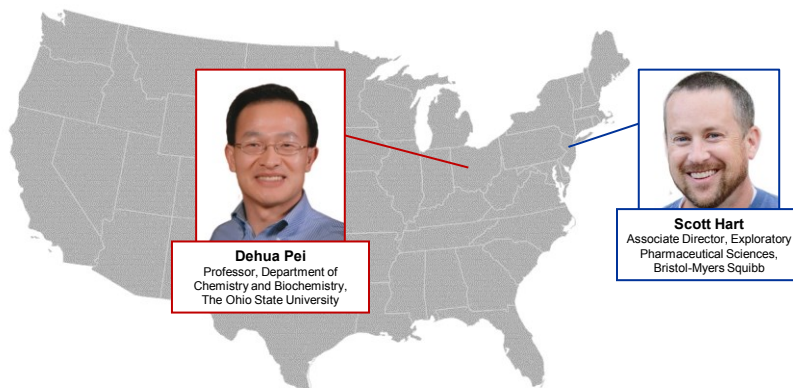
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# Cell-Penetrating Peptides to Improve Cytosolic Drug Delivery



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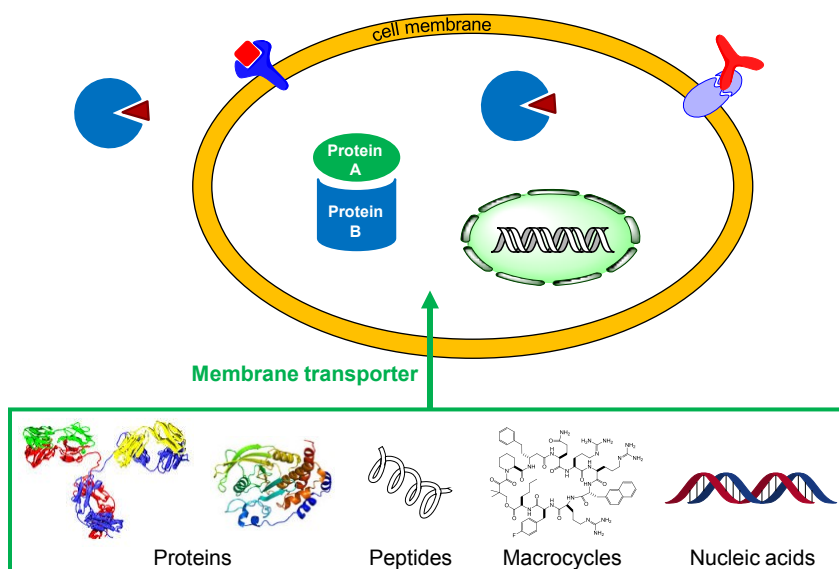
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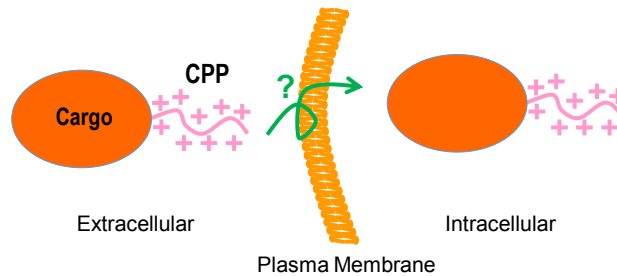
## ~80% Protein Targets Are Currently Undruggable



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## Drug Delivery by Cell-Penetrating Peptides



CPP	Sequence	Cytosolic Delivery Efficiency*
HIV Tat <sub>47-57</sub>	YGRKKRRQRRR	1.9%
Penetratin (Antp)	RQIKIWFQNRRMKWKK	2.7%
Polyarginines	RRRRRRRR (R <sub>8</sub> )	4.4%

\*100% efficiency = equal concentration in extracellular and cytosolic volumes

M. Green & P. M. Loewenstein, *Cell* **1988**, 55, 1179  
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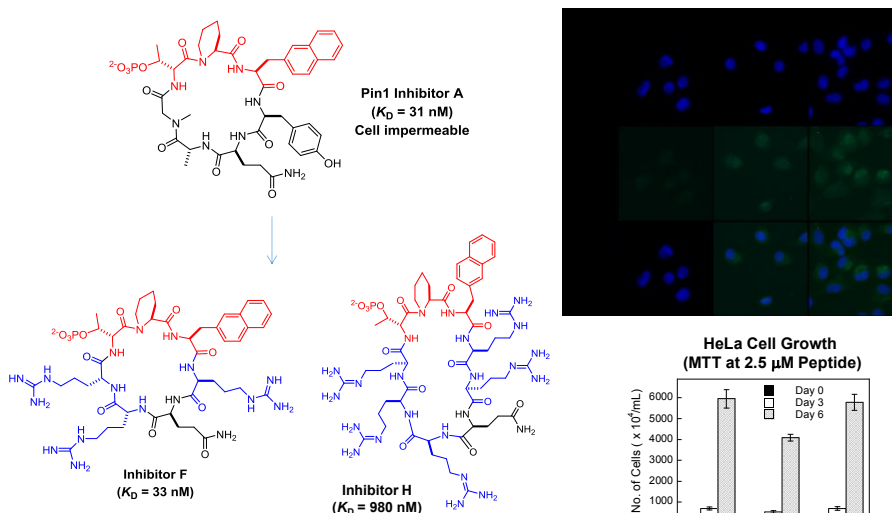


**CPPs have been around for almost 30 years, but no CPP-based drug has reached the market. What is limiting the CPP technology?** (possible multiple correct answers)

- CPPs have very poor cytosolic delivery efficiency
- CPPs have high levels of toxicity
- CPPs are proteolytically unstable
- CPPs are too costly to manufacture
- CPPs have poor biodistribution

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## Discovery of Cell-Permeable Cyclic Peptide Pin1 Inhibitors

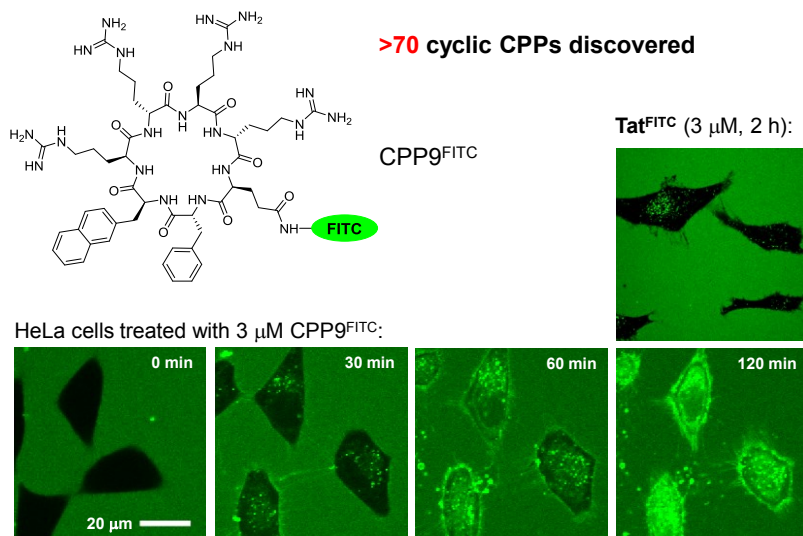


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## Cyclic CPPs Are Exceptionally Active Membrane Transporters

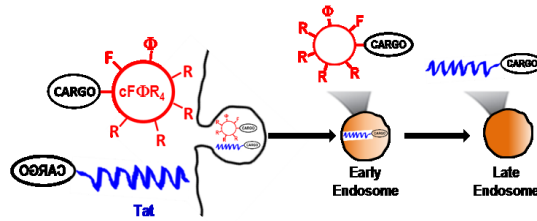


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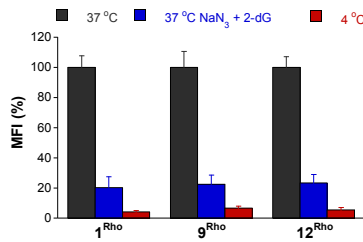


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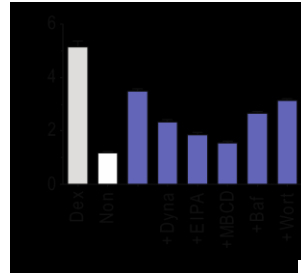
## Cyclic CPPs Enter Cells by Endocytosis



Effect of Energy Depletion



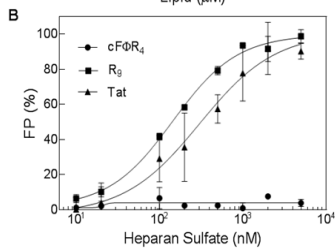
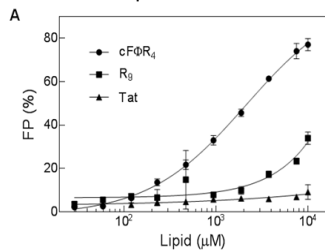
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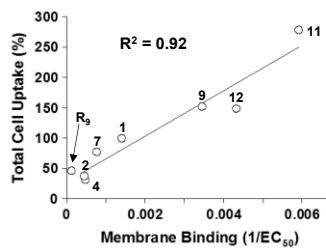
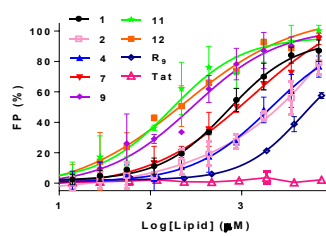
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## Cyclic CPPs Bind Directly to Plasma Membrane Phospholipids

Bind Phospholipids but not Heparan Sulfate

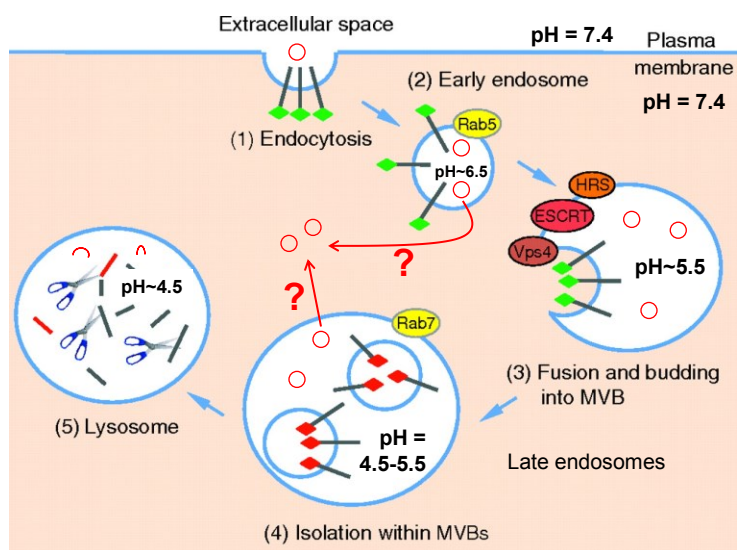


Correlation between Cellular Uptake and Plasma Membrane Binding



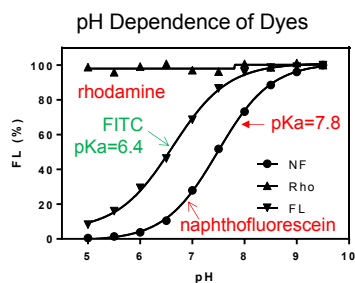
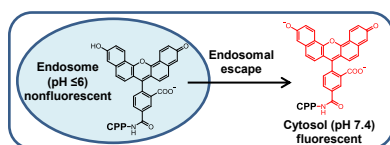
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## Can Cyclic CPPs Escape from the Endosome?

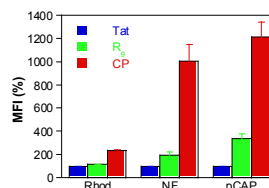
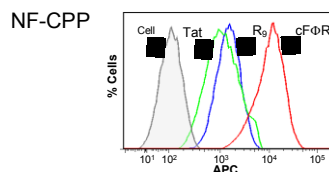
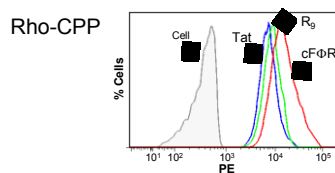


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## Quantitation of Cytosolic Entry with a pH-Sensitive Dye



Rho-CPP MFI → Total Cellular Uptake  
 NF-CPP MFI → Cytosolic Entry  
 NF/Rho Ratio → Endosomal Escape Efficiency



*Chem. Commun.* 2015, 51, 2162.



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## Efficient Endocytic Uptake and Endosomal Escape Result in Exceptionally High Cytosolic Delivery Efficiency

	CPP	Total Endocytic Uptake	Endosomal Escape Efficiency	Overall Cytosolic Delivery Efficiency
1 <sup>st</sup> -Generation CPPs	Tat*	43 ± 3	23 ± 4	2.0%**
	R <sub>9</sub> *	49 ± 3	40 ± 5	4.0% (4.4%**)
Cyclic CPPs	CPP1	100	100	20% (14%**)
	CPP9	152 ± 13	202 ± 20	62%
	CPP11	278 ± 18	89 ± 15	50%
	CPP12	149 ± 9	402 ± 48	121%

\* Tat and R<sub>9</sub> are currently the most widely used CPPs (gold standards in the CPP field)

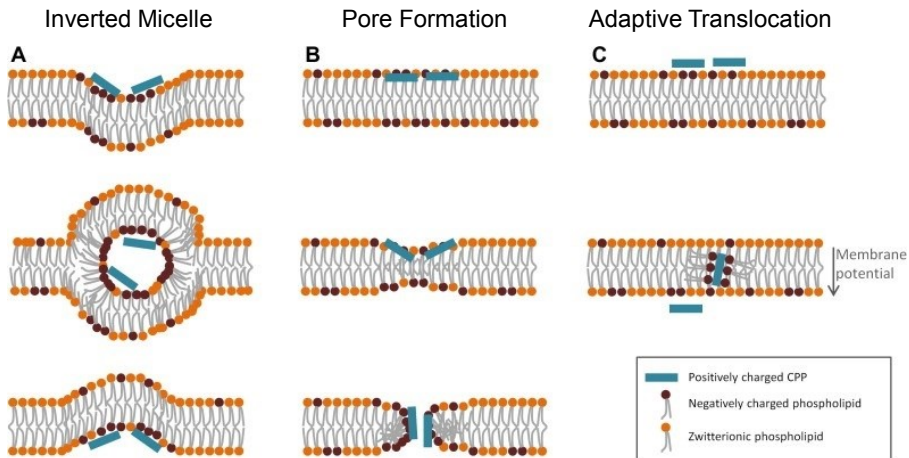
\*\*Values shown in red were independently determined in Professors A. Schepartz and E. Rhoades' Labs at Yale University by using fluorescence correlation spectroscopy (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2015**, 137, 2536)

\*\*100% = Equal concentration in extracellular and cytosolic volumes



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## How Do Cyclic CPPs Escape from the Endosome?



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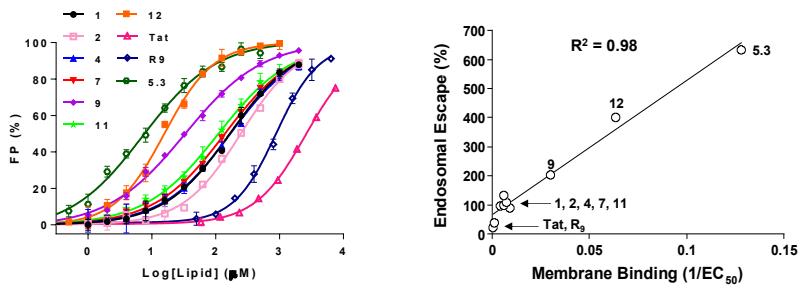
**There is at least one key experimental observation which cannot be explained by any of the three proposed mechanisms. What is that observation?**

(possible multiple correct answers)

- That most CPPs are relatively non-toxic
- That CPPs have low delivery efficiencies
- That CPPs can transport small molecules across the membrane
- That CPPs can transport large cargos (e.g., a protein or nanoparticle) across the membrane

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### Correlation between Endosomal Escape Efficiency and Endosomal Membrane Binding Affinity

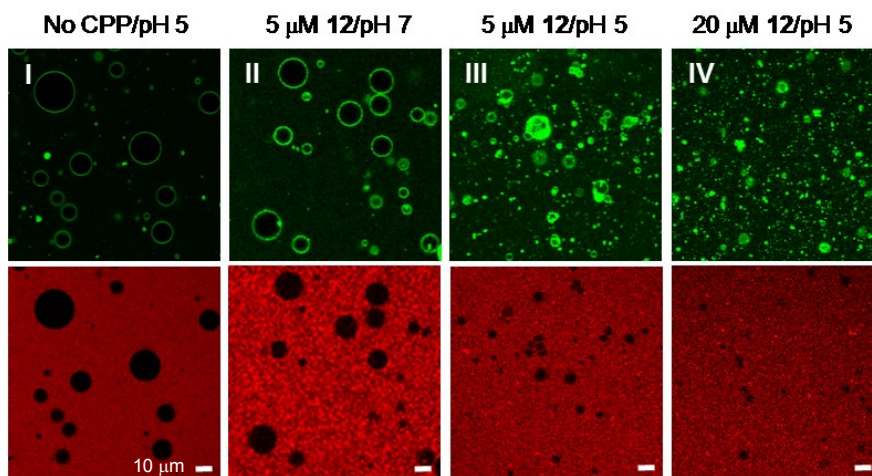


**Conclusion:** Endosomal escape involves direct interactions between CPP and endosomal membrane.



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## Effect of CPP12 on Endosomal Membrane (GUVs)



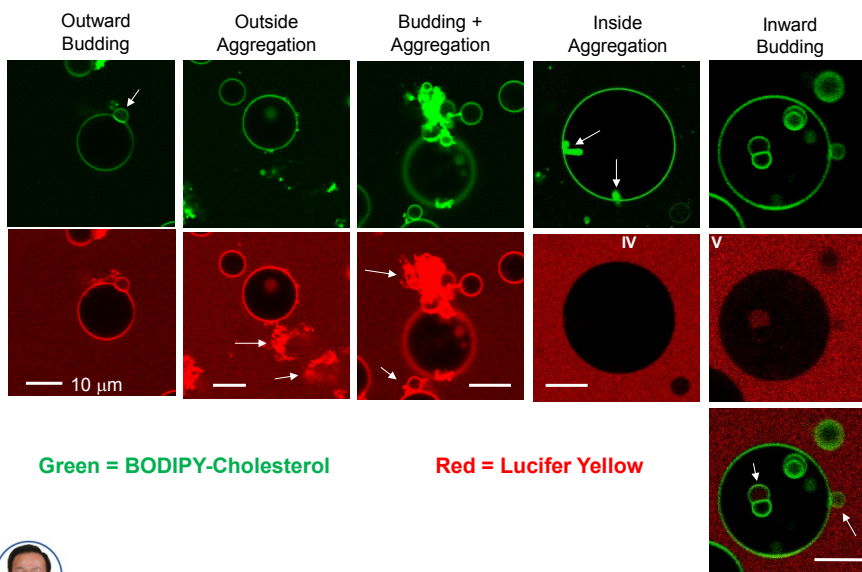
Green = BODIPY-Cholesterol

Red = Lucifer Yellow



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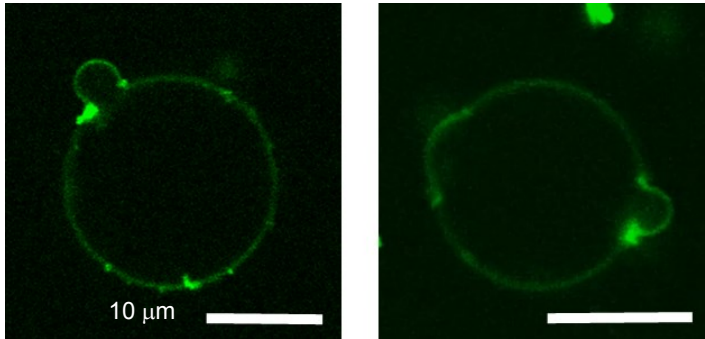
## Structural Changes of Endosomal Membrane (GUVs)



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## Vesicle Budding from Endosomal Membrane (GUVs)

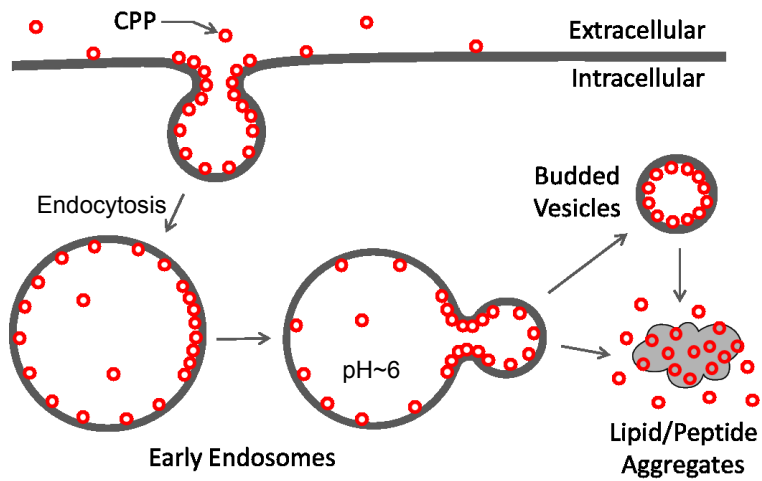


Green = FITC-labeled CPP12



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## Mechanism of CPP Uptake and Endosomal Escape



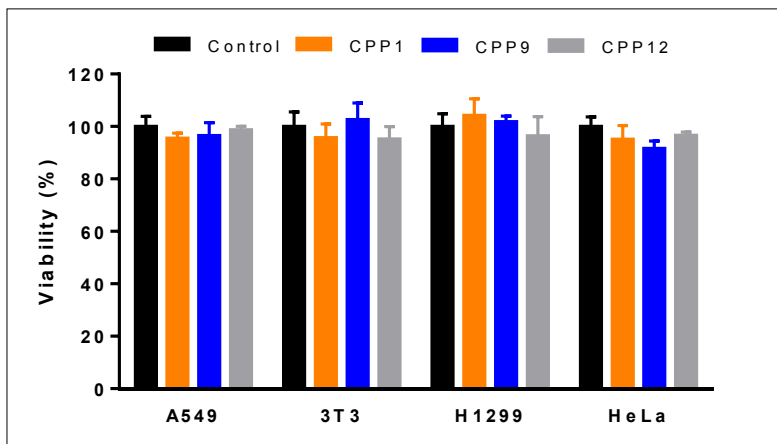
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## Cyclic CPPs Are Nontoxic to Mammalian Cells

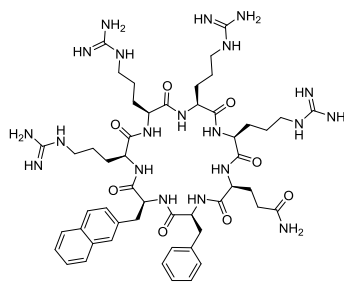
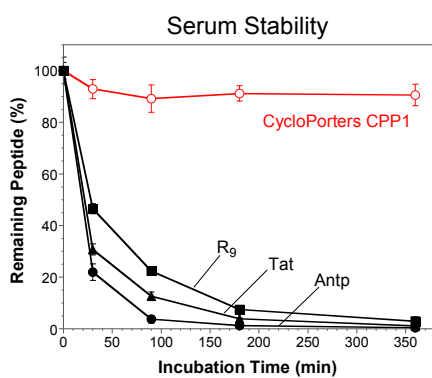


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## Cyclic CPPs Are Highly Stable against Proteolysis

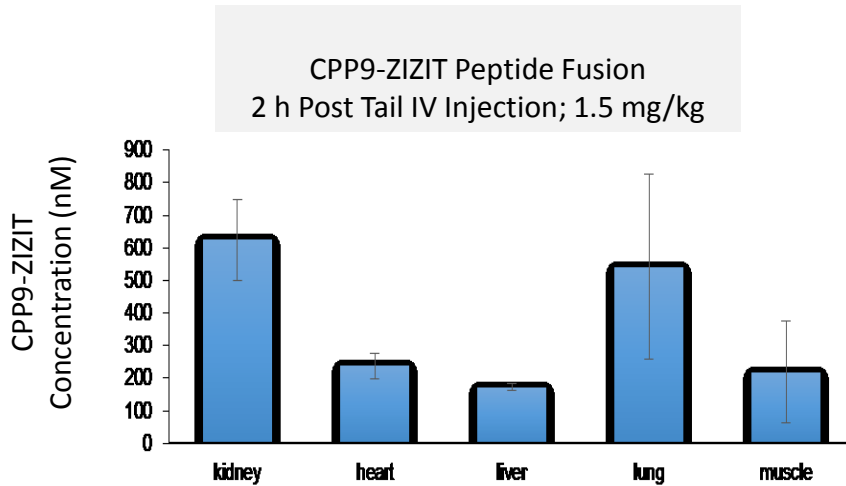


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## Cyclic CPPs Demonstrate Broad Biodistribution (IV)



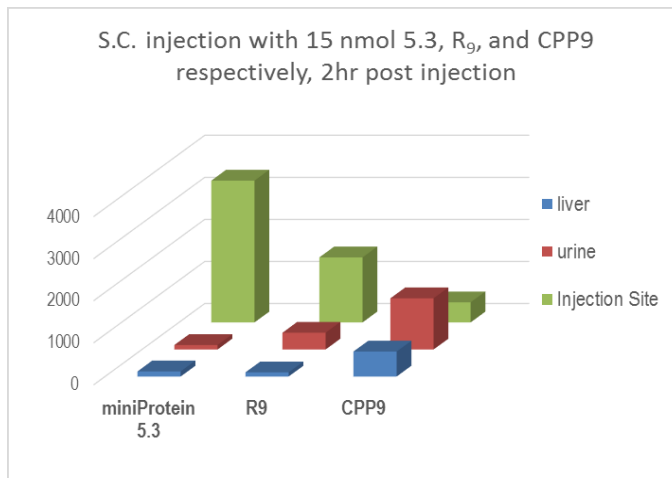
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## Cyclic CPPs Achieve Subcutaneous Bioavailability

CPP9<sup>Rho</sup>  
(2 h post S.C. Injection)



miniProtein<sup>Rho</sup>  
(2 h after S.C. Injection)

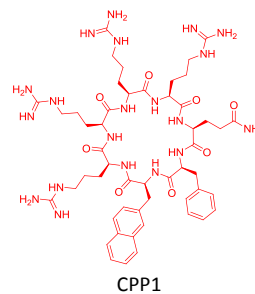
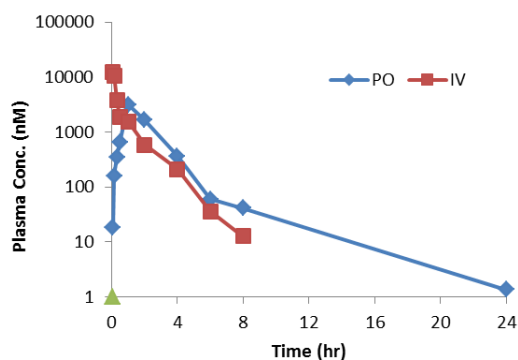


- Previous CPPs do not escape injection site due to tight binding to first cells they contact
- Cyclic CPPs do not have this issue due to low affinity for extracellular proteoglycan



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## Cyclic CPPs Demonstrate Oral Bioavailability in Mice



- CPP1 and CPP9 show ~4% oral bioavailability
- Preliminary data suggest that double-digit oral bioavailability is possible

	Dose (mg/kg)		Bioavailability (%)		Cmax (nmol/L)		Half-life (hours)		AUC (hr*nmol/L)		Clearance (mL/min)		Volume of Dist. (mL)	
	CPP1	CPP9	CPP1	CPP9	CPP1	CPP9	CPP1	CPP9	CPP1	CPP9	CPP1	CPP9	CPP1	CPP9
IV	1.5	2	-	-	12,174	2,986	1.02	0.98	6,711	2,986	0.08	0.25	7.51	20.8
PO	40	60	4	3	3,156	3,502	3.32	0.66	6,357	3,052	-	-	-	-



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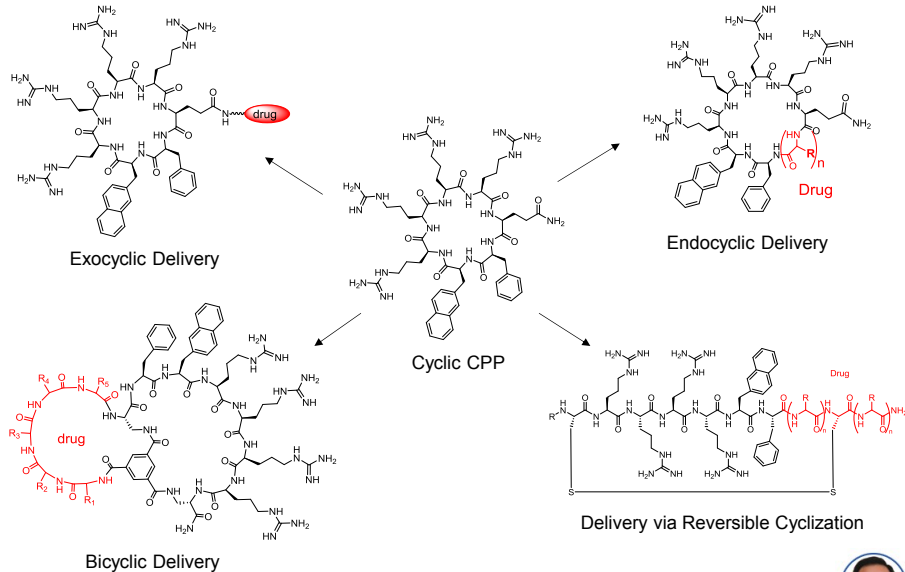


Based on what you have seen so far, what types of cargos do you think the cyclic CPPs can deliver into the cytosol of mammalian cells? (possible multiple correct answers)

- Small molecules
- Linear and Cyclic peptides
- Proteins
- Nucleic acids
- Nanoparticles

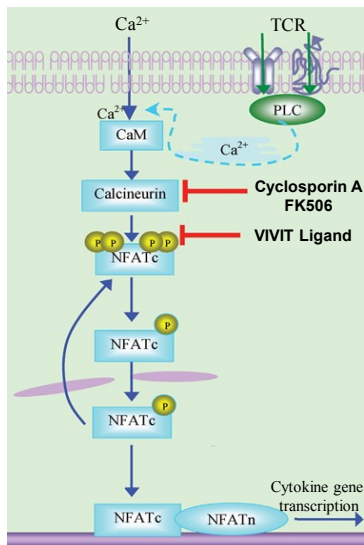
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## Cyclic CPPs Offer Flexible Platform for Cargo Delivery



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## Calcineurin-NFAT Inhibitor as Safer Immunosuppressant (Exocyclic Delivery)

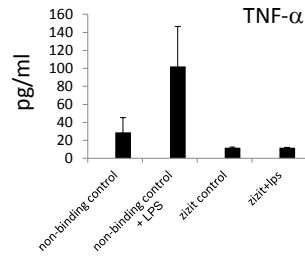
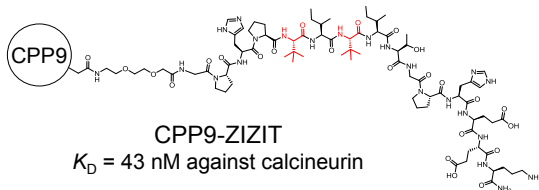


- Current treatment after organ transplantation: **cyclosporin A** or **FK506**
- Serious side effects due to: 1) inhibition **all** CN substrates; and 2) inhibition of immunophilins
- 14-mer peptide VIVIT ( $K_D = 500$  nM) binds to the NFAT-docking site on CN and **selectively** inhibits CN activity towards NFAT and a small subset of other CN substrates (L. Cantley, P. Hogan, & A. Rao, *Science* 1999)
- $R_{11}$ -VIVIT conjugate is effective in mouse models, but needs great improvement in potency, cell permeability, and metabolic stability (Noguchi et al. *Nat. Med.* 2004)



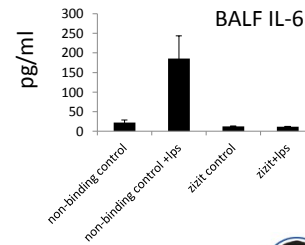
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## Calcineurin Inhibitor Achieves Pharmacodynamic Endpoints in Mice



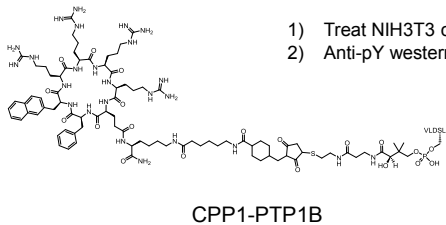
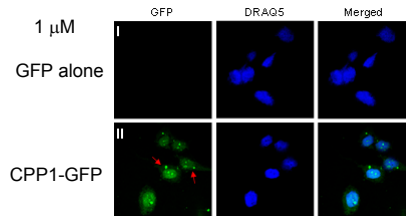
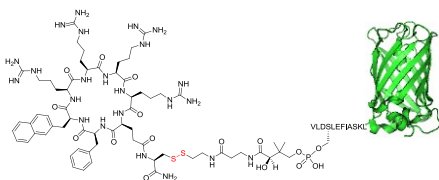
Mouse Model of Acute Lung Injury:

- CPP9-ZIZIT is **-100-fold** more potent than R<sub>11</sub>-VIVIT (similar potency to FK506) in cellular assays.
- Intranasal delivery of CPP9-ZIZIT (**1 mg/kg**) results in:
  - Reduced pulmonary edema
  - Reduced extracellular fluid leakage into BALF
  - Reduced TNF- $\alpha$  and IL-6 levels
  - Protected from lethal doses of LPS

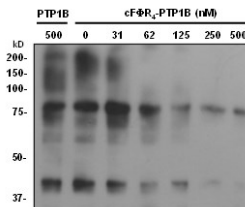


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## Cytosolic Delivery of Protein Cargos (Exocyclic Delivery)



- 1) Treat NIH3T3 cells for 2 h
- 2) Anti-pY western blot

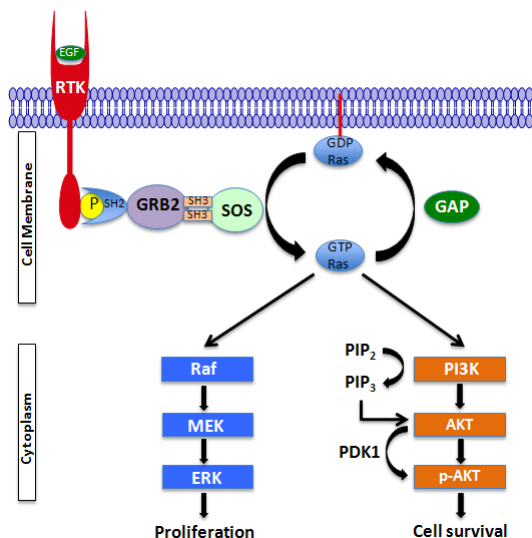


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## Endocyclic Delivery: Direct K-Ras Inhibitors as Anticancer Agents



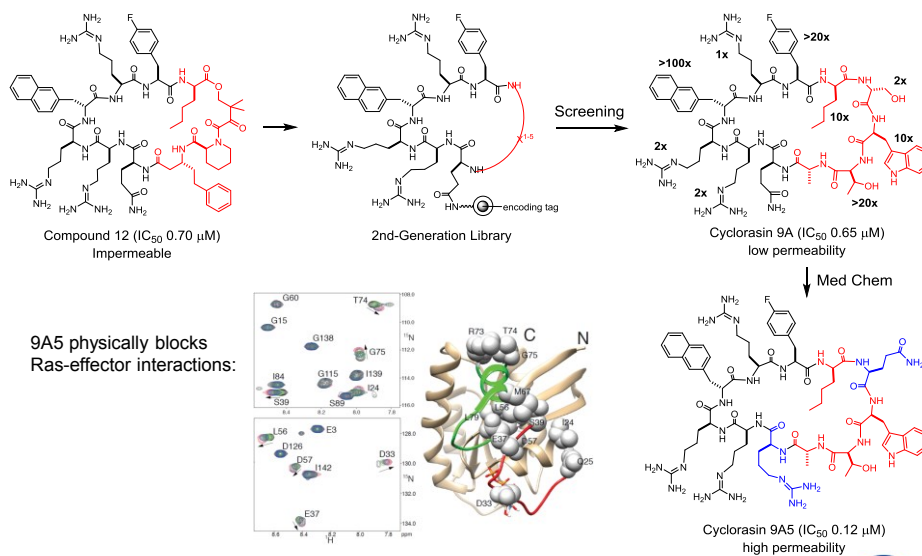
- Ras functions through protein-protein interactions
- Mutated in ~30% of human cancers
- Mutations at G12, G13, or Q61 lead to uncontrolled cell growth
- Direct Ras inhibitor = “Holy Grail” in oncology

*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2015**, *54*, 7602.



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## Direct K-Ras Inhibitors from Cyclic Peptide Libraries

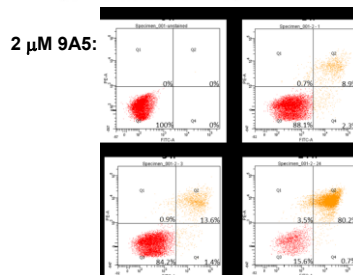
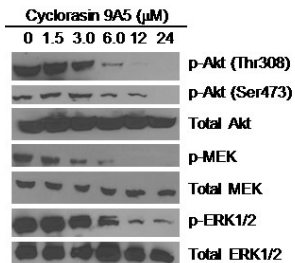
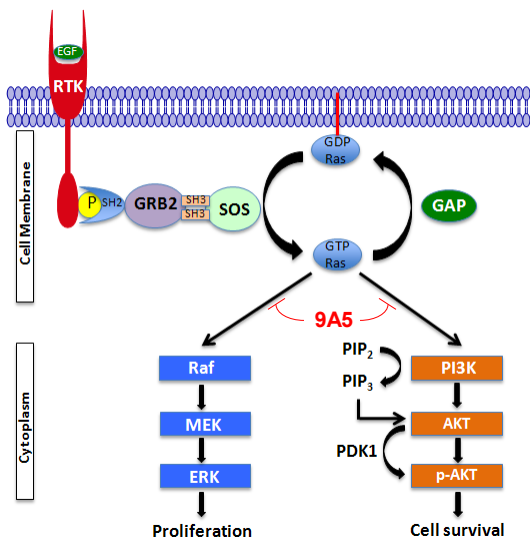


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## Cyclorasin 9A5 Inhibits Ras Signaling and Induces Apoptosis

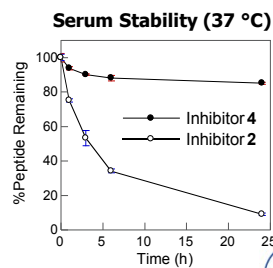
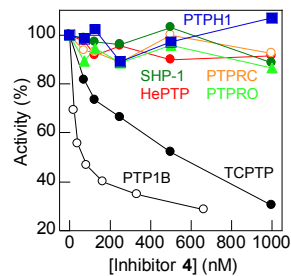
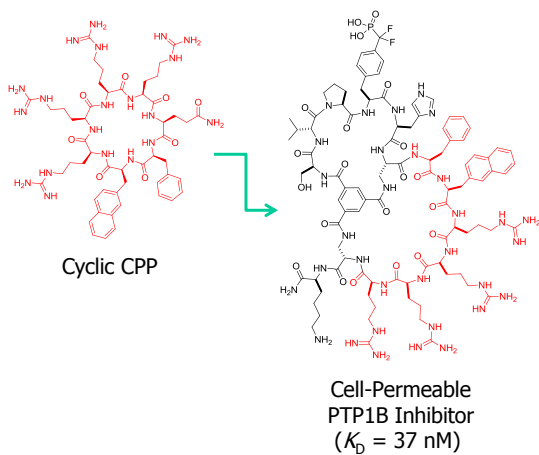


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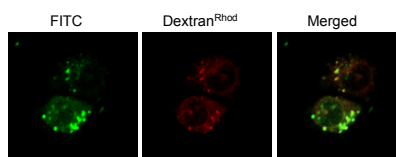
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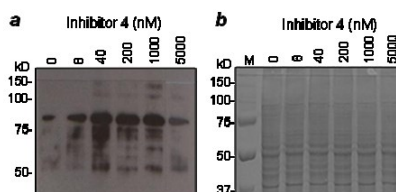
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## Bicyclic Peptidyl PTP1B Inhibitor Potentiates Insulin Signaling

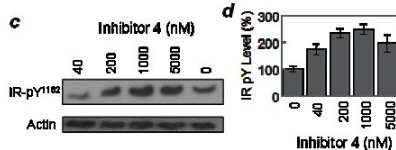
Confocal microscopy:



Effect on global pY levels  
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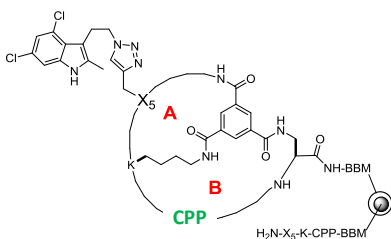


Effect on insulin receptor phosphorylation:



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## Bicyclic Delivery: Direct K-Ras Inhibitors from a Cell-Permeable Peptide Library



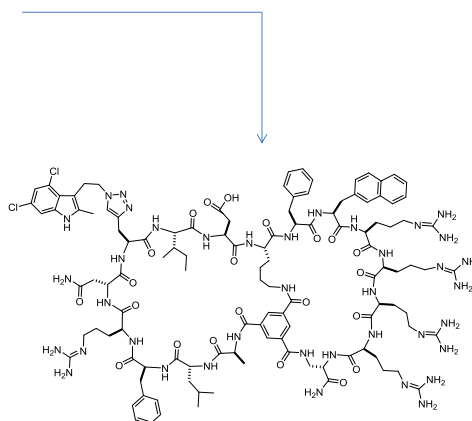
Cell-permeable bicyclic peptide library  
(5.7 million compounds)

### Bicyclic K-Ras Inhibitor:

- $K_D = 0.37 \mu\text{M}$  to Ras-GDP
- $K_D = 0.86 \mu\text{M}$  to Ras-GTP
- Blocks Ras-Raf interaction
- Inhibits p-Akt and p-MEK
- Induces apoptosis of cancer cells

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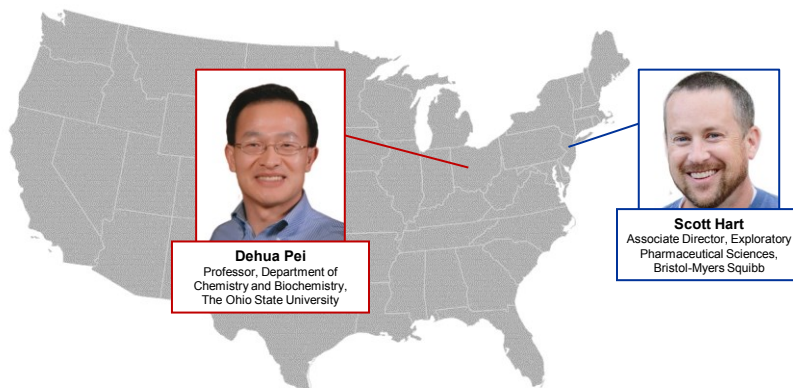


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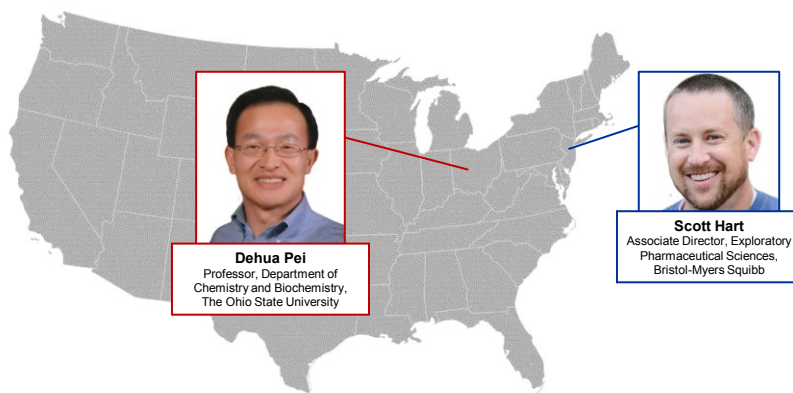
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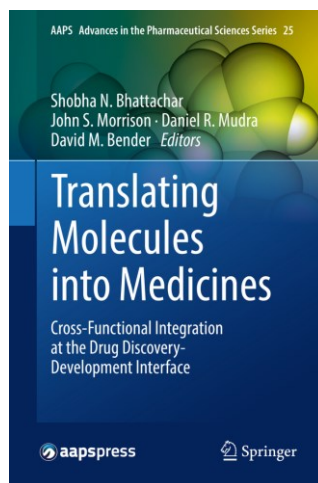
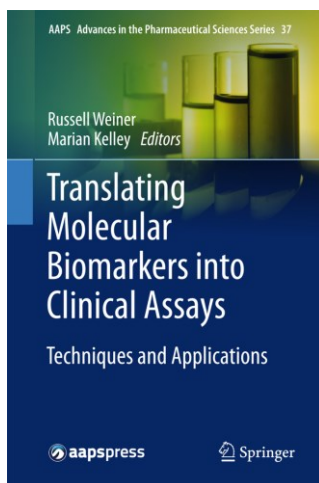
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