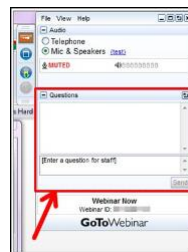
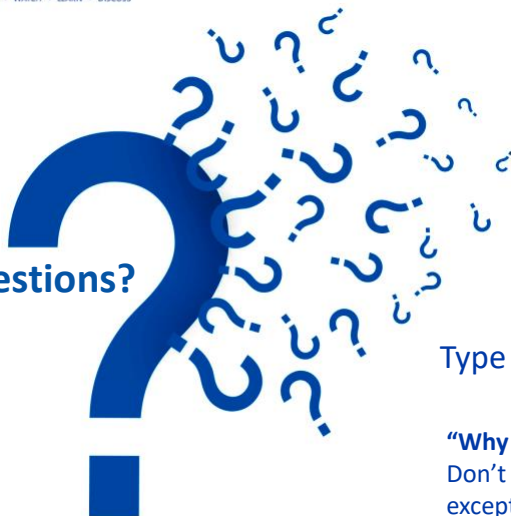




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- I - Time: The Fourth Dimension in Drug Discovery
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 - 4 Aronca Bai - Merck
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 - 6 John Mariani - BMS
 - 7 The Medicinal Chemistry of Tamoxifen (Special Topic): Joe Barish - Jubilant
 - 8 Raji Nagend - Merck
 - 9 Nitro Solids - Team Case Angier
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 - 1 Design of Deliverable Macromolecules: Scott Loney - UC Santa Cruz
 - 2 Nicholas Mearns - BMS
 - 3 Drawing Big and Thinking Small: Applying Medicinal Chemistry Strategy to Antibody-Drug Conjugates: L. Nathan Tully - Pfizer
 - 4 Peter Senter - Genentech
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 - 8 Vincent Smith - Abbvie
 - 9 Andrew Brunton - Merck
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 - 1 Dealing with Reactive Drug Metabolites in Drug Discovery: Can We Predict Toxicities of Drug Candidates that Form Reactive Metabolites? Deenan Dairis - Pfizer
 - 2 Research Paper: Sauerbrey - Vanderbilt University
 - 3 Rational Design of Small Molecules Targeting RNA: Matt Dineley - Corvus 18 Florida
 - 4 Amanda Garner - University of Michigan
 - 5 Cell Penetrating Peptides to Improve Cellular Drug Uptake: Dennis De - The Ohio State University
 - 6 Scott Hens - Bristol-Myers Squibb

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- I - Fighting Cancer
 - 1 Fighting Cancer: Targeting CNS Malignancy with Kinase Inhibitors: Timothy S. Haffner - Genentech
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 - 4 Shawn Sager - AstraZeneca
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 - 1 Cyclic Peptide: Discovery of CTRF Modulators: Peter Grotenhuis - Vertex
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 - 1 Anti-infectives: Rational Approaches to the Design and Optimization: Jason Sells - Brown University
 - 2 Courtney Aldrich - University of Minnesota
 - 3 Tuberculosis: An Introduction for Medicinal Chemists: Carl Nathan - Well-Come Medicine
 - 4 Christopher Boyle - Merck
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 - 1 Serial Molecular Kinship: Kevin Hodges - Harvard Medical School
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 - 1 Precision: Treatment and Novel Approaches: Frank Norris - AbbVie
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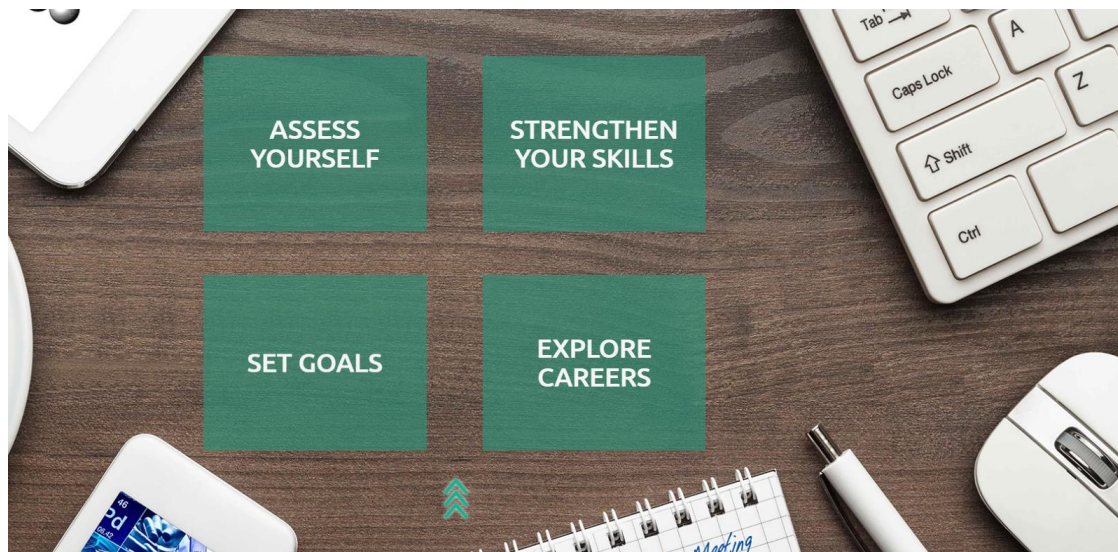
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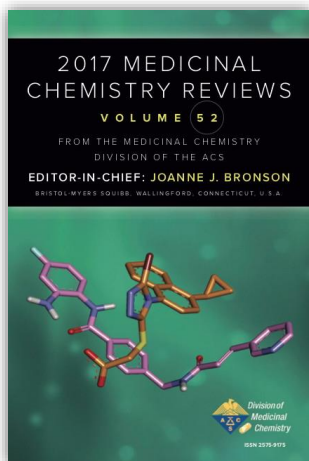


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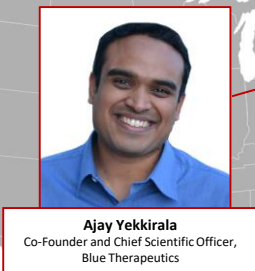
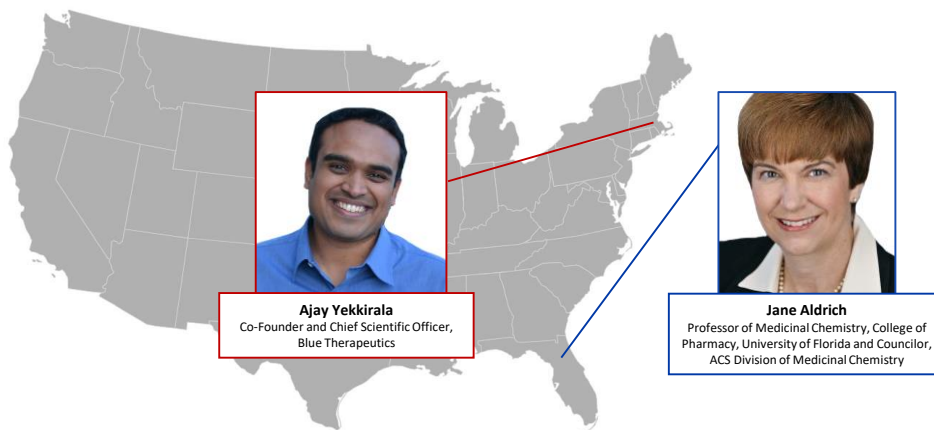
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The Opioid Crisis and Quest for Superior Analgesics without Addiction



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The Opioid Crisis

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Outline



- Mechanics of the opioid crisis
- Why are opioids so dangerous?
- Pain transmission and mechanisms
- Strategies to develop next-gen pain therapy

The Clinical Problem – Pain!



- **Over 40% of all Americans** visit the clinic, every year, due to chronic pain (Arthritis, etc.)
- **504 billion dollars** are spent each year; lack of productivity and lifestyle (CDC)
- **Prototypic analgesics** in the clinic are opioids: Morphine, Codeine, Vicodin, etc.

Audience Challenge Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT



In 2016, approximately how many opioid prescriptions were written?

- 10 million
- 50 million
- 100 million
- 175 million
- Over 200 million

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The Crisis in Numbers as of 2016 (CDC report)



- **11.5 million** people misused prescription opioids
- **2.1 million** misused prescription opioids for the first time
- **2.1 million** have opioid use disorder
- **~116** overdose deaths every day in the U.S. (2016)

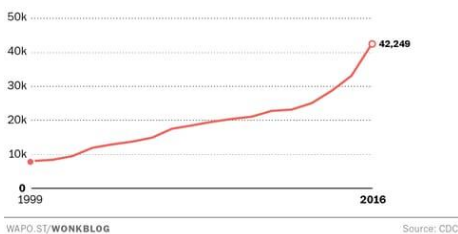


Salient Issues of the Opioid Crisis



Opioid deaths surge in 2016

Number of opioid overdose deaths, 1999 to 2016



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Source: CDC

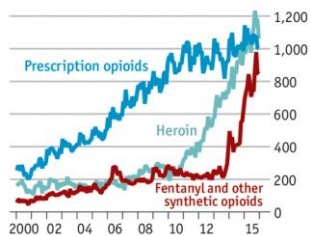
<https://wapo.st/2l4zBvF>

Opioid OD deaths have become the #1 cause of accidental death in the US

Prescription opioids are the leading offenders – redirection, over-prescription, doctor shopping, etc

New highs

United States, drug overdose deaths*, monthly



Source: Centres for Disease Control and Prevention

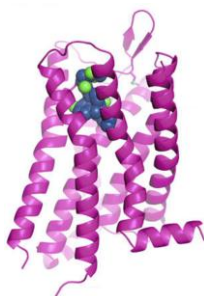
*Deaths involving more than one drug are counted multiple times

<https://www.economist.com/blogs/graphicdetail/2017/03/daily-chart-3>

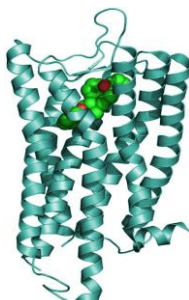
Opioid Receptors



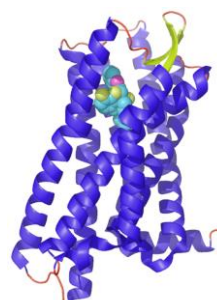
Opioid receptors have been used as targets for developing analgesics for decades



Mu Opioid Receptor



Kappa Opioid Receptor



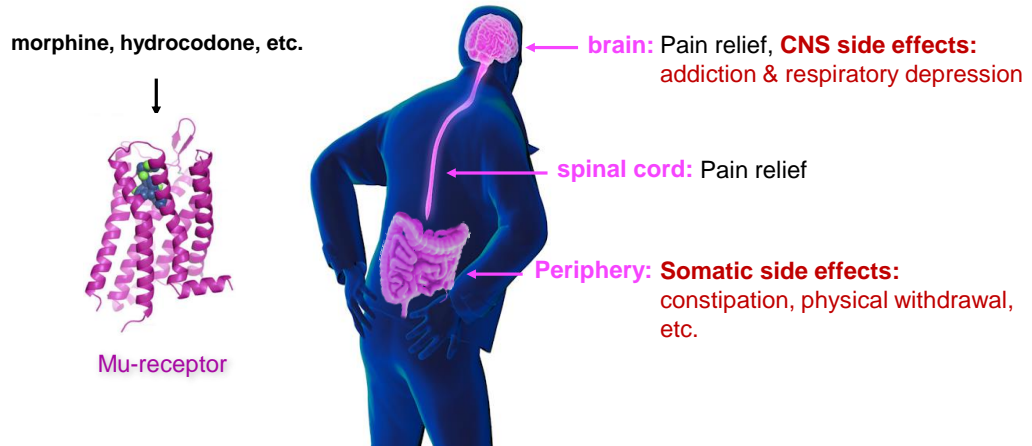
Delta Opioid Receptor

Class A, Rhodopsin type GPCRs: 60% homology

Current Opioids are Addictive Through the Same Mechanism



All opioid pain medications have the same target: the mu-opioid receptor
 Mu-receptor activation leads to analgesia, **addiction and side effects**



Abuse Potential

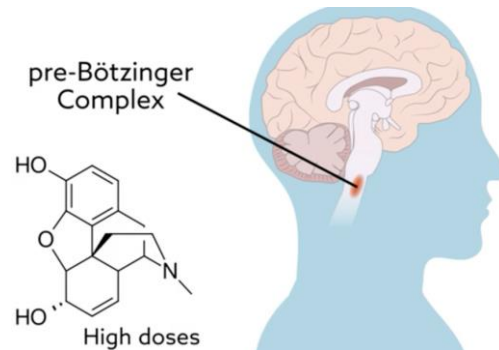


- **Physical dependence** – withdrawal symptoms upon cessation, etc.
- **Drug seeking behaviors**
- **Reinforcement** – self-administration

Respiratory Depression



- The fatal side effect of narcotics – breathing stops once threshold is crossed
- Opioids activate neurons in the pre-bötzing complex in the brainstem that regulates breathing



Extracted from: <https://vimeo.com/229746641> and Miller et al., 2017 Anesthesiology [dx.doi.org/10.1097/ALN.0000000000001719](https://doi.org/10.1097/ALN.0000000000001719)

Tolerance



- Repeated use of opioids reduces therapeutic effect over time
- Need to dose-escalate to get same analgesic (or euphoric) effects
- Tolerance to respiratory depression develops much slower – leads to OD situations!

Recent Policy Steps



- All opioids are **Schedule II** drugs in the U.S., making them difficult to prescribe
- Manufacturing caps are progressively limiting opioid availability
- Narcan (naloxone) – opioid antagonist to be made widely available to first-responders to tackle overdoses
- However, chronic/neuropathic pain markets remain major unmet needs

Audience Challenge Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT



Which of these narcotic side effects is the main reason for overdose fatalities? (More than one correct answer may be possible)

- Physical dependence
- Tolerance
- Constipation
- None of the above

The Solution



- ✓ Equal or more efficacious compared to same dose of an opioid
low doses = less potential for side effects
- ✓ CNS-acting to address chronic pain mechanisms
- ✓ No tolerance – no need to dose escalate for efficacy
- ✓ No narcotic CNS side effects – physical dependence, addiction
- ✓ No or reduced opioid peripheral side effects – constipation, etc.
- ✓ No respiratory depression – the reason for OD deaths

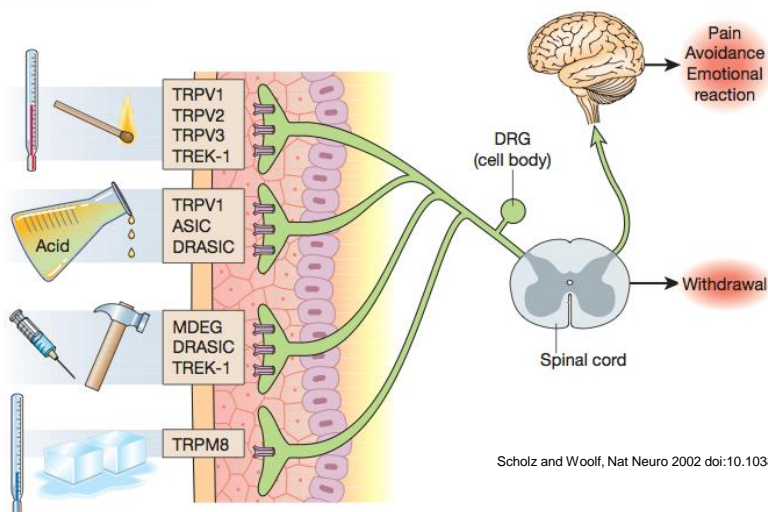
PAIN AND ITS TRANSMISSION



What is Pain?

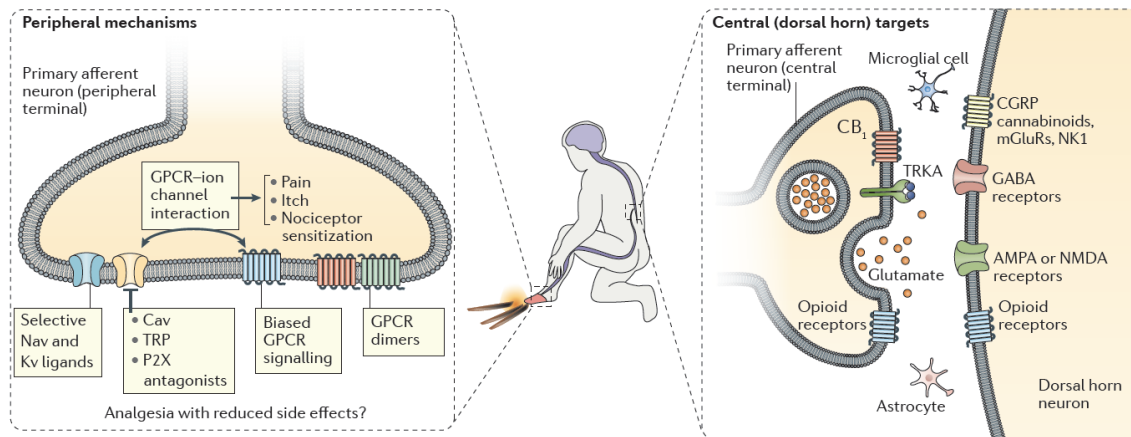
- **Pain is a cardinal sign that helps us perceive the environment**
 - **Noxious pain** – early warning system
 - **Inflammatory pain** – hypersensitivity due to tissue damage and repair
 - **Pathological pain** – damage to nervous system (neuropathic pain) or abnormal function (dysfunctional pain)

Simplified Model of Pain Transmission





Where Can We Intervene?



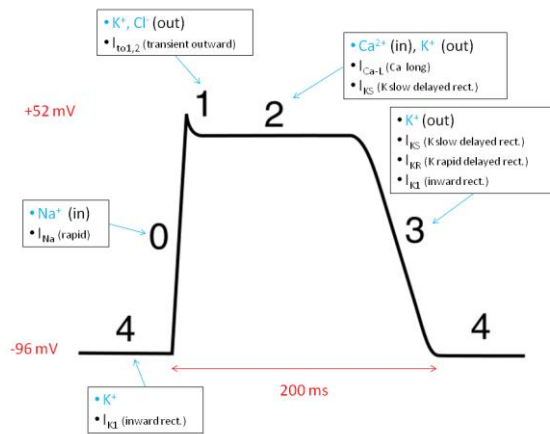
Yekkirala et al., 2017 Nat. Rev. Drug. Discov. doi:10.1038/nrd.2017.87

STRATEGIES TO DEVELOP NEXT-GEN PAIN THERAPY

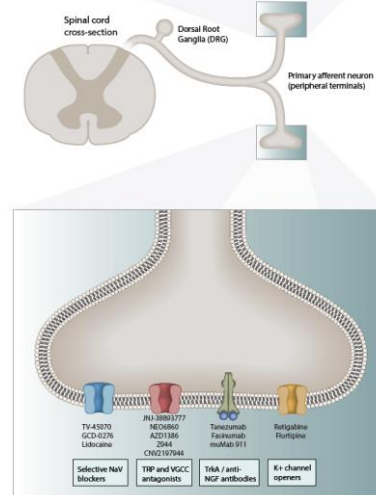
A (very) brief overview



Ion Channels in Pain



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Ion Channels in Pain



- **Sodium channel ligands:** commonly used as local anesthetics (lidocaine, etc.)
 - Several subtype selective ligands are being developed
 - Recent success with VX-150 (Nav1.8 inhibitor, Vertex) in Phase 2 clinical trials
- **Potassium channel openers:** Kv7, K2P opens amongst other channels under pre-clinical development

Ion Channels in Pain



- **Calcium channel ligands:** Gabapentin (Pregabalin, Lyrica) is the prototypic analgesic with some efficacy in neuropathic pain
 - Z944 (Zalikus) and CNV2197944 (Convergence) currently in clinical trials
- **TRPV1 channel blockers** failed in the clinic due to increased body temperature
 - NEO6860, JNJ-38893777 and AZD1386 are now under investigation without thermal side effects

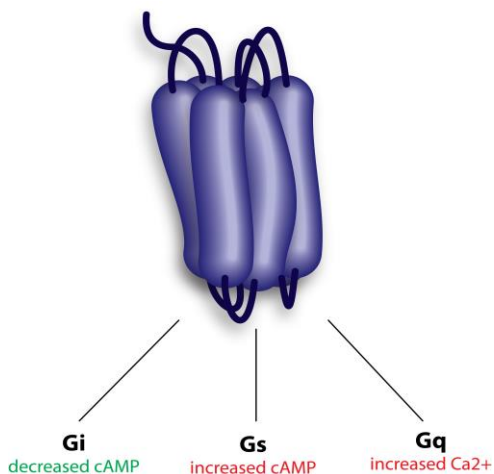
Disease-Modifiers



- **Anti-NGF antibodies** – tanezumab, fasinumab, etc relieve osteoarthritic pain in clinical trials.
 - Side effect included progression of arthritis!
- **Anti-cGRP drugs for migraine**
 - Novartis (erenumab), Teva (fremanezumab) are antibody therapeutics with positive phase III data
 - Ubrogепant is a cGRP receptor antagonist that also has positive phase III data



GPCR Targets



- G protein coupled receptors
- 7 transmembrane domains
- Three major types of G proteins act as second messengers
- Opioid, cannabinoid, angiotensin, chemokine receptors are some of the major pain GPCR targets

Abuse Deterrent Opioids

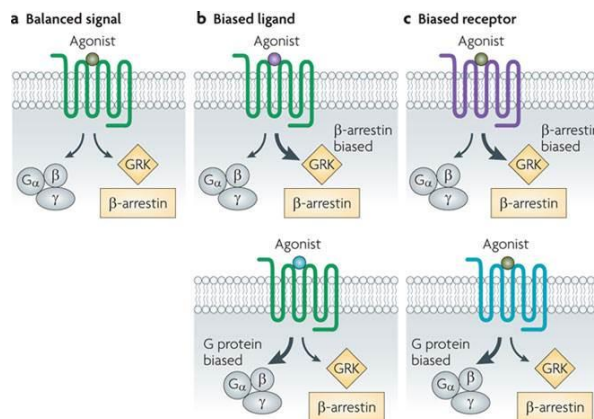


- Pill formulations that cannot be crushed or melted
- But the active drug are still opioids
- The side effects remain and studies show that they can exacerbate prescription abuse in certain cases (Kunins 2015 *JAMA Int. Med.* 175, 987–988, Cassidy et al., 2014 *Pain Med.* 15, 440–451)
- Opana ER was pulled from the market by the FDA

Biased Ligands



- Biased agonist – a ligand that activates the receptor selectively via particular signal transduction mechanisms
- Trevena's Oliceridine is a clinical stage example – activates G protein vs β -arrestin
- Hot field in GPCR research with implications in many diseases



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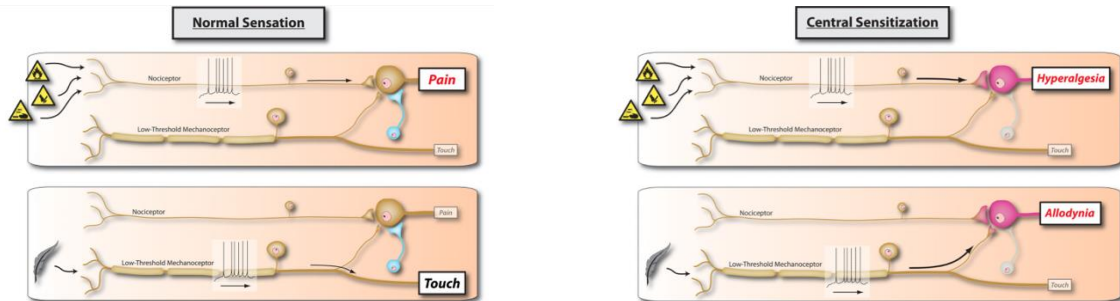
Rajagopal et al., Nat Rev Drug Discov. 2010 (5):373-86

Peripherally-Restricted Opioids



- Kappa opioid agonists produce pain relief
- Major use-limiting side effects include psychotomimetic effects (hallucinations), dysphoria, on top of narcotic effects
- Cara therapeutics is developing kappa agonists that do not penetrate the blood-brain barrier – peripherally-restricted
- CR845 currently in phase 2 clinical trials – failed to achieve primary end point in a osteoarthritis trial but other trials on-going

Central Sensitization



Under normal conditions, the stimulus determines the perception of touch vs. pain

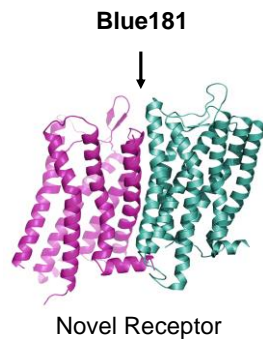
In chronic pain, nociceptors are sensitized – even non-noxious stimuli lead to pain perception

Woolf C. (2012) 152(3):1-31. J.Pain. doi:10.1016

A Safer Centrally Acting Painkiller is Needed



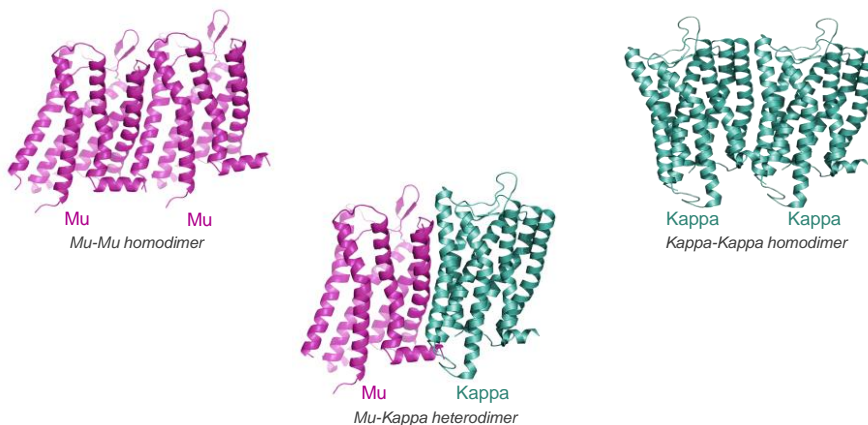
Blue181 targets a **novel receptor** predominantly in the spinal cord to produce analgesia without narcotic side effects



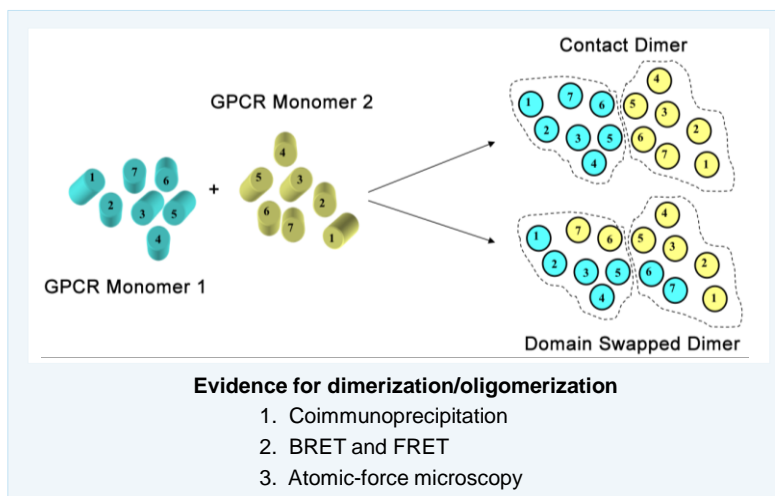
Blue's Approach is Informed by Novel Biology



Heteromers provide a refined combinatorial target space with new pharmacological properties.



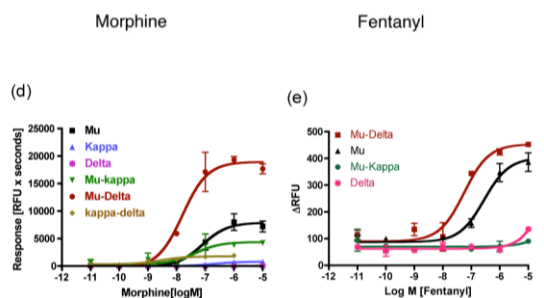
Concepts of GPCR Heteromerization



Understanding heteromers as drug targets

- Many opioids originally thought to target a single opioid receptor actually engage a range of both homomeric and heteromeric opioid receptors.
- Incorporating heteromer targeting information can help explain the pharmacology of current drugs, as well as create newer, more selective ones, engineered to be safe and effective.

Case study: morphine and fentanyl activity

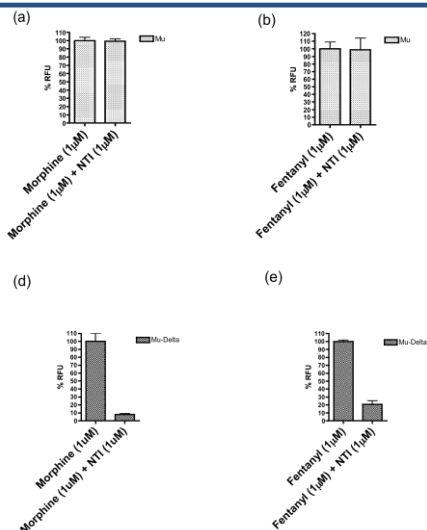


Morphine and fentanyl were tested for agonist activity at various opioid receptors expressed in HEK-293 cells using the intracellular calcium release method

Yekkirala et al. ACS Chem. Neurosci. (2008) and Yekkirala et al., ACS Chem. Neurosci. (2012)

- Morphine and fentanyl are widely considered prototypic mu agonists.
- However, the strongest activity for morphine and fentanyl is at mu-delta opioid receptor heteromers
- Heteromers thus add an additional layer of complexity to the opioid system.

Selective antagonism of morphine and fentanyl at mu-delta heteromeric receptors

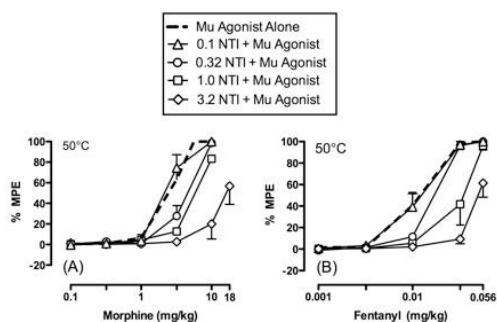


- Naltrindole (NTI), a selective delta antagonist, inhibits morphine- and fentanyl-induced calcium release via mu-delta heteromers
- Morphine and fentanyl are not inhibited by NTI at mu-mu homomers

Yekkirala et al., ACS Chem. Neurosci. (2012)

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Blocking mu-delta inhibits morphine and fentanyl analgesia in monkeys



Yekkirala et al., ACS Chem. Neurosci. (2012)

- Morphine and Fentanyl were tested for analgesia in rhesus monkeys using the tail-flick method
- Naltrindole (NTI) strongly inhibits morphine and fentanyl in rhesus monkeys in a dose dependent manner (increasing doses of NTI moves the morphine/fentanyl dose-response to the right)
- These data (*taken together with slide 45*) clearly show that mu-delta opioid heteromers are responsible for the analgesia produced by these ligands even in monkeys.

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Mu-delta opioid receptors also help to explain morphine side-effects, such as tolerance and dependence

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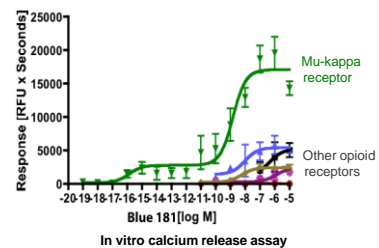
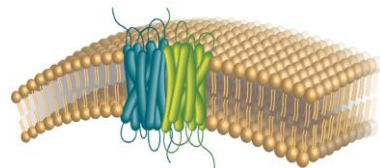
Blue181 is a First-in-Class Small Molecule



Discovered via rational design & extensive SAR to be highly selective to mu-kappa heteromeric opioid receptor

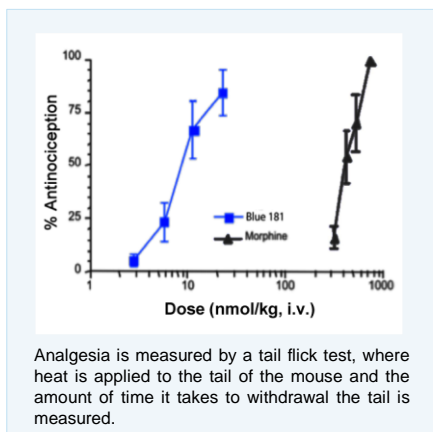
It has sub-picomolar binding & activation potency for the receptor complex compared with other opioid receptors

Mu-kappa opioid heteromer



Blue181 is a potent analgesic - mouse

with both IV and oral bioavailability

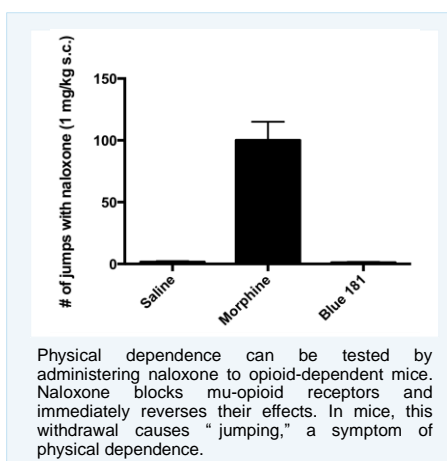


- Many painkiller candidates fail on efficacy
- Blue181 is 50x more potent than morphine in mice (i.v.)
- **Blue181 is also orally active** (ED₅₀ = 2.4 mg/kg)

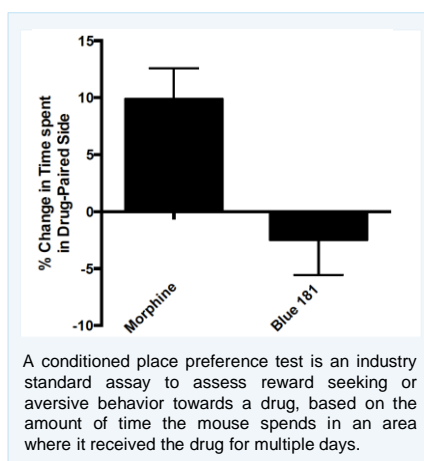
Blue181 is Non-Addictive in Animal Models



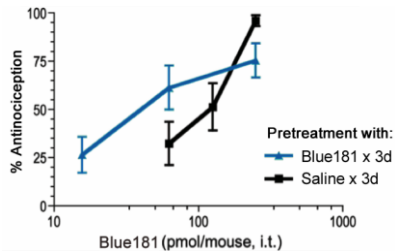
no physical dependence



no drug-seeking behavior



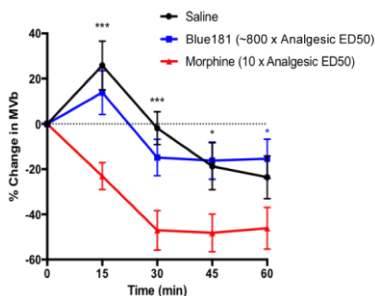
Tolerance to Blue181 is Reduced or Absent



Tail-flick responsiveness following a single dose of Blue181 was measured in drug-naive mice (control, black line) and in mice given high-dose Blue181 for three days (blue line). No significant tolerance was detected, as the two curves for the groups were not significantly different.

- Morphine produces significant and rapid tolerance, limiting its use for chronic pain conditions
- Blue181 shows no tolerance when administered i.t. (spine)

Blue181 Produces No Respiratory Depression



Effects of Blue181 (blue) on breathing were tested via whole-body plethysmography with saline (black) and morphine (red) serving as controls. As expected, morphine produces significant respiratory depression within minutes, while saline and Blue181 produce no effects on breathing.

- Morphine and other opioids produce significant & rapid respiratory depression
- This is what makes opioid overdoses so deadly
- Blue181 produces no respiratory depression even at 800 x higher than the i.v. analgesic dose

Summary



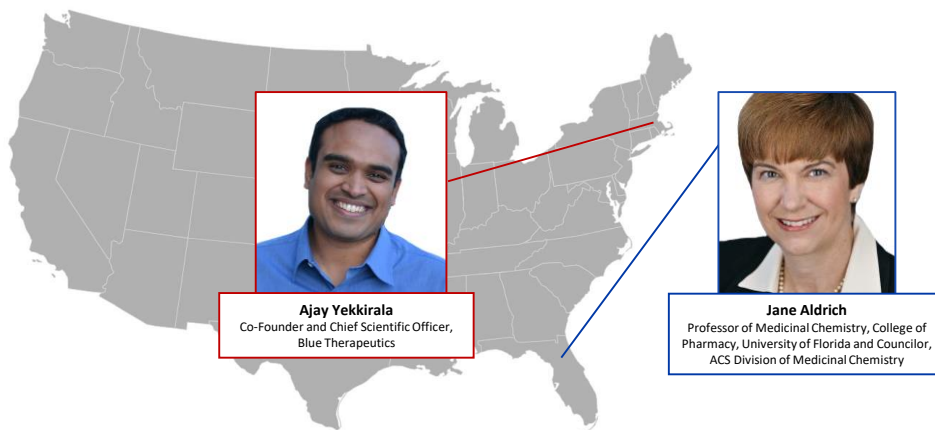
- **Opioid crisis** is ballooning out of control
- The need to **replace traditional opioid therapeutics** is immediate
 - Narcotic side effects to avoid: tolerance, physical dependence, addiction, respiratory depression
- Several **promising** lines of investigation
- Tremendous opportunity for **novel chemistry**

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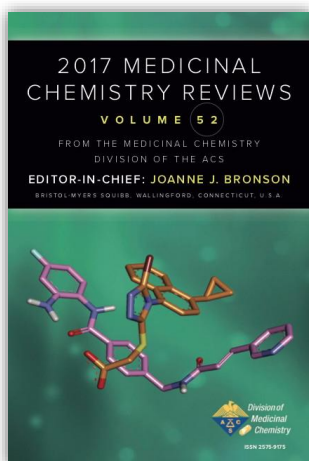
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 - 8 Vincent Smith - Abbvie
 - 9 Andrew Brunton - Merck
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 - 1 Dealing with Reactive Drug Metabolites in Drug Discovery: Can We Predict Toxicities of Drug Candidates that Form Reactive Metabolites?: Deenan Datta - Pfizer
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 - 4 Amanda Garner - University of Michigan
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 - 1 Cyclic Peptide: Discovery of CTRF Modulators: Peter Grotenhuis - Vertex
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 - 2 Courtney Aldrich - University of Minnesota
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