

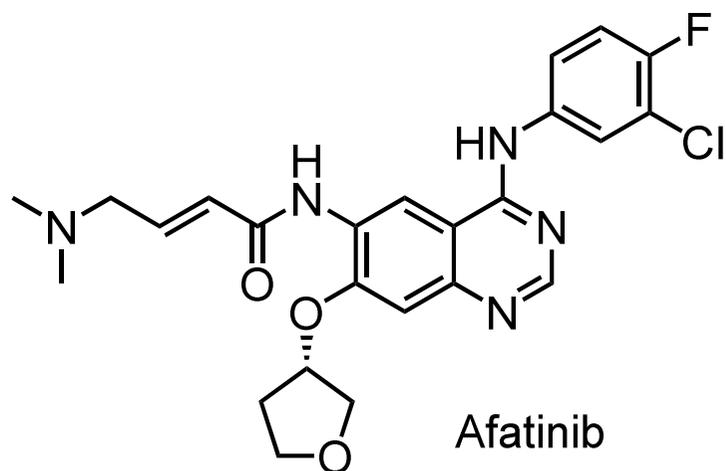
# Covalent drugs

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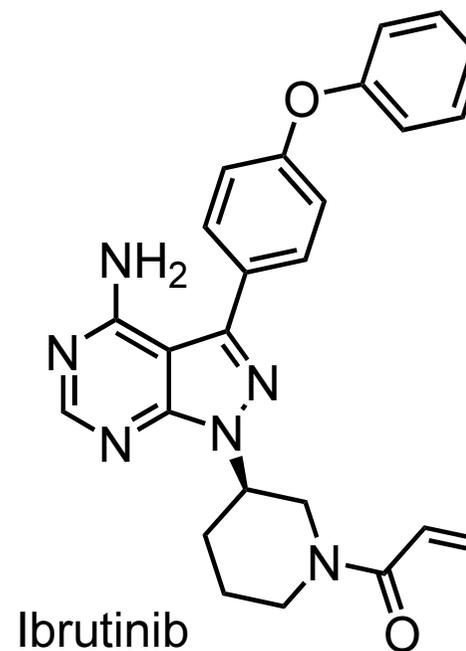
Takushi Araya

# Recently approved targeted-covalent drugs



EGFR inhibitor  
(Anti-NSCLC)  
Firstly approved

Solca, F. *et al. J Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.* **2012**, 342, 342.



BTK inhibitor  
(Anti-mantle cell lymphoma)  
Secondly approved

Pan, Z. *et al. ChemMedChem* **2007**, 2, 58

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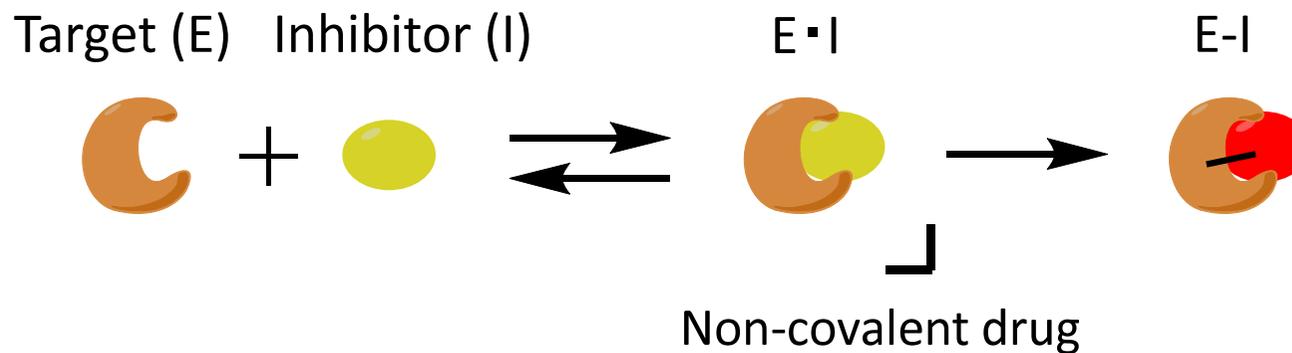
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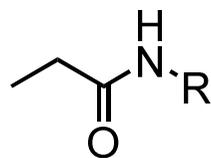
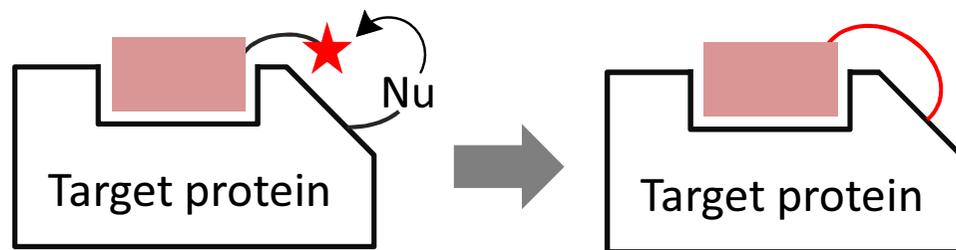
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# What is Covalent drug?

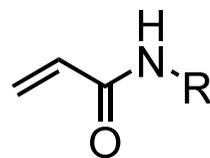
Compound to use as drug (medical use).  
It has (or is going to have) **chemical reacting group**  
and binds to target **covalently**.



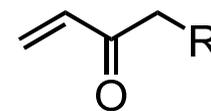
# Concept



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moderate

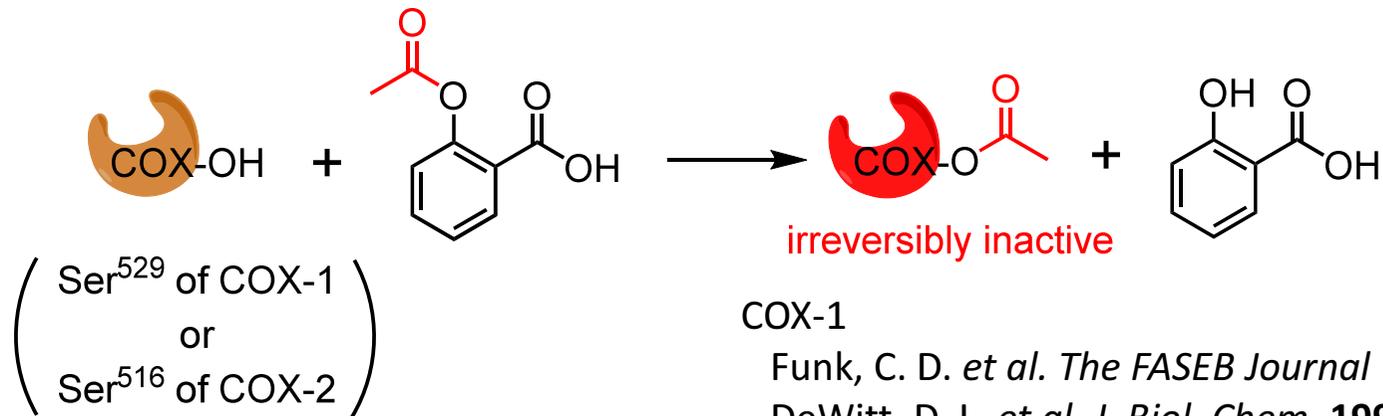
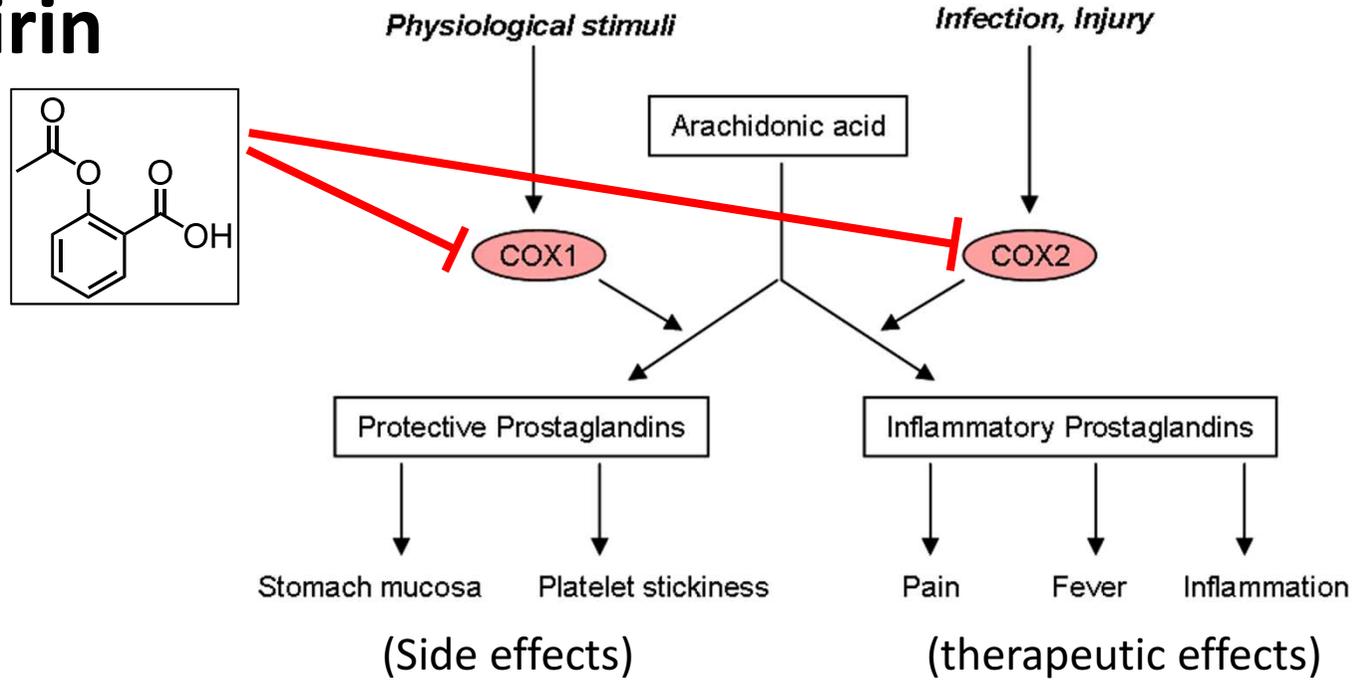


too strong



reactivity

# Aspirin



COX-1

Funk, C. D. *et al. The FASEB Journal* **1991**, *5*, 2304.

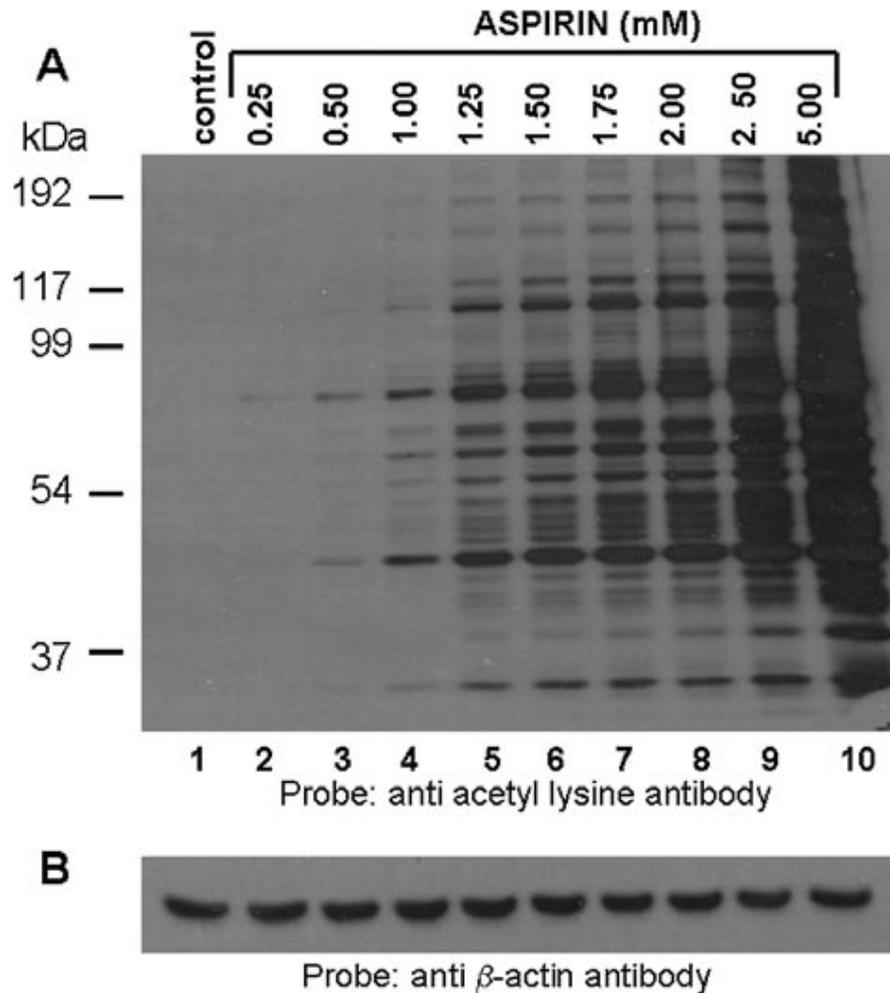
DeWitt, D. L. *et al. J. Biol. Chem.* **1990**, *265*, 5192.

COX-2

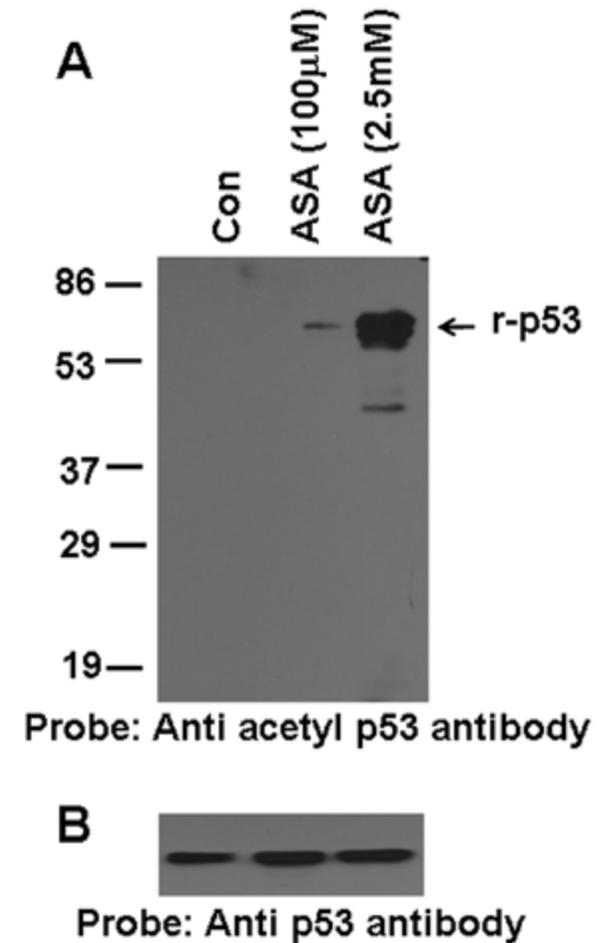
Hla, T. *et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **1992**, *89*, 7384.

# Aspirin also acetylate other cellular proteins

## Rat liver cell culture



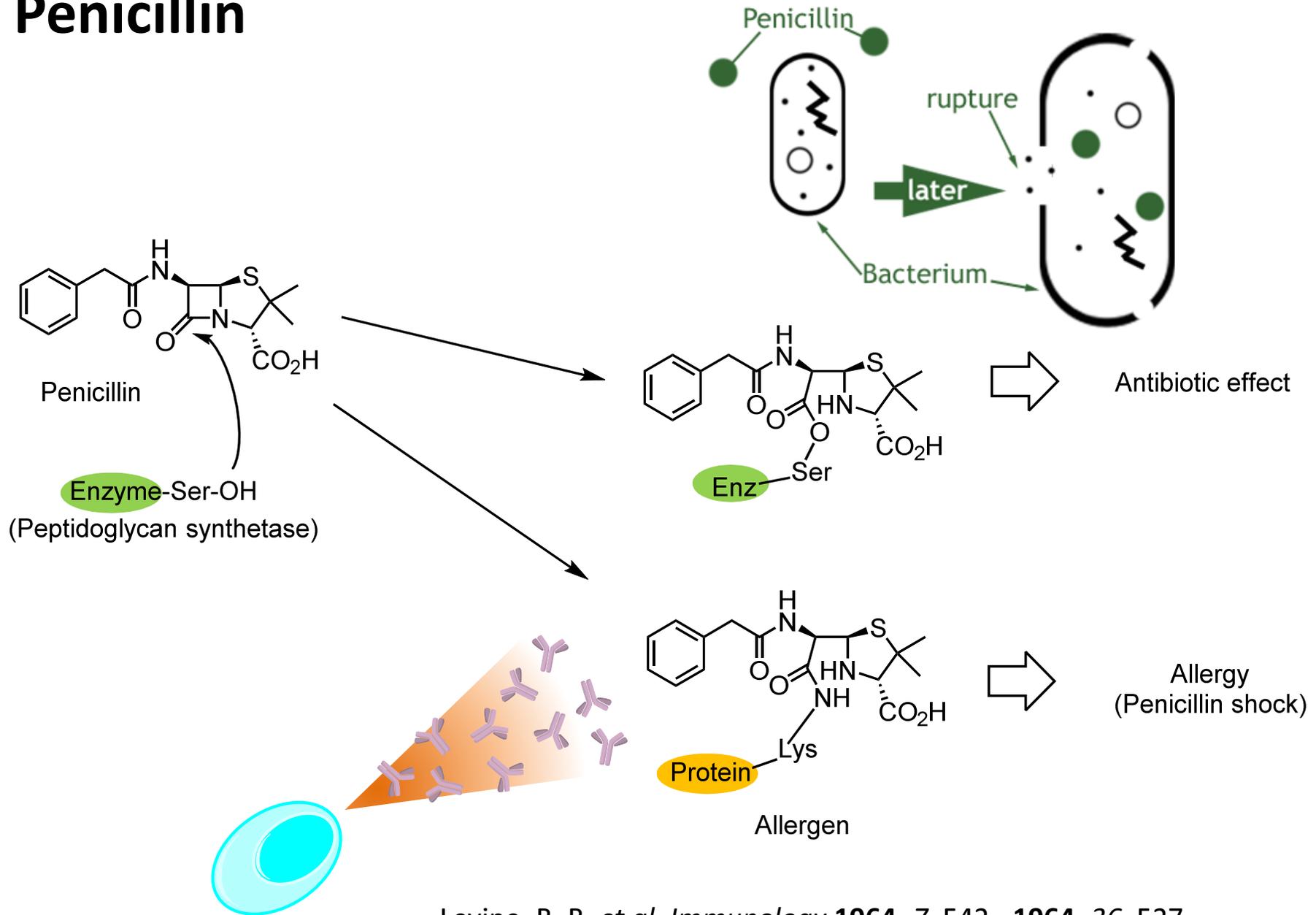
## Recombinant p53



Review : Alfonso, L. F. *et al. Mol. Med. Reports*, **2009**, 2, 533.

Original (inaccessible from UT): Alfonso, L. F. *et al. Int. J. Oncol.* **2009**, 34, 597.

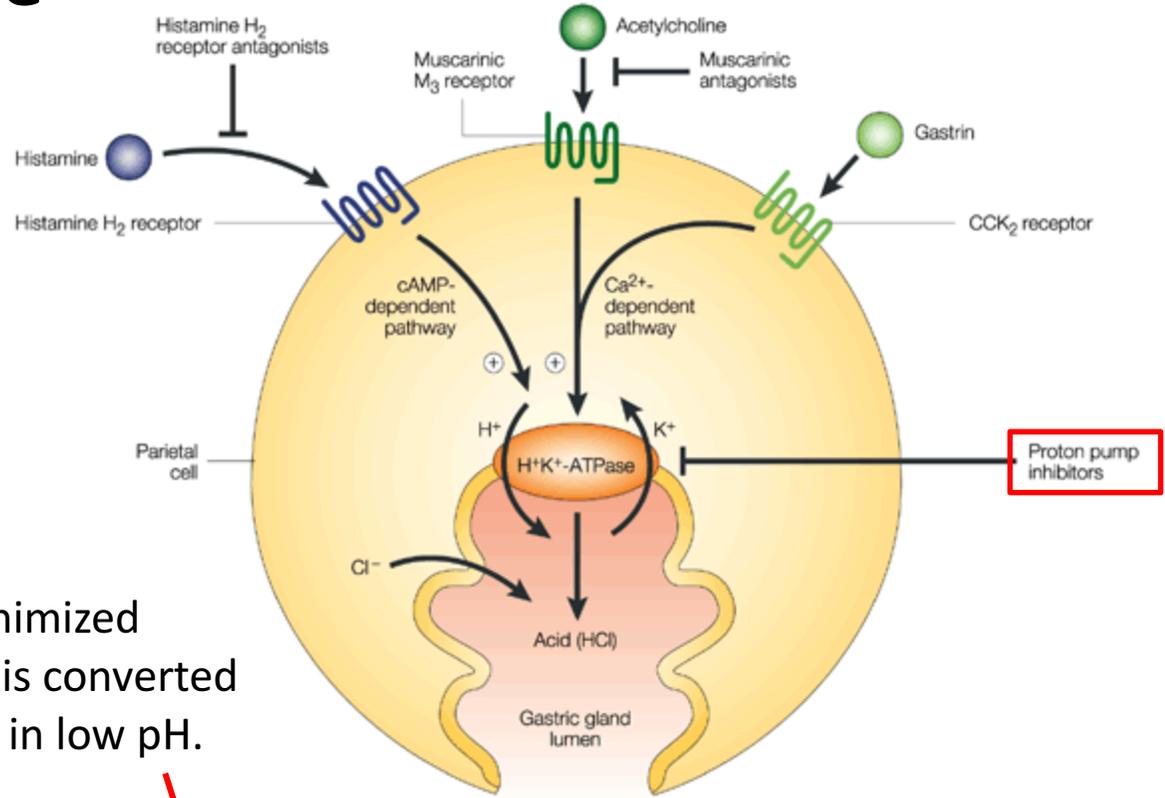
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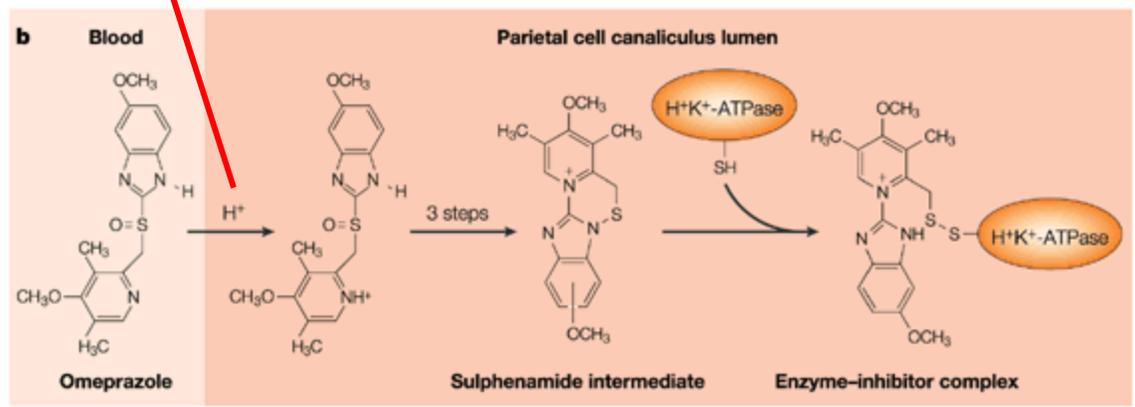
Levine, B. B. *et al. Immunology* **1964**, 7, 542., **1964**, 36, 527.

Figure: [http://www.antibioticslist.com/images/design/penicillin\\_img.gif](http://www.antibioticslist.com/images/design/penicillin_img.gif) 7

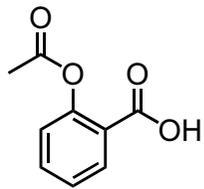
# Omeprazole



Side effect is minimized because Omeprazole is converted active intermediate in low pH.



# History of covalent drugs

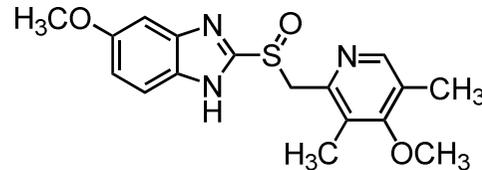


Aspirin

First synthetic and covalent drug

(Mechanism of action was discovered in 1970s.)

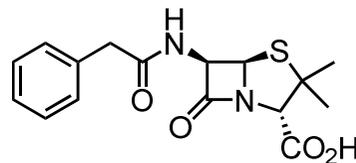
1899



Omeprazole

Blockbuster PPIs

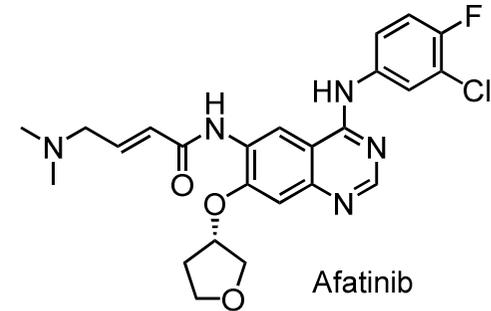
1940s



Penicillin

First antibiotics

1980s



Afatinib

First-approved Targeted covalent drug

1990s

2013

Development of Targeted covalent drugs for EGFR family

Until recently, covalent drugs were discovered by serendipity. Their mechanisms of action were reported after a long time later. Can we design “Targeted” covalent drug?

Singh, J. *et al. Nat. Rev. Drug Discov.* **2011**, *10*, 307.

Warner, T. D. *et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **2002**, *99*, 13371.

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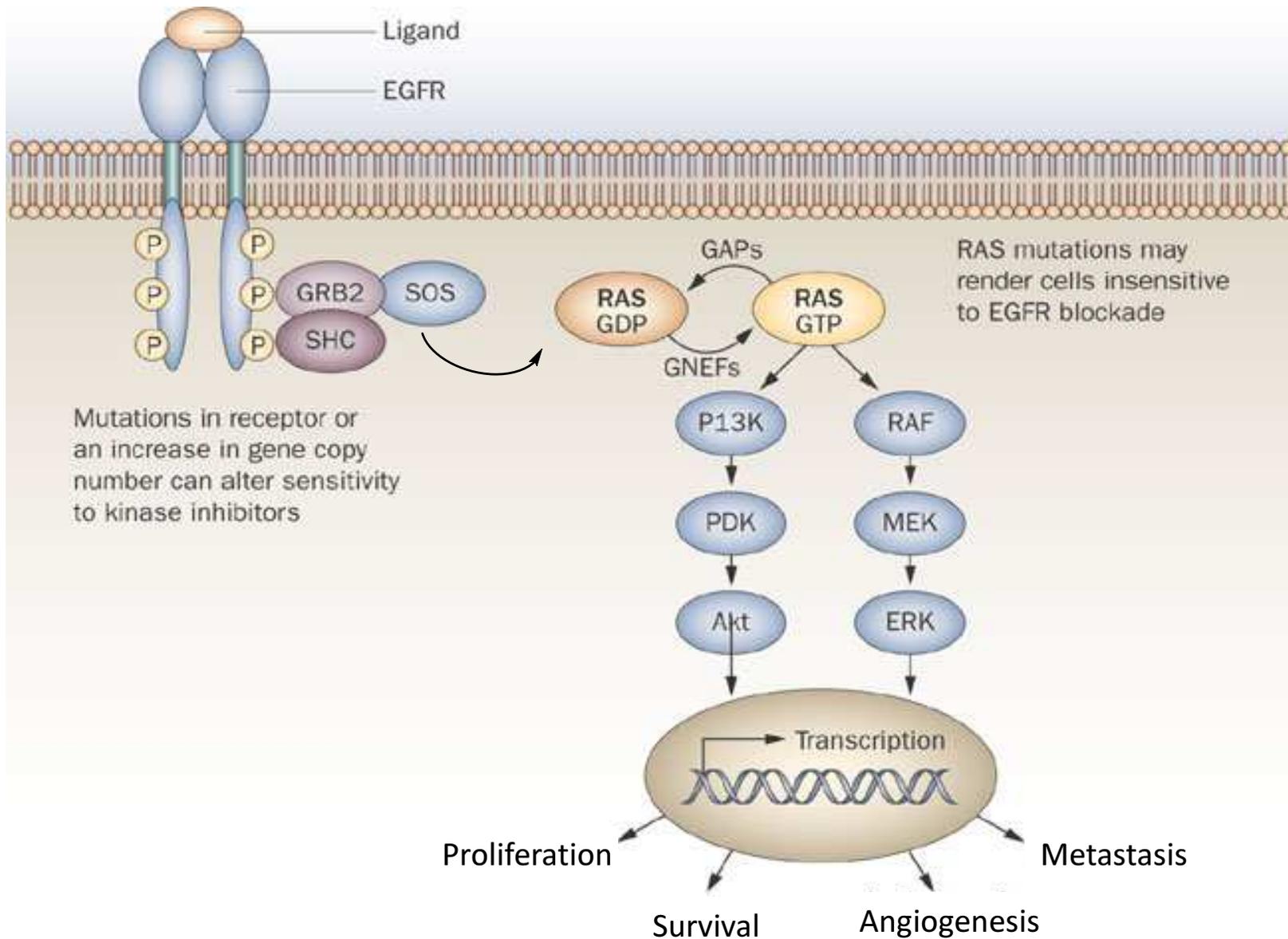
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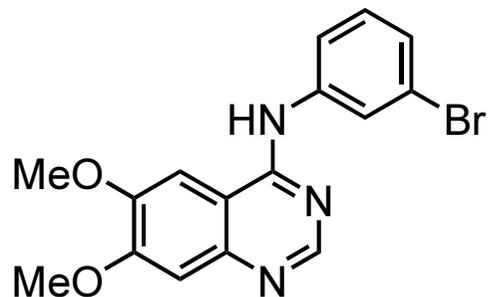
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# EGFR mutation induces NSCLC



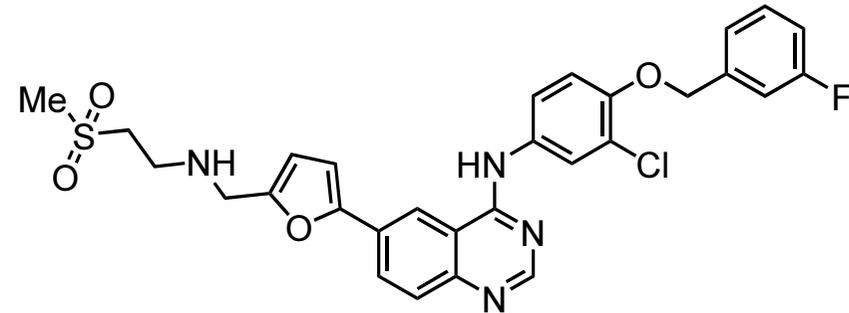
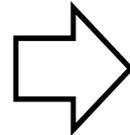
# 1st generation EGFR inhibitors (non-covalent)



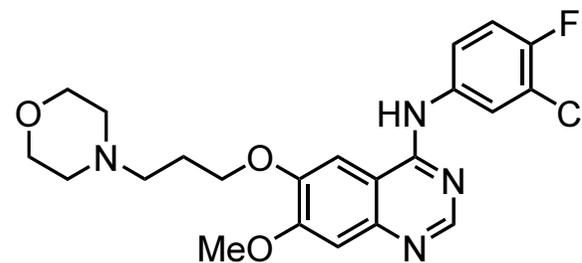
PD153035

EGFR inhibitor

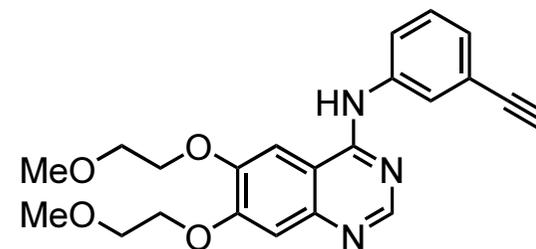
$IC_{50}=29$  pM,  $K_i=5.2$  pM



Lapatinib (Tykerb®)



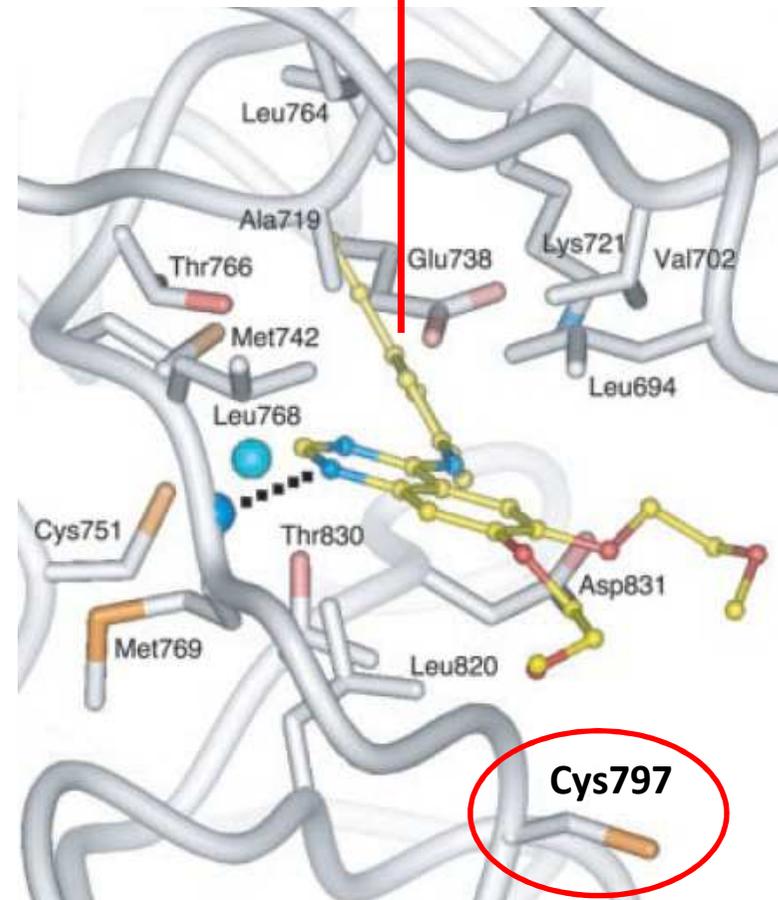
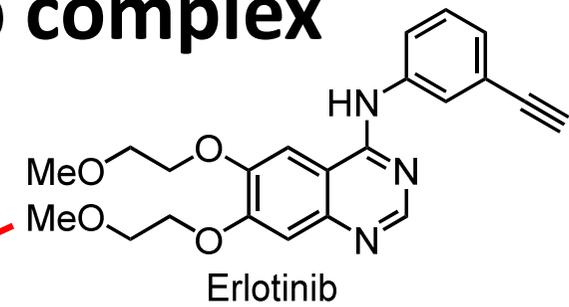
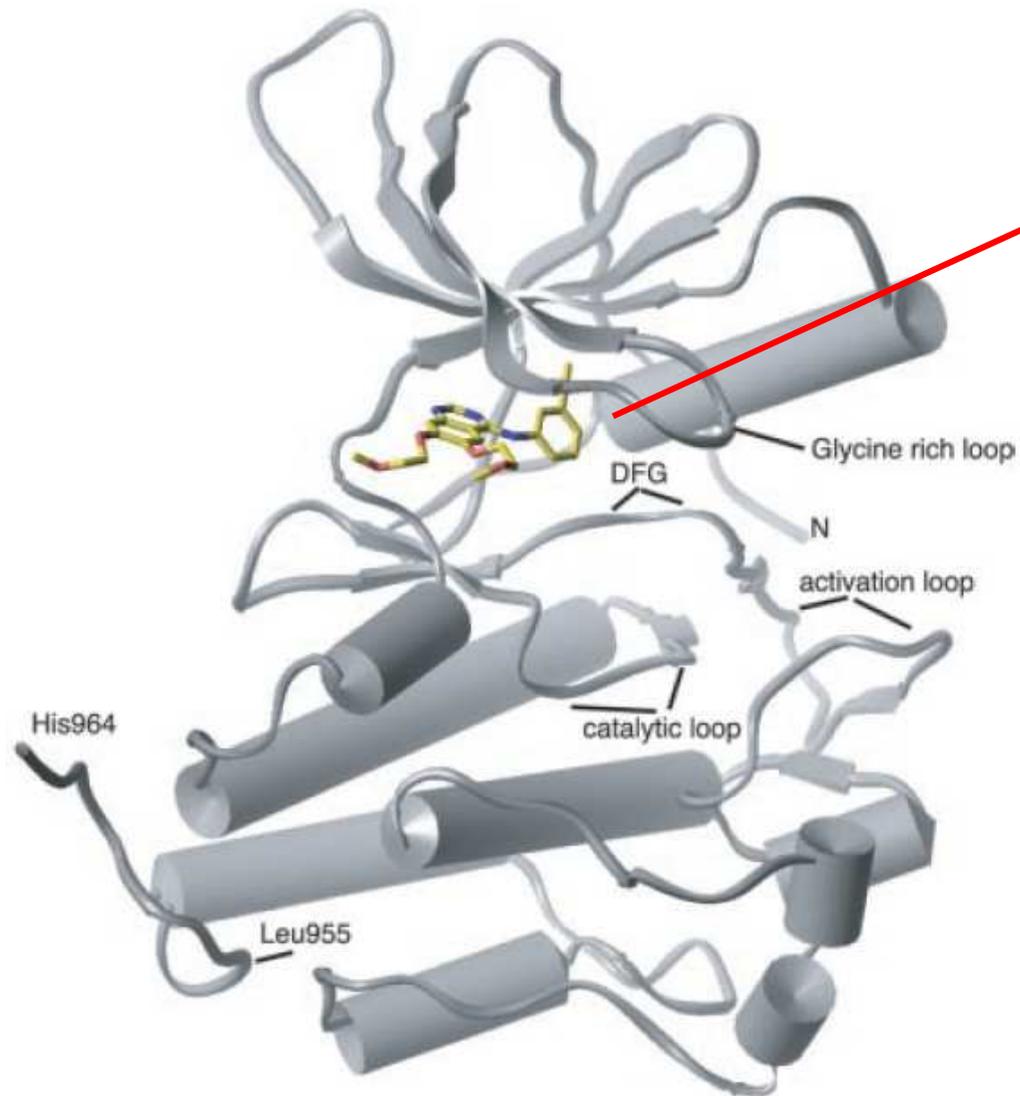
Gefitinib (Iressa®)



Erlotinib (Tarceva®)

etc...

# X-ray structure of EGFR-Erlotinib complex

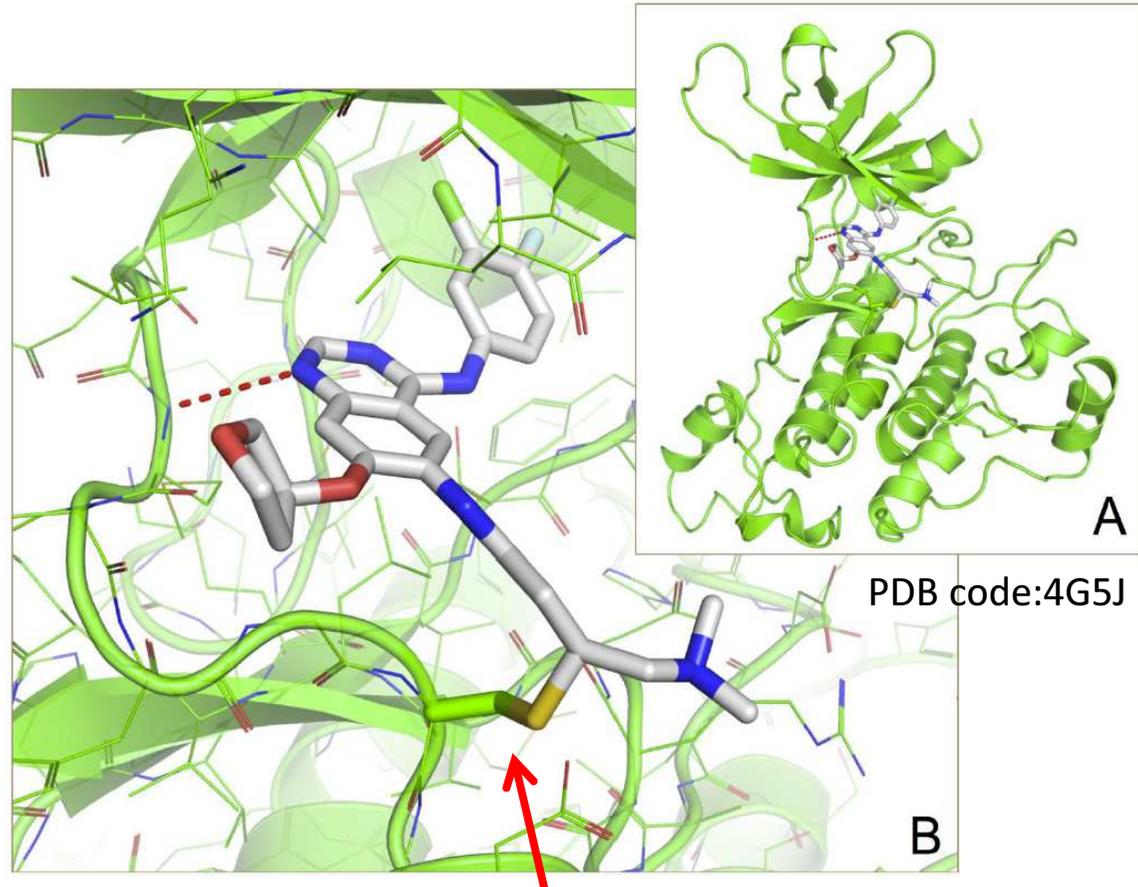
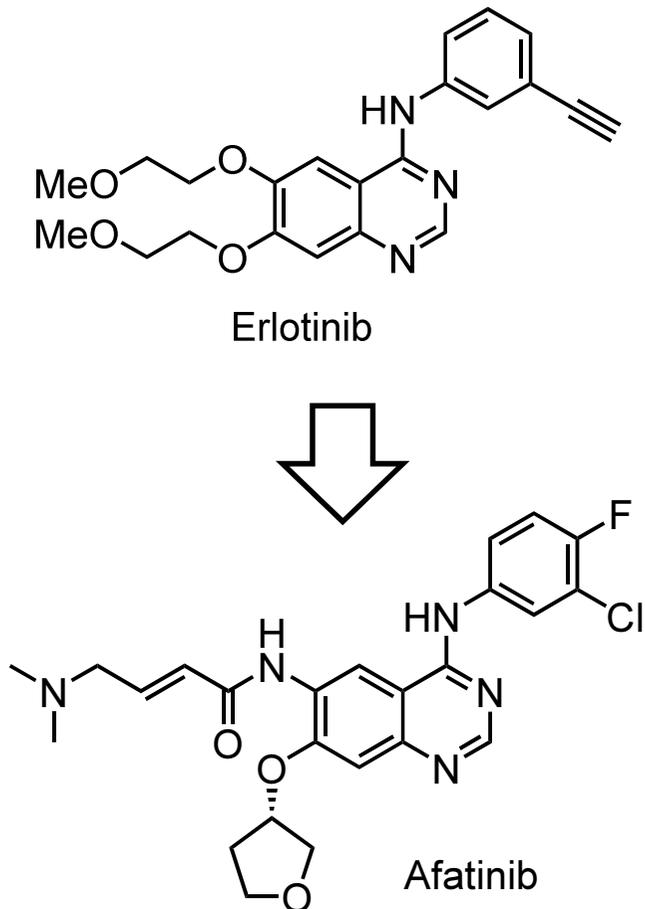


Eigenbrot, C. *et al. J. Biol. Chem.* **2002**, 277, 46265.

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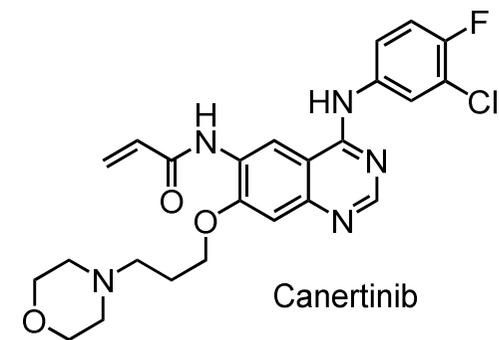
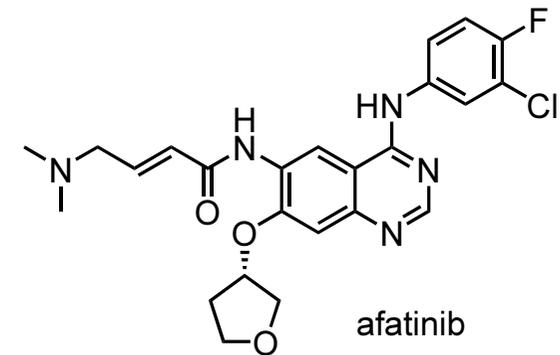
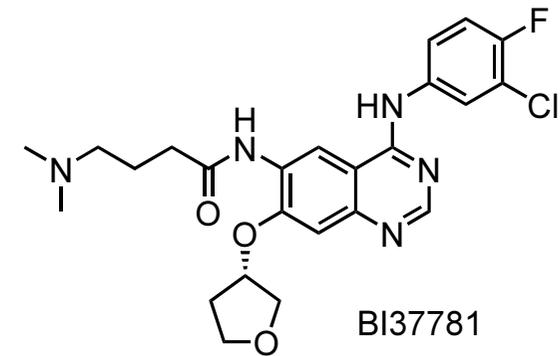
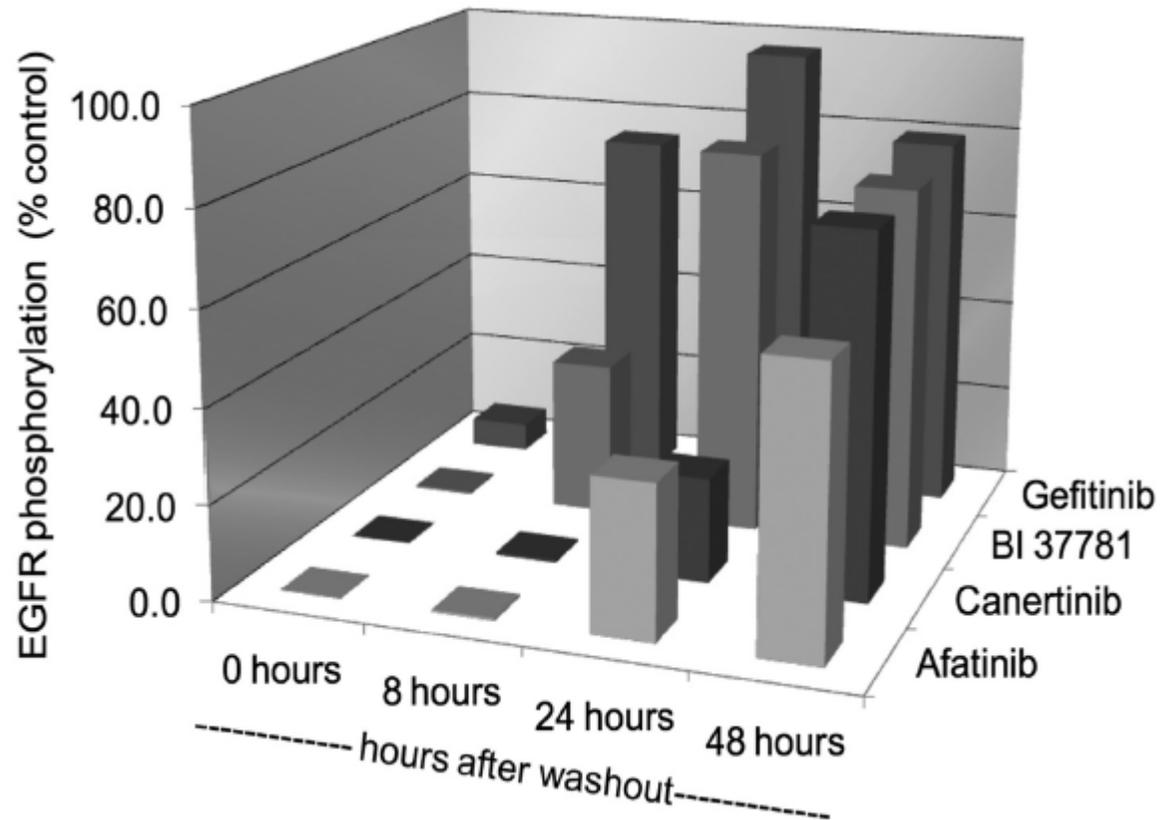
# Afatinib : 2<sup>nd</sup> generation EGFR inhibitor (covalent)

X-ray structure of Afatinib-EGFR complex



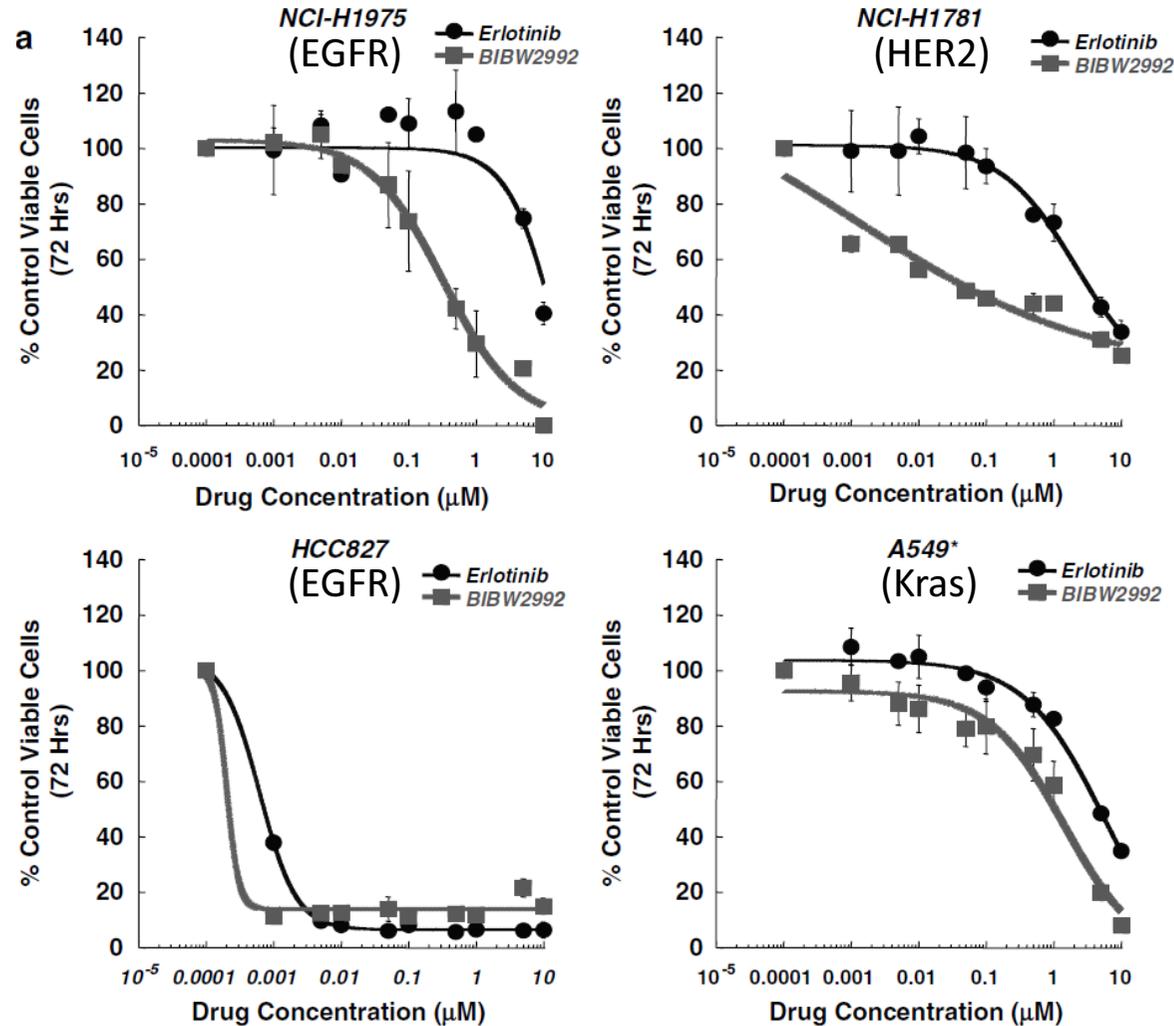
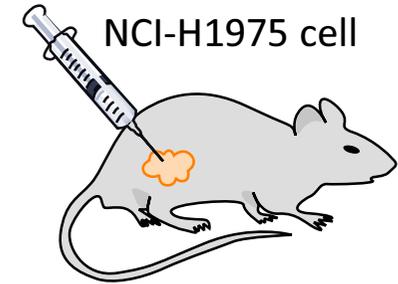
Afatinib covalently binds to Cys797  
Also confirmed by MS/MS

# Afatinib inhibition continues after washout

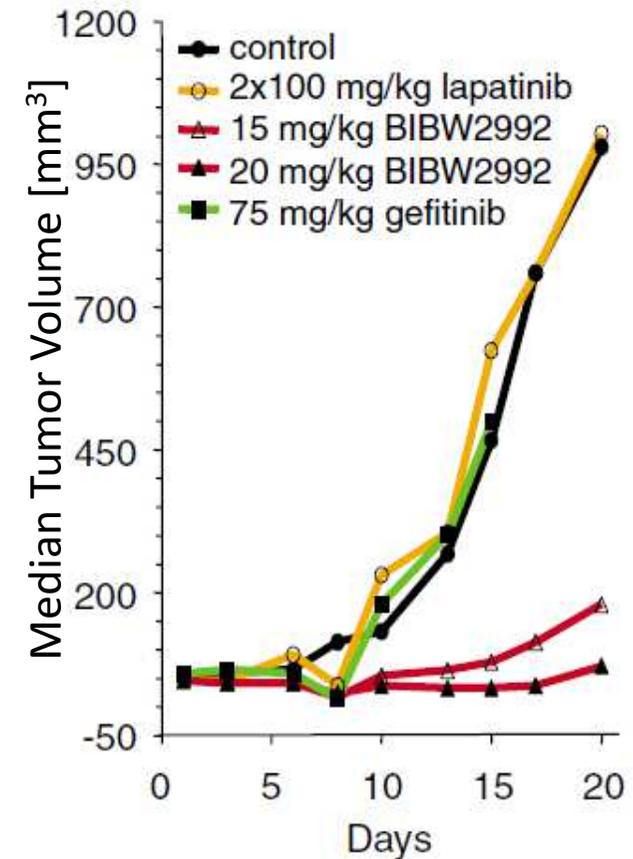


# Afatinib (BIBW2992) effect *in vivo*

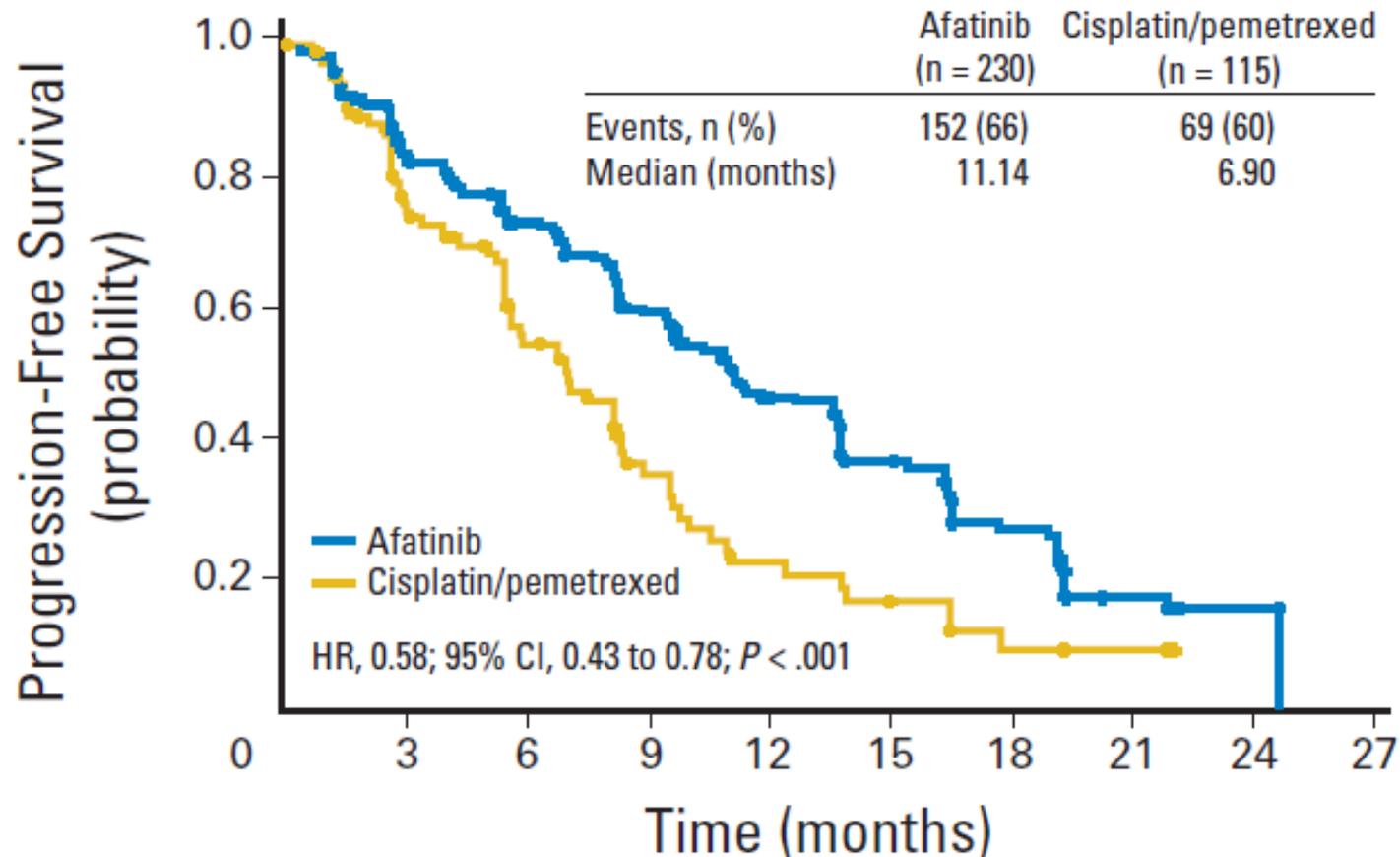
Human NSCLC cell lines (mutant proteins)



## Mice xenograft model

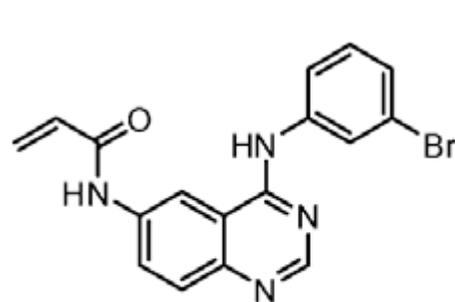


# Phase III Study : Afatinib or chemotherapy

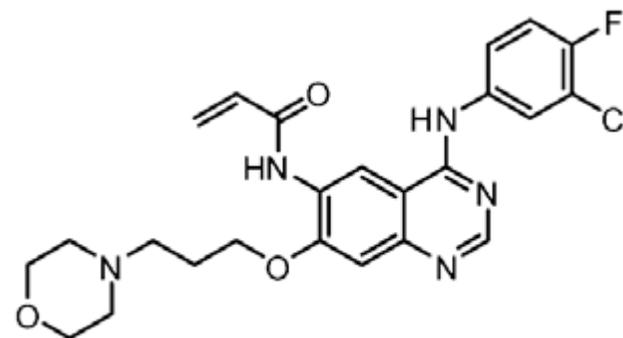


Direct comparisons between Afatinib and Gefitinib (or Erlotinib) in clinical trial are ongoing (Lux-Lung 7 (or 8)).

# Potential risk : alkylate Bmx kinase



PD168393



CI-1033

Cys797 (EGFR) is highly conserved in TK family

EGFR_EGFR	V Q L I T Q L M P F G <b>C</b> L L D Y V R
EGFR_HER2/ErbB2	V Q L V T Q L M P Y G <b>C</b> L L D H V R
EGFR_HER4/ErbB4	I Q L V T Q L M P H G <b>C</b> L L E Y V H
JakA_JAK3	L R L V M E Y L P S G <b>C</b> L R D F L Q
Src_BLK	I Y I V T E Y M A R G <b>C</b> L L D F L K
CAMKL_LKB1	Q K M Y M V M E Y <b>C</b> V <b>C</b> G M Q E M L
Tec_BMX	I Y I V T E Y I S N G <b>C</b> L L N Y L R
Tec_BTK	I F I I T E Y M A N G <b>C</b> L L N Y L R
Tec_TEC	I Y I V T E F M E R G <b>C</b> L L N F L R
Tec_TXK	L Y I V T E F M E N G <b>C</b> L L N Y L R
Tec_ITK	I <b>C</b> L V F E F M E H G <b>C</b> L <b>S</b> D Y L R

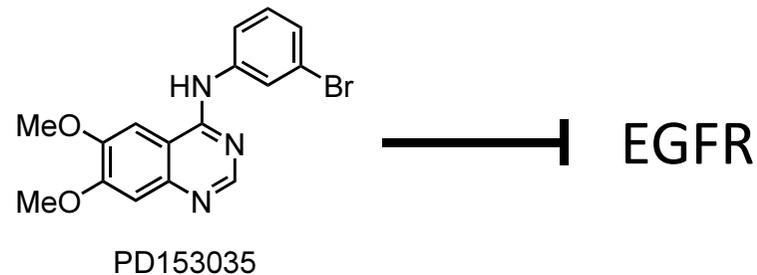
IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	Enzymatic assay		Tel-kinase Ba/F3	
	PD168393	CI-1033	PD168393	CI-1033
<b>EGFR</b>	<0.0015	0.0023	ND	ND
<b>HER2</b>	0.024	0.048	ND	ND
<b>HER4</b>	0.012	0.014	ND	ND
<b>Jak3</b>	3.14	3.88	>10	2
<b>Blk</b>	5.47	0.05	>10	0.029
<b>Lkb1</b>	>10	>10	-	-
<b>Bmx</b>	1.1	0.586	0.303	0.062
<b>Btk</b>	5.83	0.185	ND	ND
<b>Tec, Txk</b>	ND	ND	ND	ND
<b>Itk</b>	>30	5.65	ND	ND

No data about Afatinib, but there may be potential risk.  
Non-conserved residue is desired for target.

# Points to obtain targeted covalent inhibitor (1)

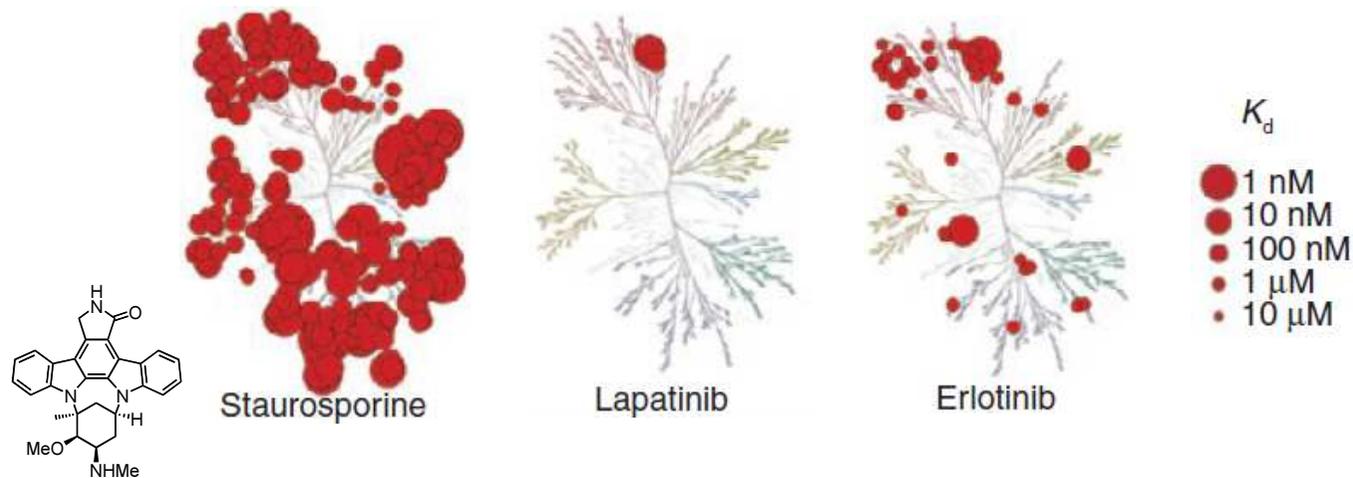
1) Inhibitor known, Target known

→target-based HTS ↔ phenotypic screening



2) High selectivity

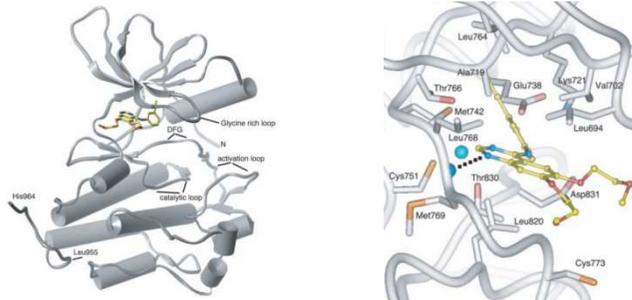
minimized-interaction with off-target



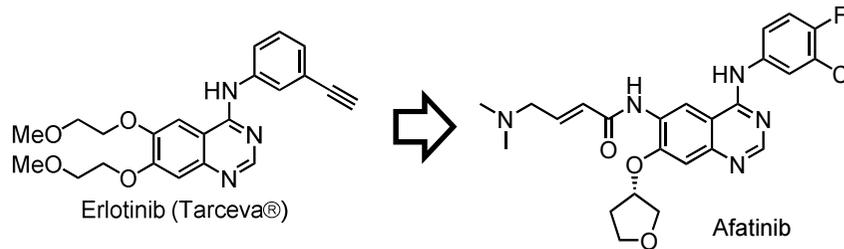
# Points to obtain targeted covalent inhibitor (2)

3) Introduce reactive warhead to inhibitor

Target-inhibitor structure, interaction known or homology modeling available

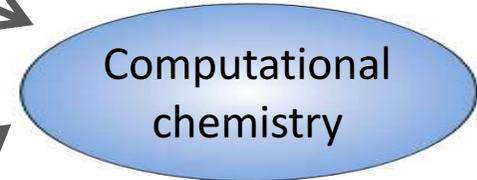


Warhead of moderate reactivity, at appropriate position



Target residue is preferred to non-conserved using protein database (PDB, UniProt, genomatrix etc...)

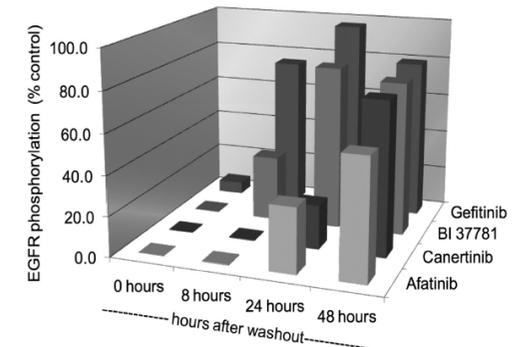
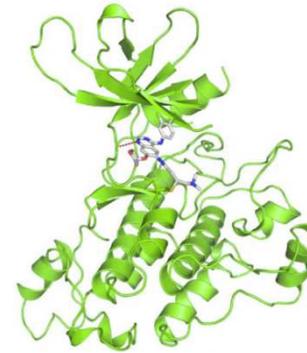
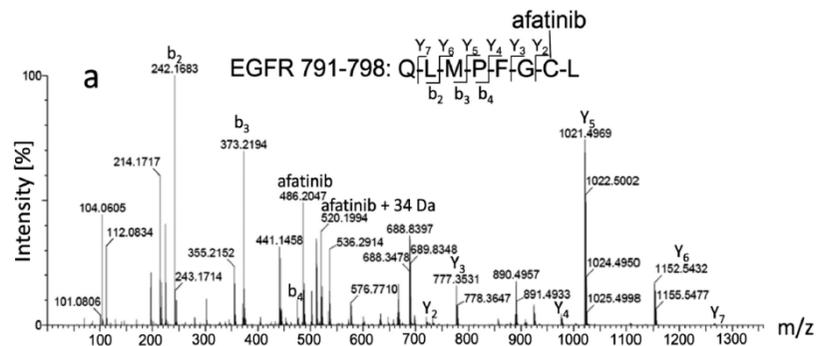
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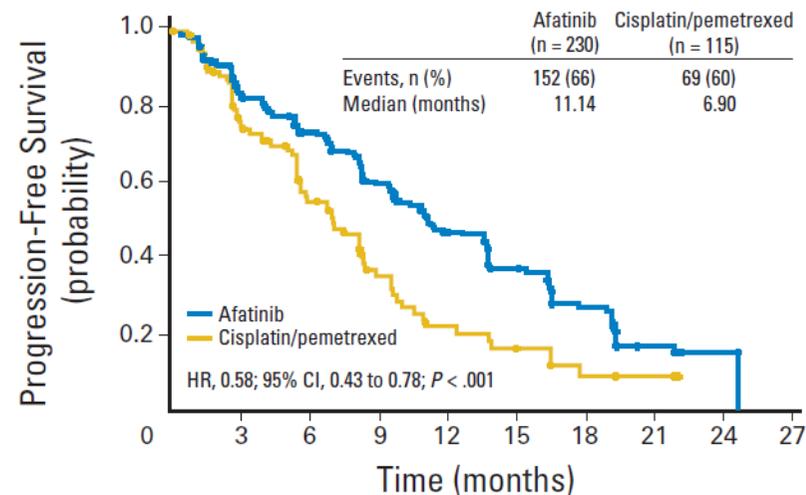
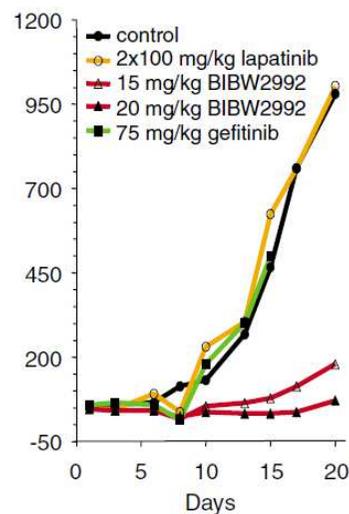
This step might be bottle neck.

# Points to obtain targeted covalent inhibitor (3)

- 4) Check affinity and covalent bond formation by MS/MS, X-ray crystal, wash-out experiment etc...

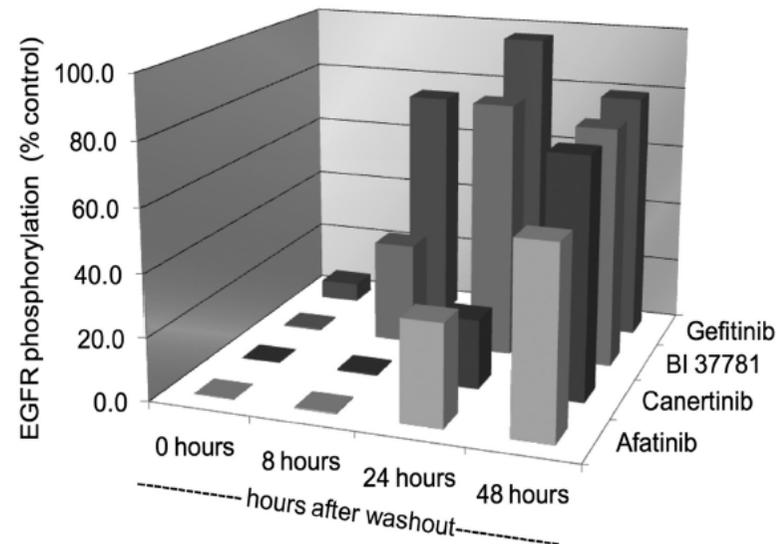


- 5) Therapeutic effects vs adverse effect  
*in vitro* (enzyme), *in vivo* (cell culture), and clinical stage (patients)



# Characteristics (1)

- Strong and prolonged pharmacodynamic activity
  - More complete target inhibition



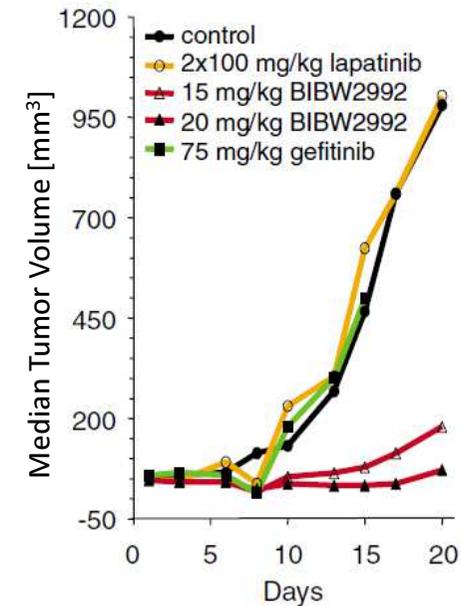
- Lower dose

**Afatinib: 50 mg/day (Mw:486)**

Lapatinib: 1250 mg/day (Mw:943)

Gefitinib: 250 mg/day (Mw:447)

Erlotinib: 150 mg/day (Mw:486)



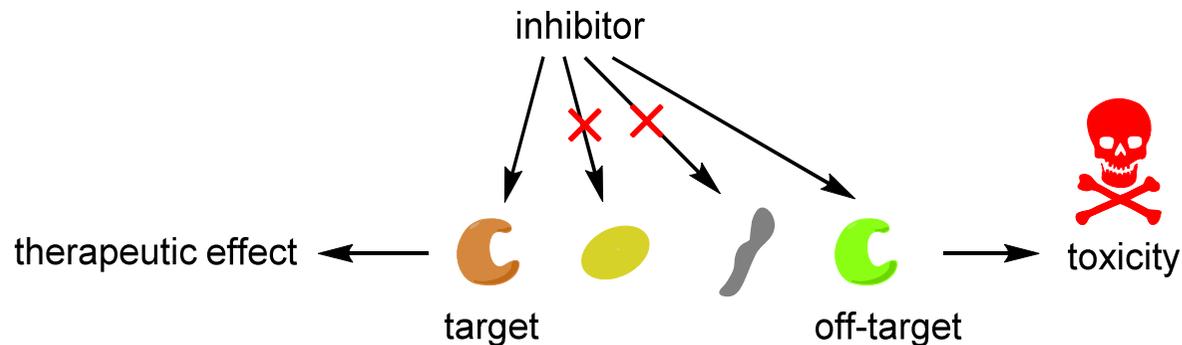
# Characteristics (2)

- Toxicity due to off-target
- Current target is limited to severe (fatal) disease.

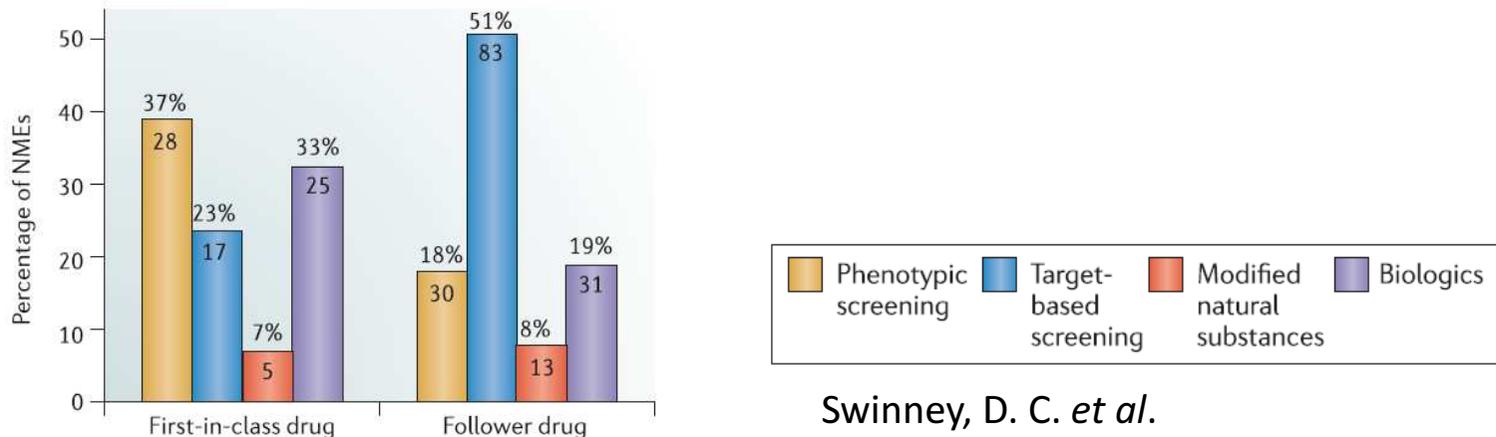
Does covalent type give more severe toxicity?

→ Necessity of comprehensive study

Targeting non-conserved residue, using moderate reacting group.



- Can be Best-in-class, but can not be First-in-class (common issue in target-based drugs)

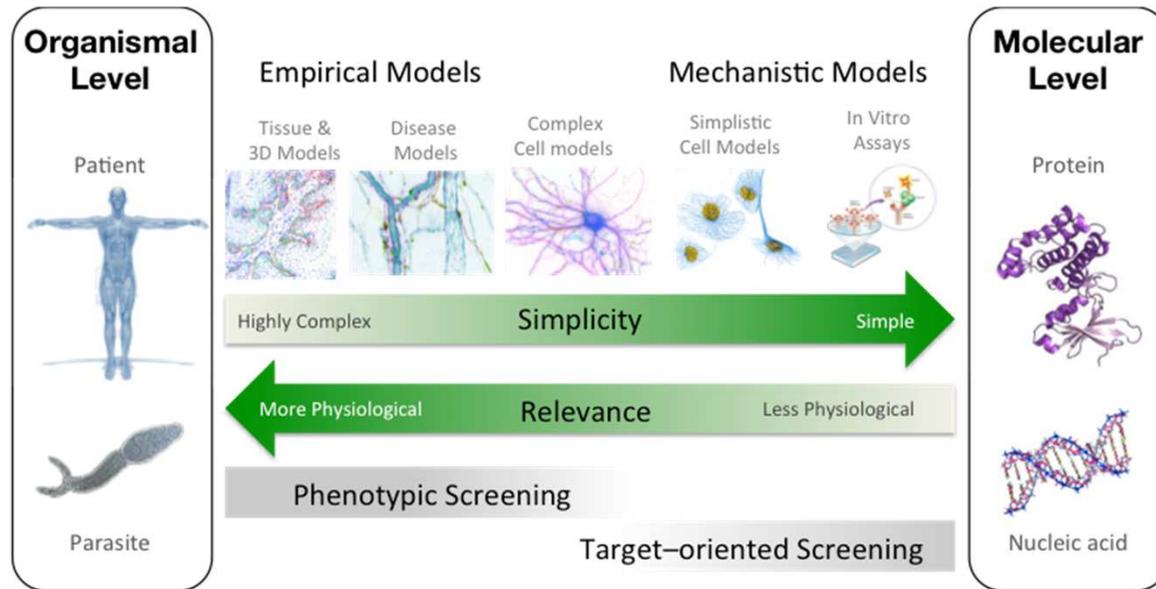


Distribution of new drugs (1999-2008)

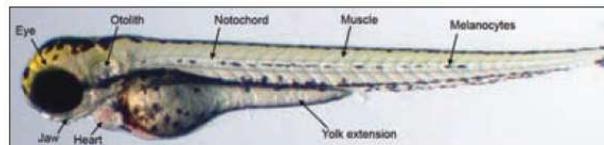
Swinney, D. C. *et al.*

*Nat. Rev. Drug Discov.* **2011**, *10*, 507.

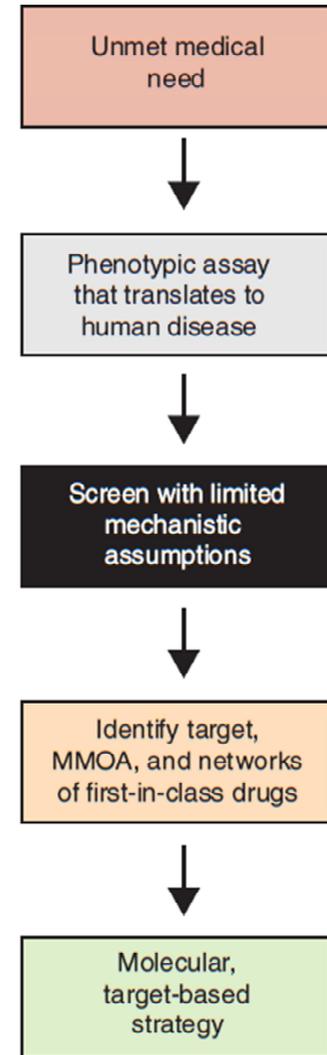
# Drug discovery: Phenotypic and Target-oriented



<http://www.sulsa.ac.uk/research-facilities/uk-npsc/phenotypic-screening>



Increase in knowledge



e.g) Phenotypic screening using Zebrafish larvae in 96-well plate

<http://www.ddw-online.com/chemistry/p102797-zebrafish:-a-versatile-in-vivo-model-for-drug-safety-assessmentfall-06.html>

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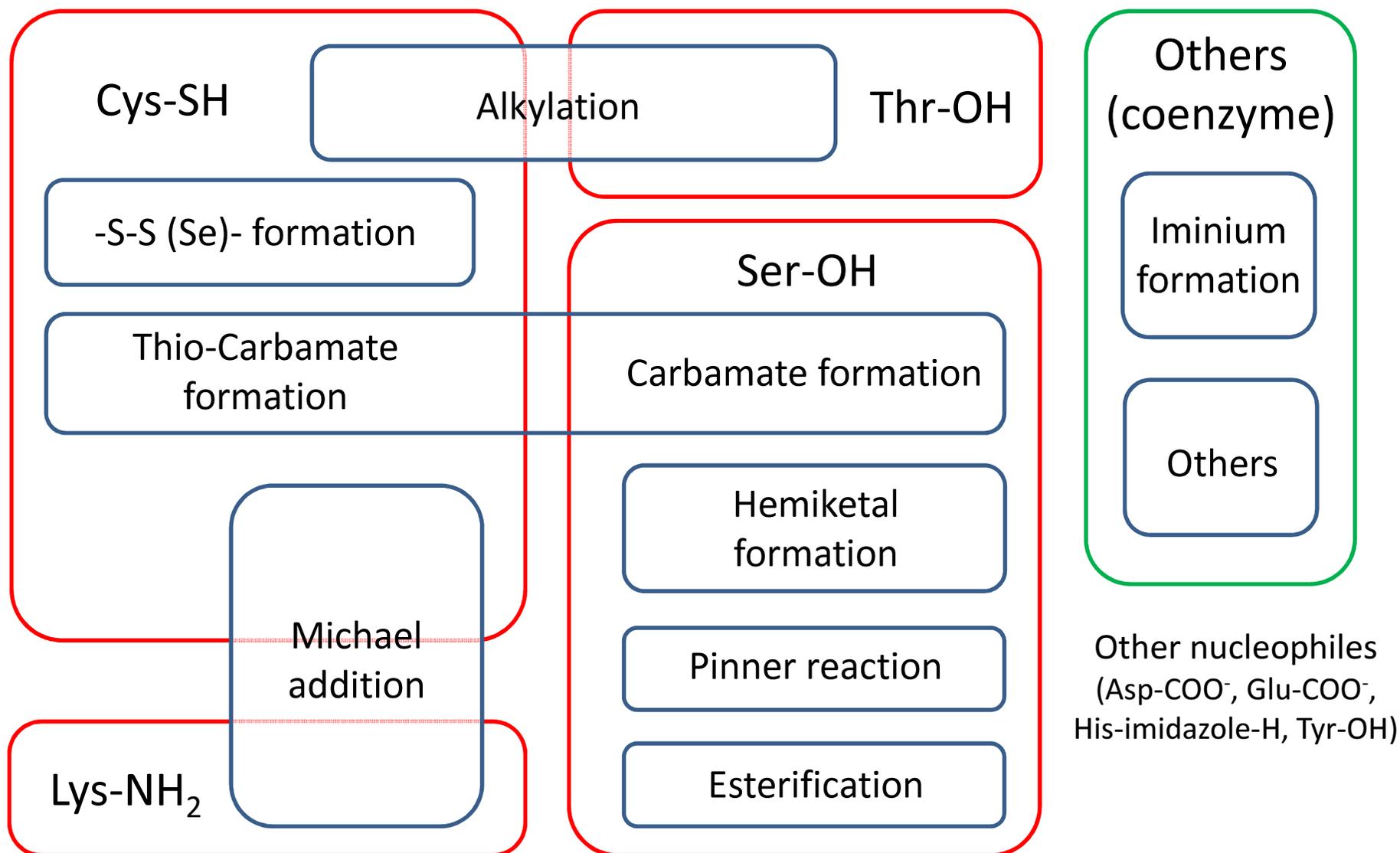
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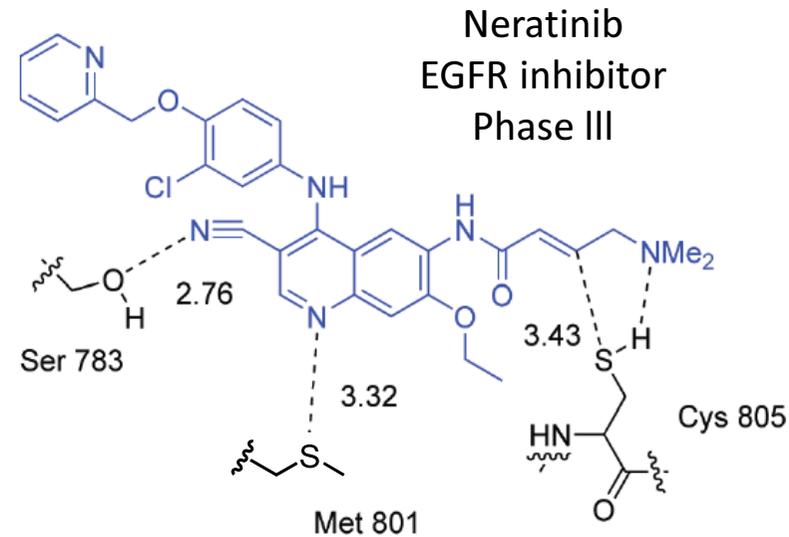
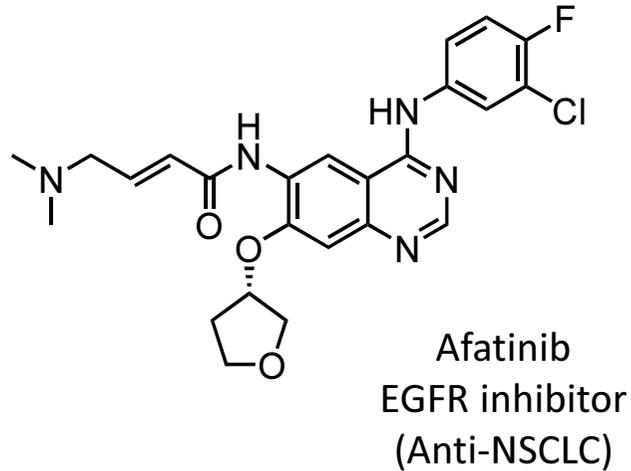
# Target reactions and residues

\*DNA-targeted drugs are excepted

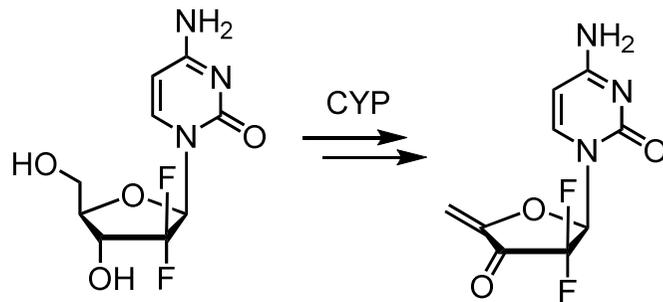


(In all cases, compound after phase II are picked up and derivatives are omitted.)

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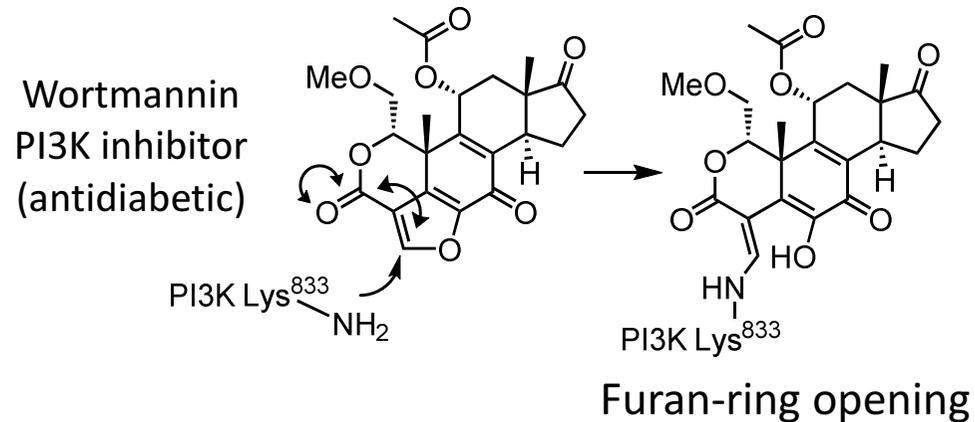


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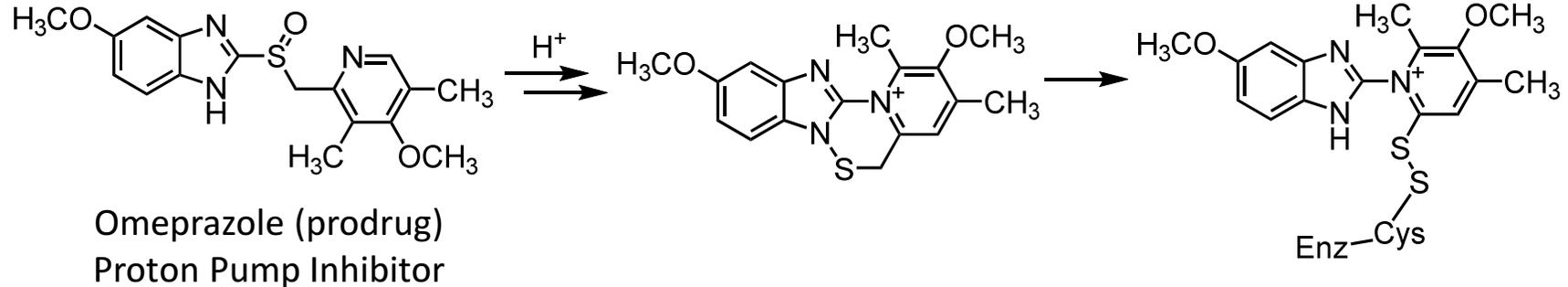
Gemcitaine (prodrug)  
DNA synthetase inhibitor  
(Anti-cancer)

Stubbe, J. *et al. J. Med. Chem.* **1991**, *34*, 1879.

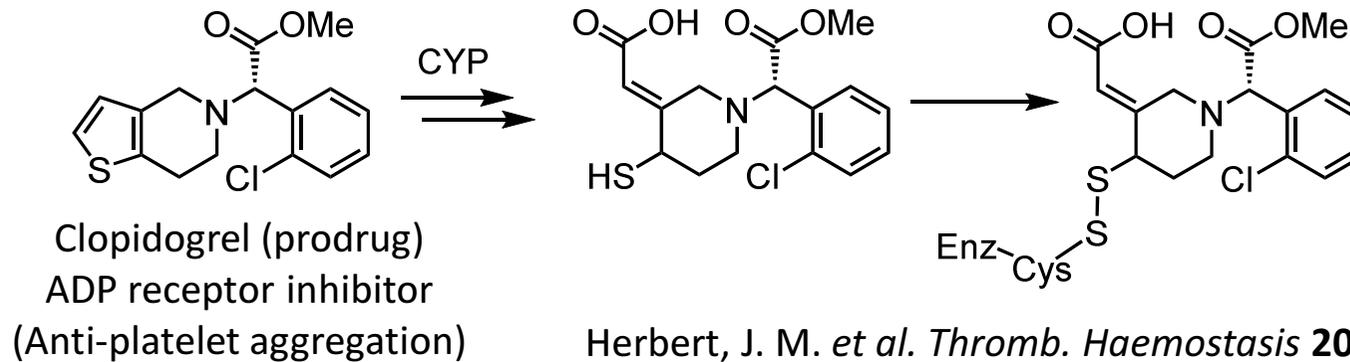


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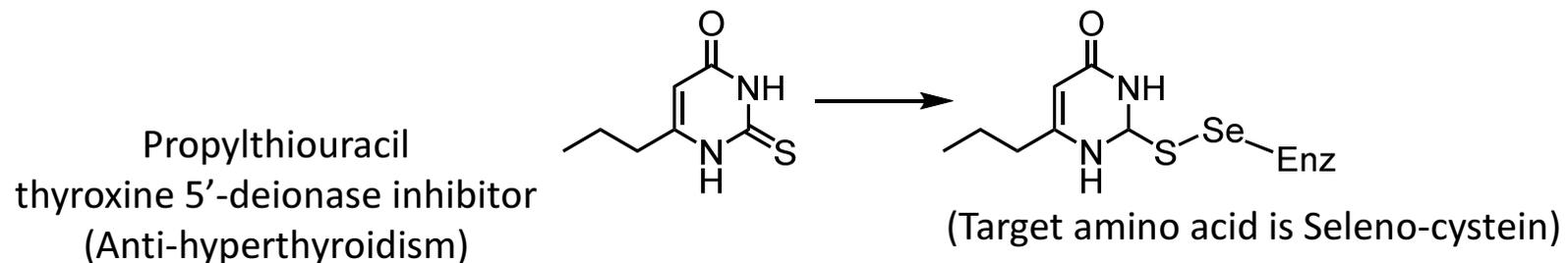
## 2. -S-S(Se)- formation



Olbe, L. *et al. Nat. Rev. Drug Discov.* **2003**, 2, 132.

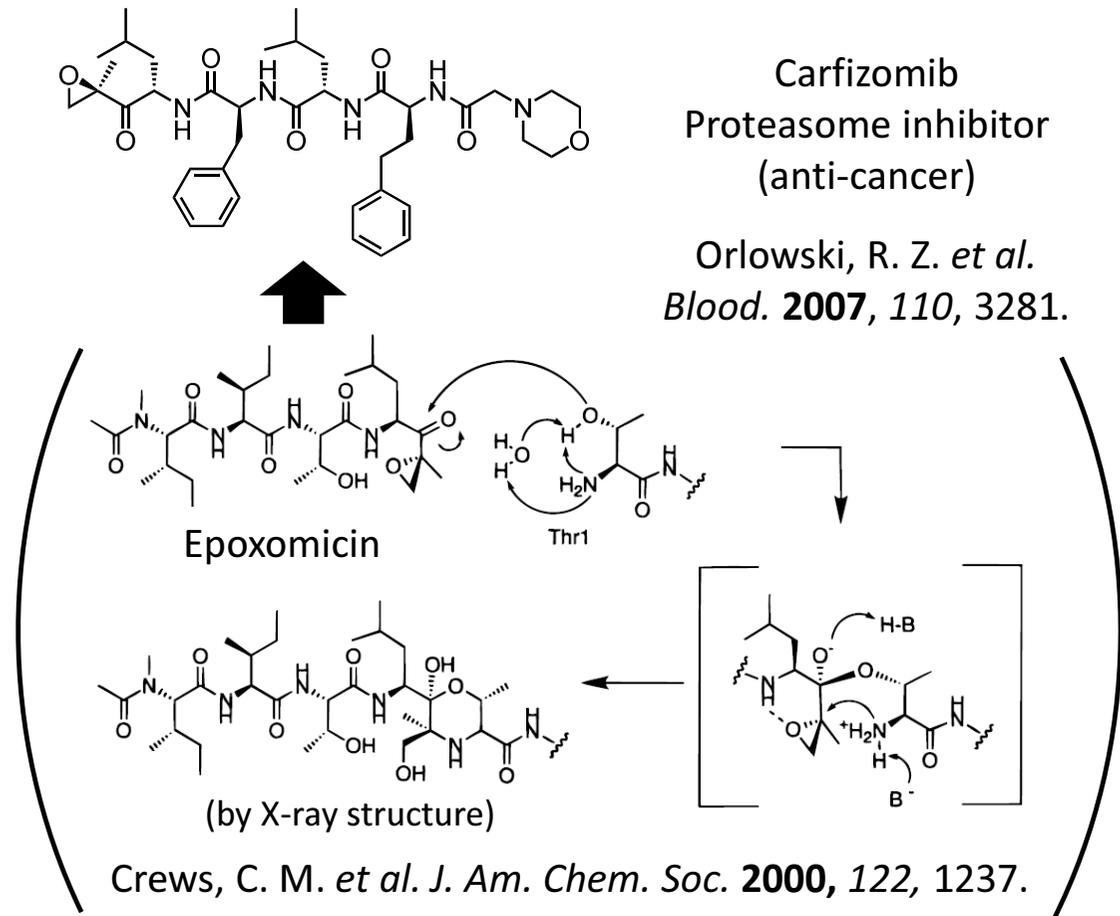
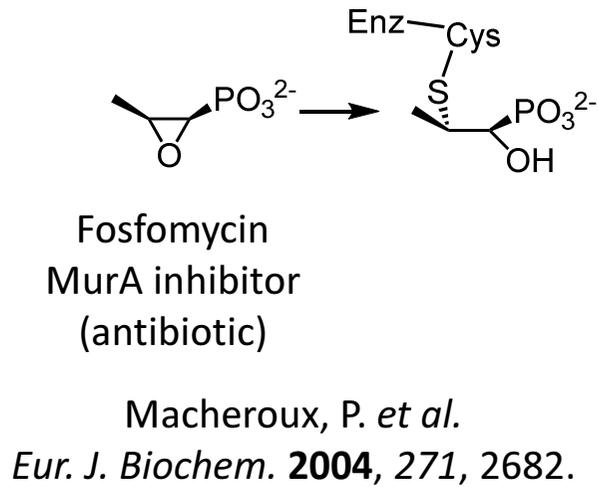


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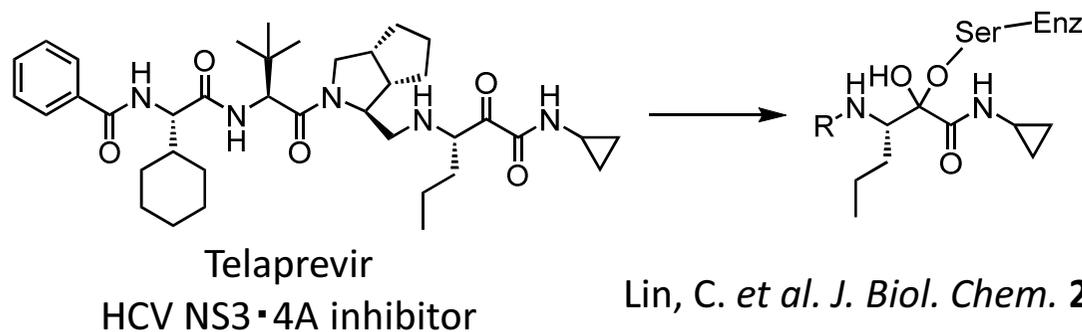


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### 3. Alkylation

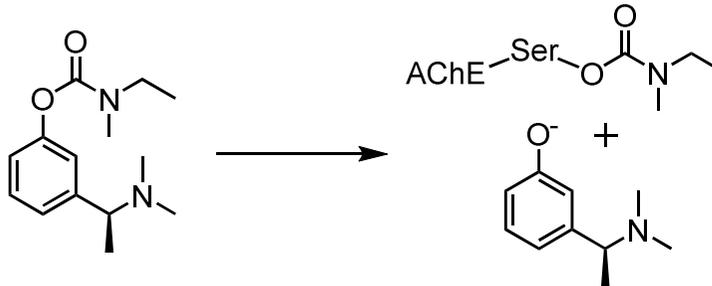


### 4. Hemiketal formation (reversible)

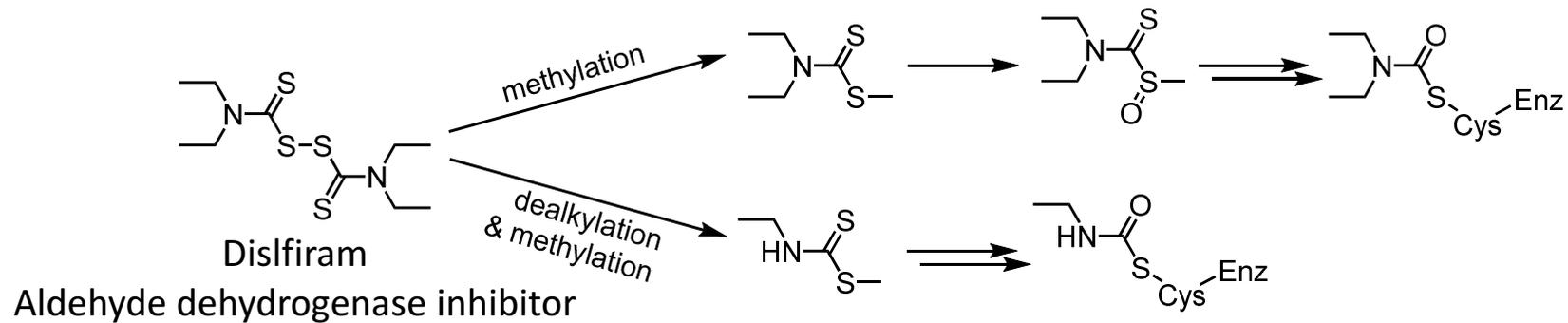


## 5. (Thio)Carbamate formation

Rivastigmine  
AChE inhibitor  
(reversible)

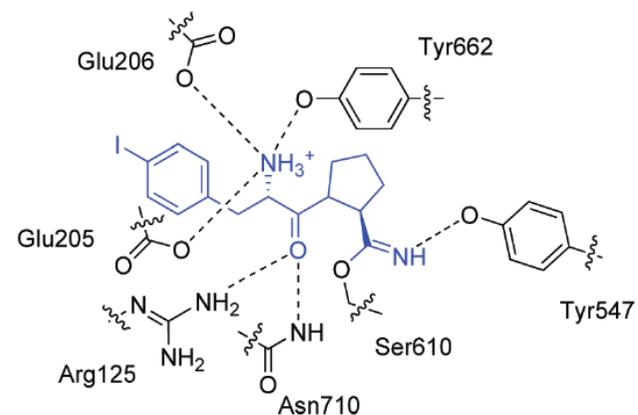
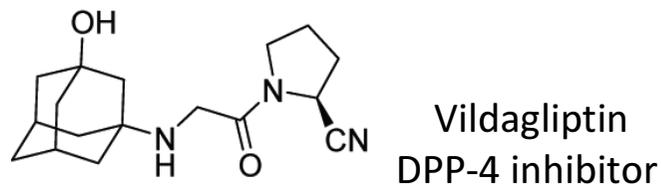
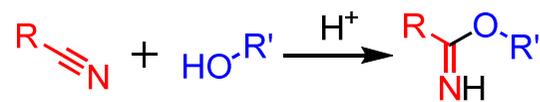


Silman, I. *et al. Biochemistry*, **2002**, *41*, 3555.



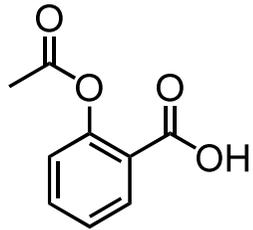
Naylor, S. *et al. Biochem. Pharmacol.* **2001**, *61*, 537.

## 6. Pinner reaction (reversible)

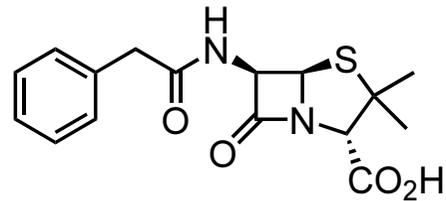


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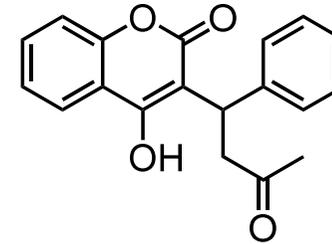
# 7. Esterification (reversible)



Aspirin  
COX-2 inhibitor

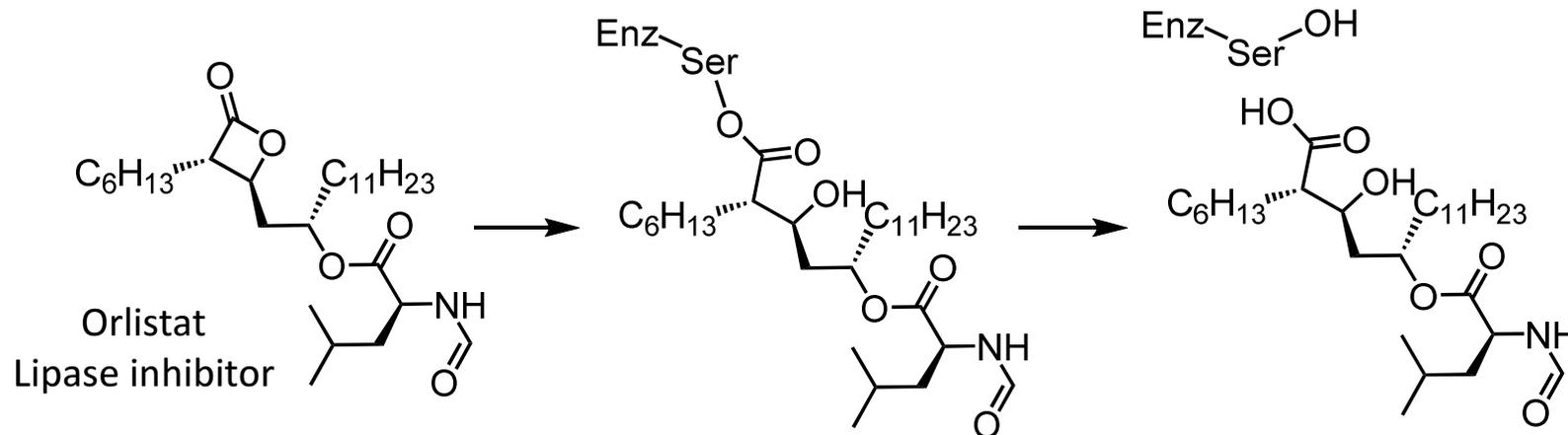


Penicillin  
Peptidoglycan synthetase inhibitor



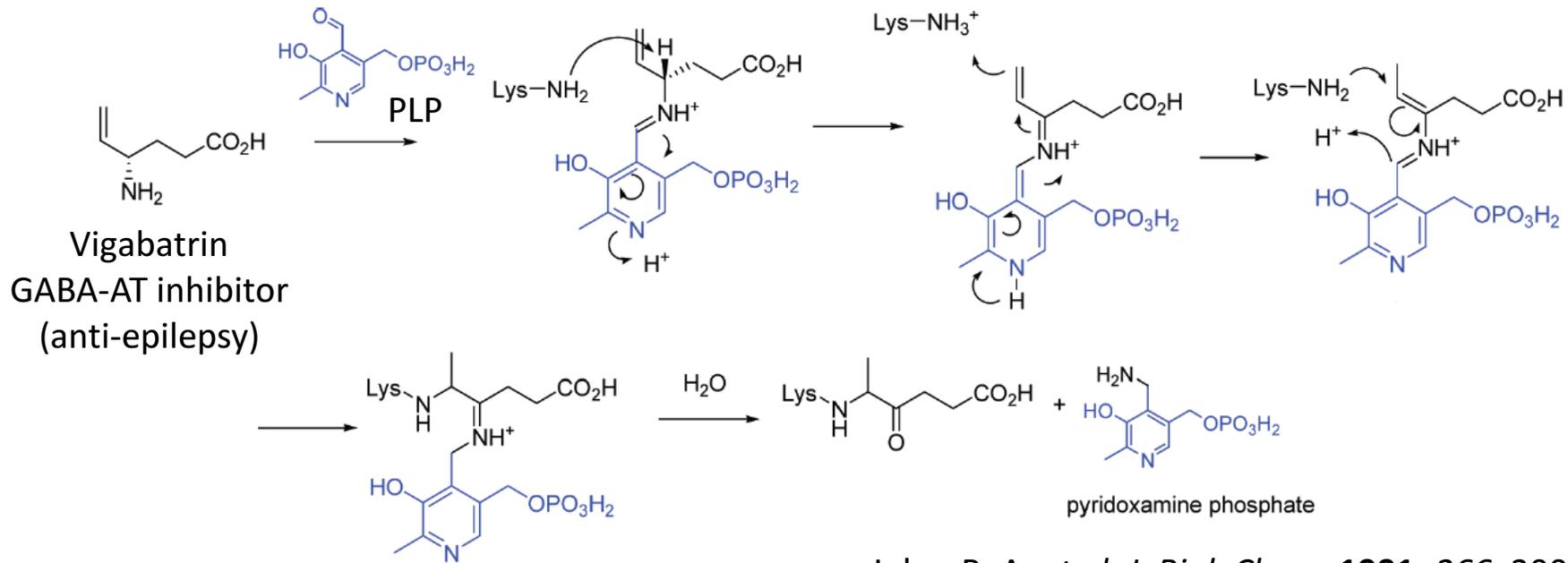
Warfarin  
V.K. reductase inhibitor  
(Anticoagulant)

Fasco, M. J. *et al. J. Biol. Chem.* **1982**, 257, 4894.

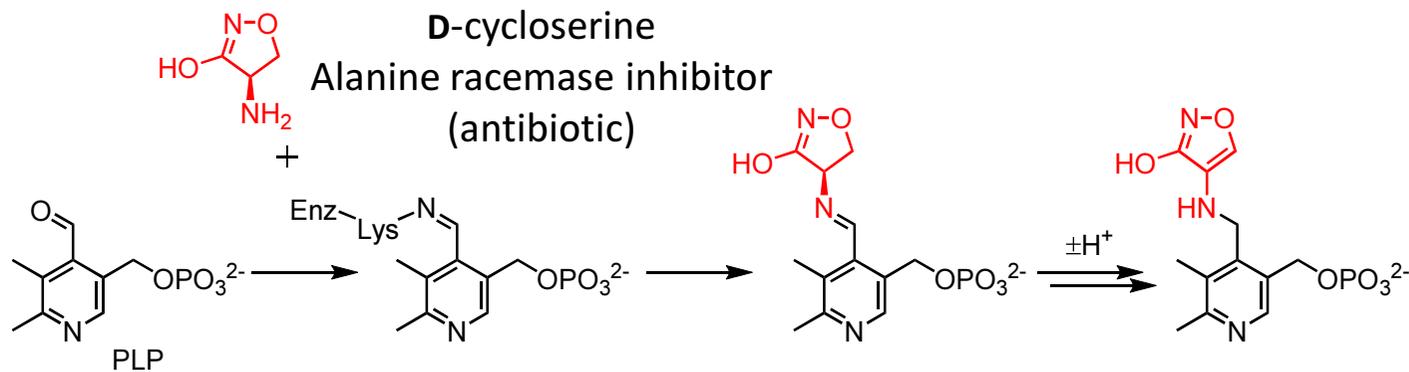


Hadvary, P. *et al. J. Biol. Chem.* **1991**, 266, 2021.

# 8. Iminium formation

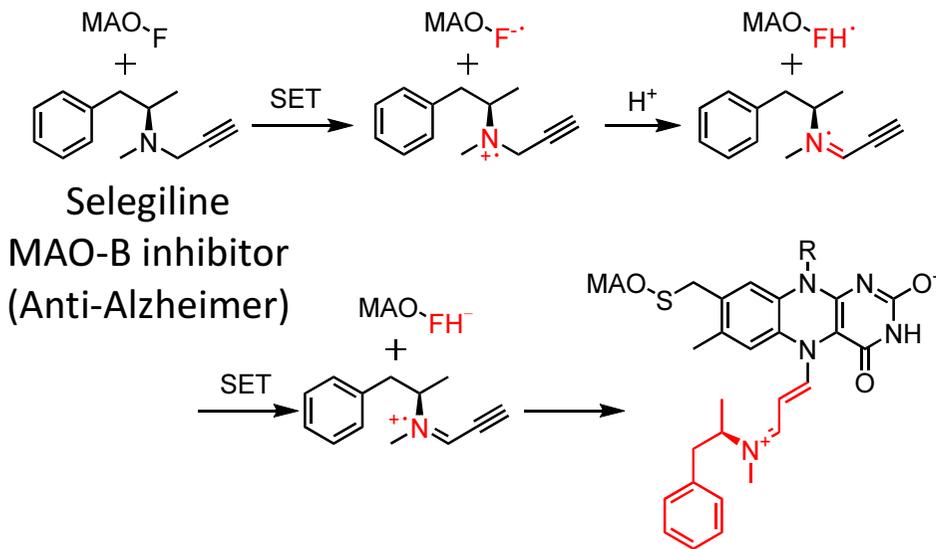
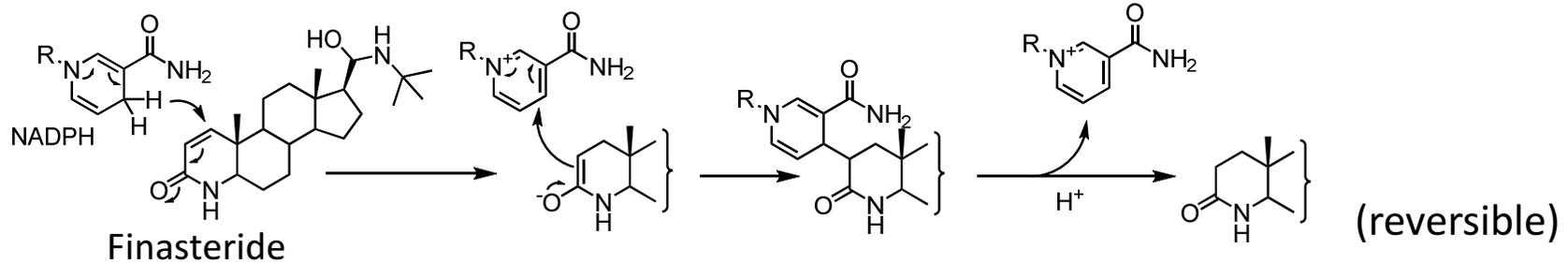


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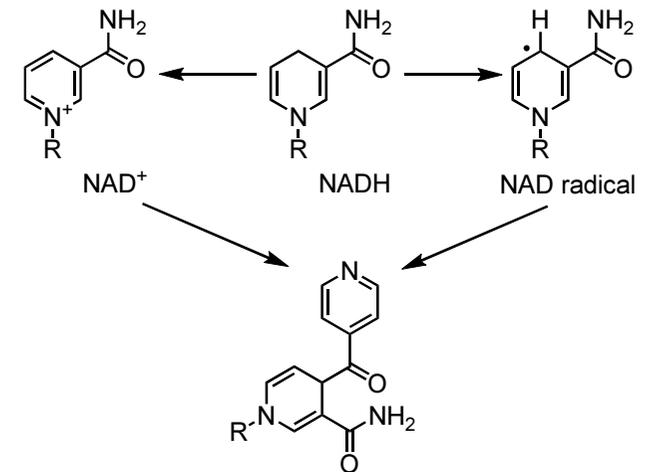
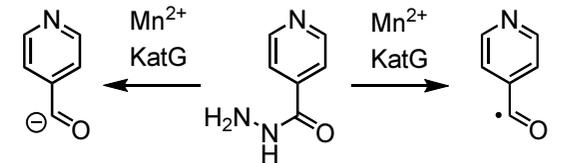


Ringe, D. *et al. Biochemistry* **2003**, 42, 5775.

# 9. Others

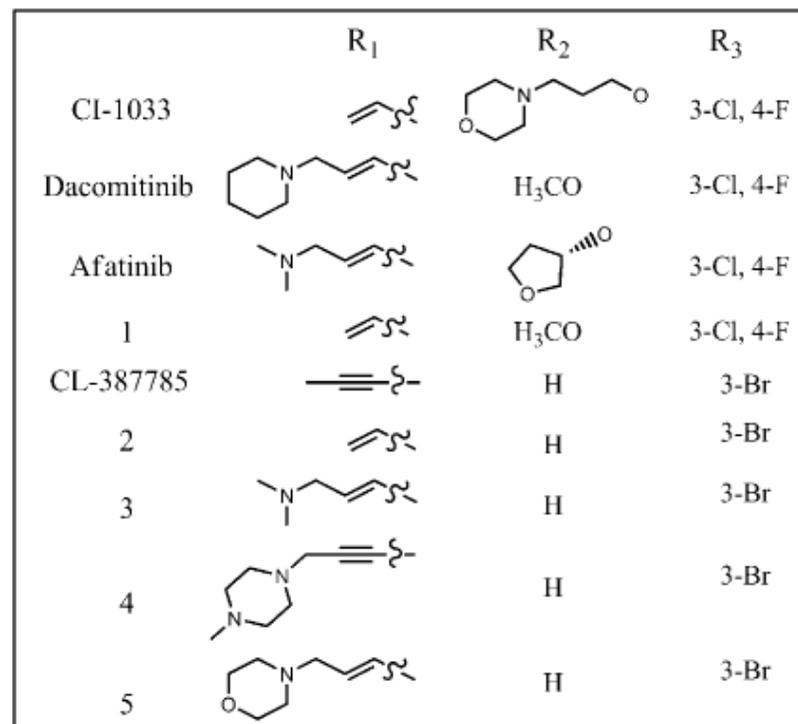
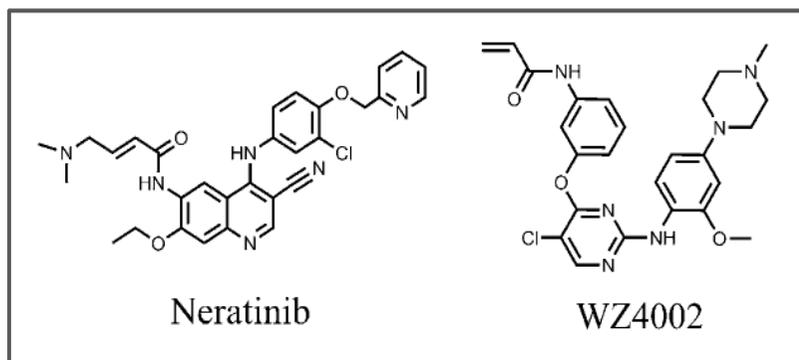
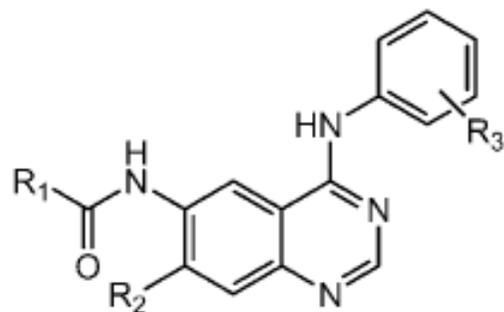


Mariano, P. S. *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, *120*, 5864-5872.



Sacchetti, J. C. *et al. Science*, **1998**, *279*, 98.

# Kinetic analysis of MA-covalent inhibitors



EGFR-L858R/T790M

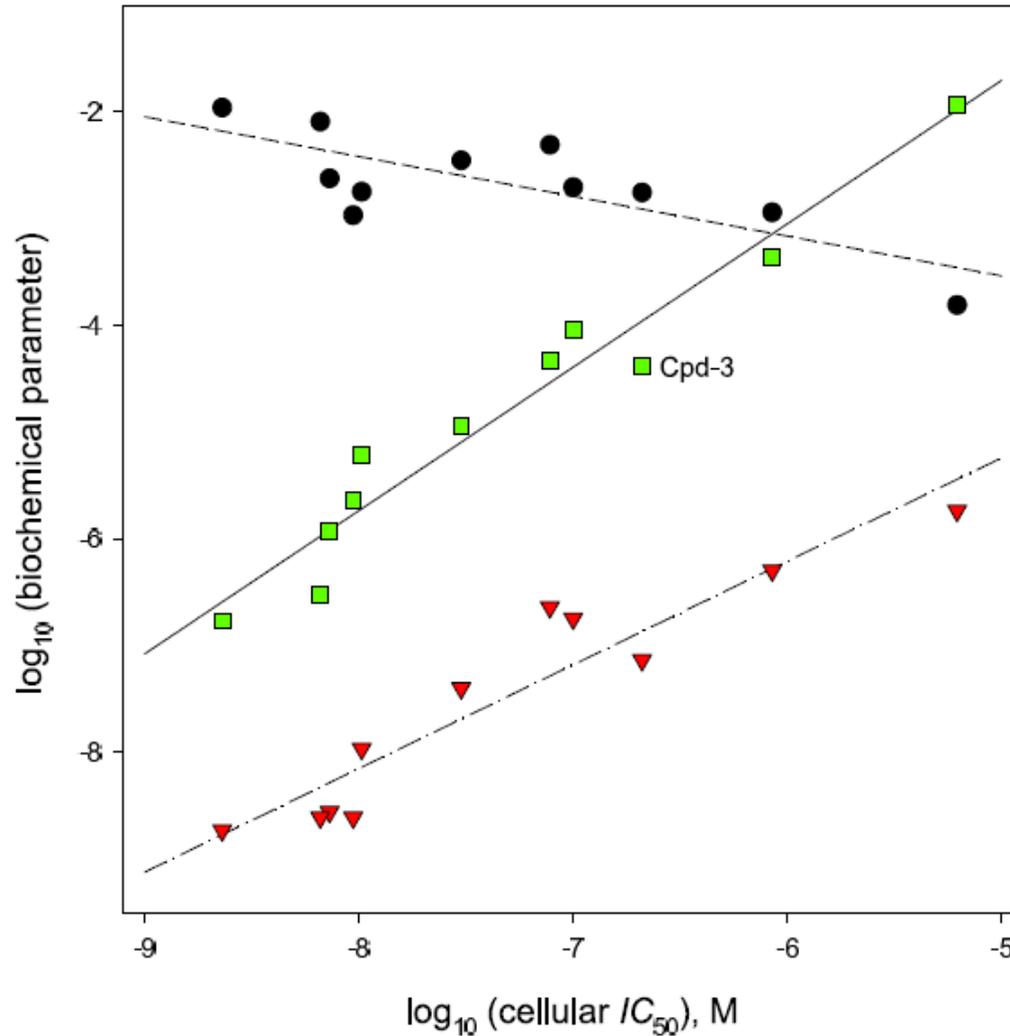
WT EGFR

Inhibitor	$K_i$ (nM)	$k_{inact}$ (ms <sup>-1</sup> )	$k_{inact}/K_i$ (μM <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	H1975 IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	$K_i$ (nM)	$k_{inact}$ (ms <sup>-1</sup> )	$k_{inact}/K_i$ (μM <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	A549 IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)
CI-1033	0.11 ± 0.03	11.0 ± 0.2	100 ± 20	2.3 ± 0.5	0.093 ± 0.002	2.9 ± 1.9	23 ± 1	4.9 ± 0.4
Dacomitinib	0.63 ± 0.05	1.8 ± 0.1	2.8 ± 0.3	10.3 ± 1.1	0.16 ± 0.01	1.5 ± 0.1	9.9 ± 0.8	2.5 ± 0.1
Afatinib	0.16 ± 0.03	2.4 ± 0.3	15 ± 4	7.3 ± 1.1	0.15 ± 0.01	0.9 ± 0.1	6.3 ± 0.8	11.5 ± 2.4
Neratinib	0.14 ± 0.03	1.1 ± 0.2	7 ± 2	9.4 ± 4.0	7.1 ± 0.4	1.8 ± 0.1	0.25 ± 0.01	5.2 ± 0.9
1	0.14 ± 0.07	8 ± 4	60 ± 40	6.6 ± 0.2	0.18 ± 0.01	2.3 ± 0.2	13 ± 1	5.8 ± 2.5
WZ-4002	13 ± 3	5.0 ± 0.1	0.40 ± 0.10	75 ± 25	28 ± 1	2.0 ± 0.1	0.089 ± 0.005	1,400 ± 400
CL-387785	10 ± 2	2.0 ± 0.3	0.21 ± 0.10	100 ± 7				
2	2.3 ± 0.3	3.5 ± 0.6	1.5 ± 0.3	30 ± 2				
3	4.0 ± 1.0	1.8 ± 0.1	0.40 ± 0.10	210 ± 3				
4	108 ± 20	1.5 ± 0.2	0.0014 ± 0.0003	6,200 ± 3,200				
5	30 ± 3	1.1 ± 0.1	0.04 ± 0.01	850 ± 90				

Murray, B. W. *et al.*

*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **2014**, *111*, 173.

# Kinetic analysis of MA-covalent inhibitors

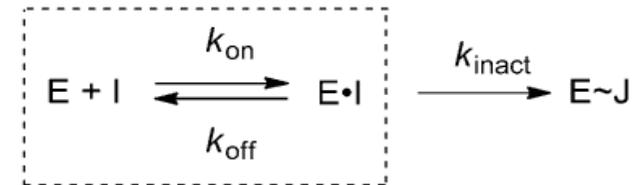


■  $K_i / k_{inact}$ , M.s

●  $k_{inact}$ , s<sup>-1</sup>

▼  $K_i$ , M

$$K_i = k_{off} / k_{on}$$



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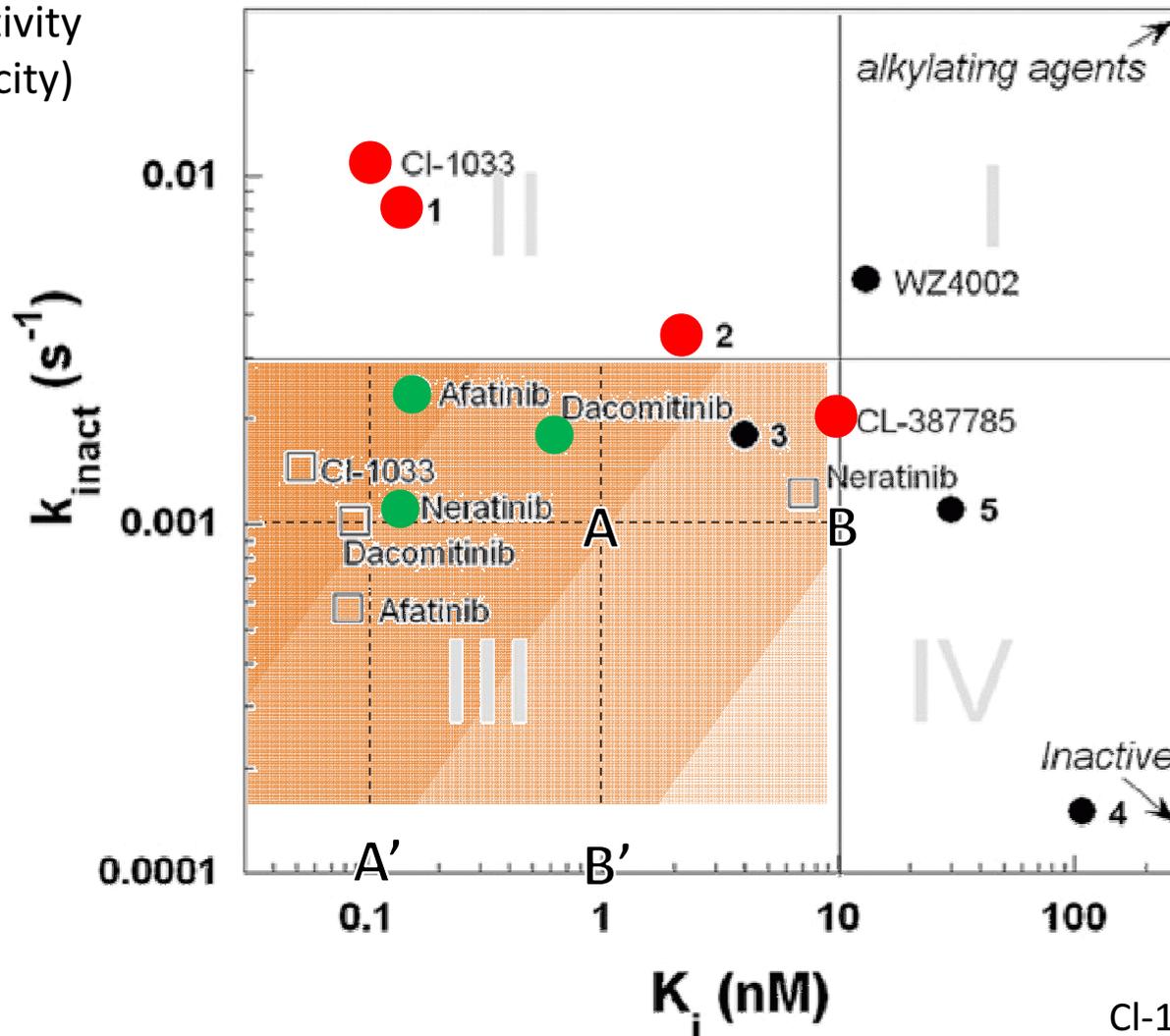
- 1)  $K_i$  correlates to cellular IC<sub>50</sub> ( $R^2=0.89$ )
- 2)  $k_{inact}$  correlates to cellular IC<sub>50</sub> ( $R^2=0.60$ )
- 3)  $K_i / k_{inact}$  strongly correlates to cellular IC<sub>50</sub> ( $R^2=0.95$ )



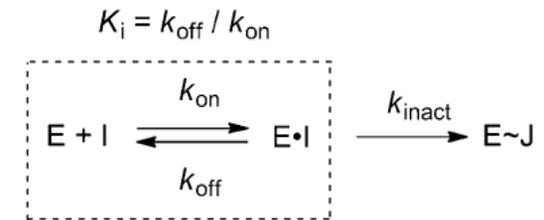
Low  $K_i$   
 High  $k_{inact}$   
 Low  $K_i / k_{inact}$  36

# Kinetic analysis of MA-covalent inhibitors

Reactivity  
(Toxicity)



- 1) Low  $K_i$
- Moderate
- 2) ~~High~~  $k_{inact}$
- 3) Low  $K_i / k_{inact}$



- WT, ● Mutant
- Effective, ● Drop

CI-1033 (Canertinib) drop (phase2)  
 2 (PD168393), CL-387785 drop  
 Dacomitinib (Phase2)  
 Neratinib (FDA application pending)

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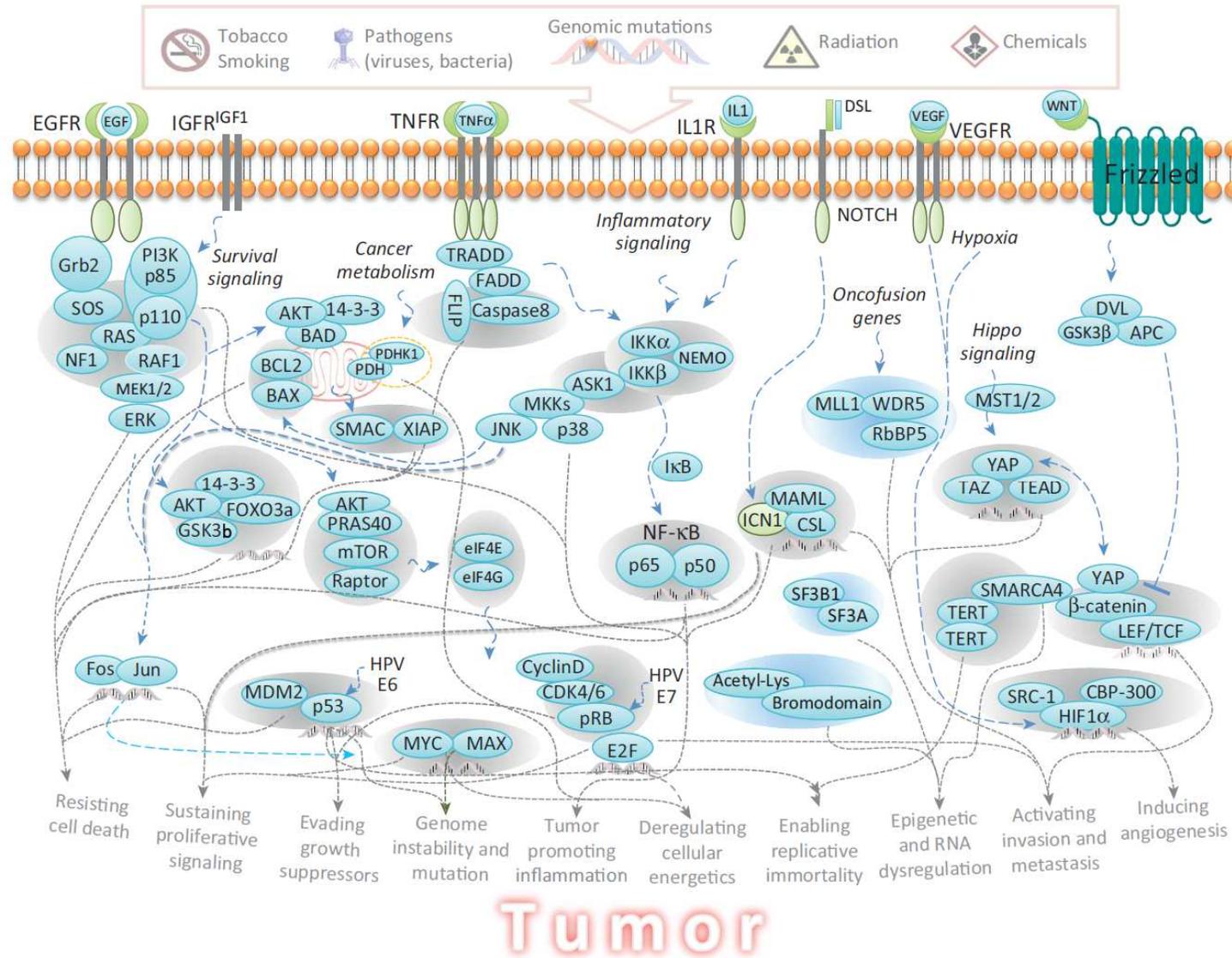
1. Introduction

2. Afatinib : first approved targeted covalent inhibitor

3. Structure in reacting groups

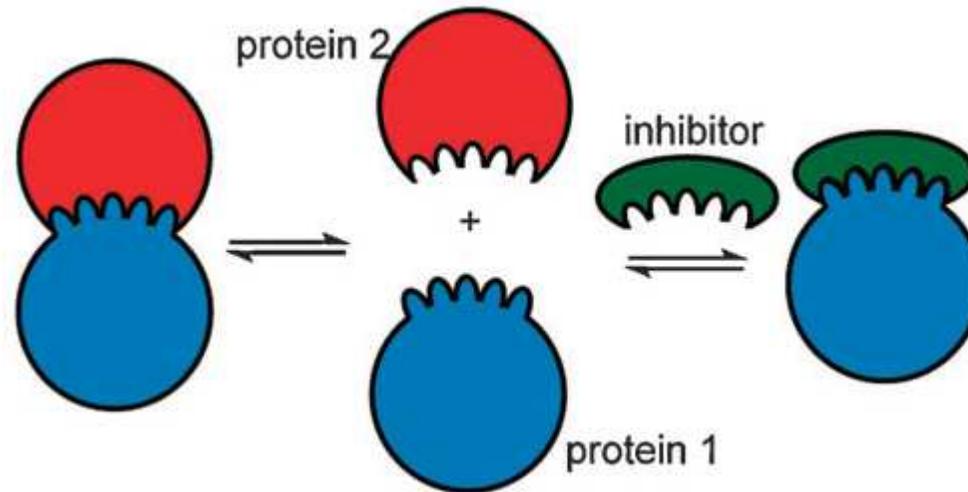
4. Future application

# PPIs are important drug target cf. Literature Seminar, Shimizu, 2014



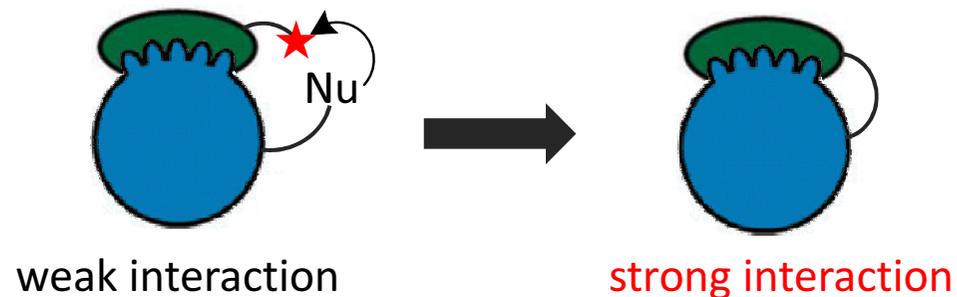
There are 375,000 PPIs (estimated), 32,000 PPIs (reported)

# PPIs + covalent inhibitor



Shallow, large binding surface (600-1300 Å<sup>2</sup>)

Wilson, A. J. *Chem. Soc. Rev.* **2009**, 38, 3289.



Covalent modifying approach may increase potency.

May be a breakthrough of PPI inhibitor?

Way, J. C. *Curr. Opin. Chem. Biol.* **2000**, 4, 40<sup>40</sup>

# Summary

## Section 1

- Historically, many covalent drugs give us lots of benefit, in spite of serendipity. Their mechanisms of action were determined at later stage.

## Section 2

- Afatinib is first approved Targeted covalent inhibitor.  
“Targeted covalent inhibitor can be designed by medicinal chemists”
- Targeted covalent inhibitor is irreversible, the strongest inhibitor class. It may be a best-in-class method, although there are some limitations.
- Especially, potential off-target toxicity is remained, but there are few data. Necessity to compare with conventional drugs. Currently under investigation.

## Section 3

- Covalent drugs can be classified into some target and reaction types
- Drug candidate should pursue the low  $K_i$ , moderate  $k_{inact}$  and low  $K_i / k_{inact}$  value.

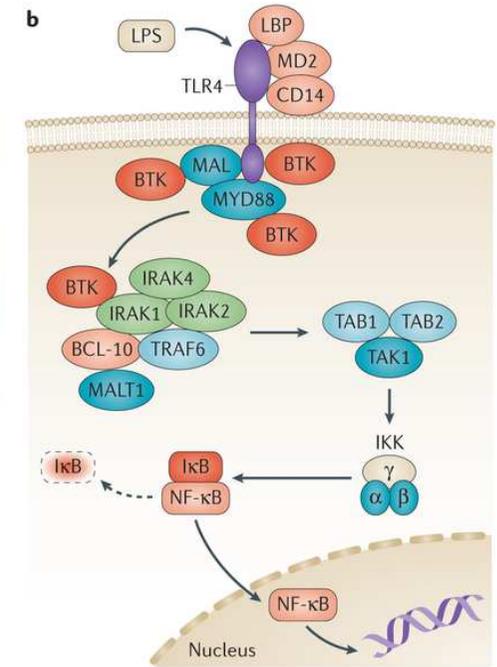
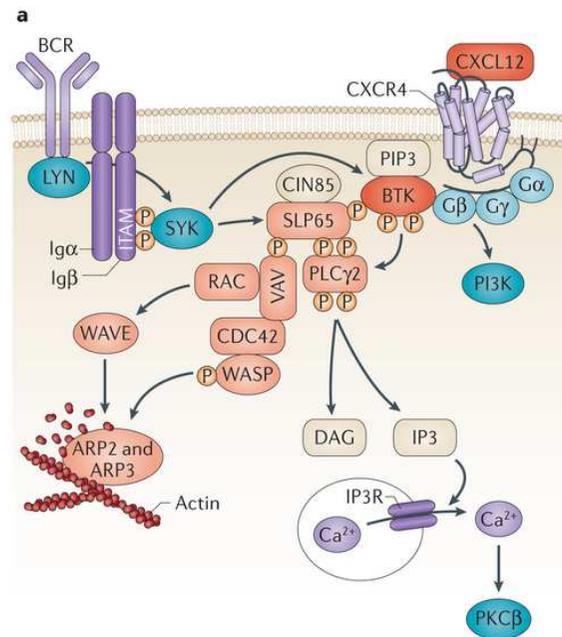
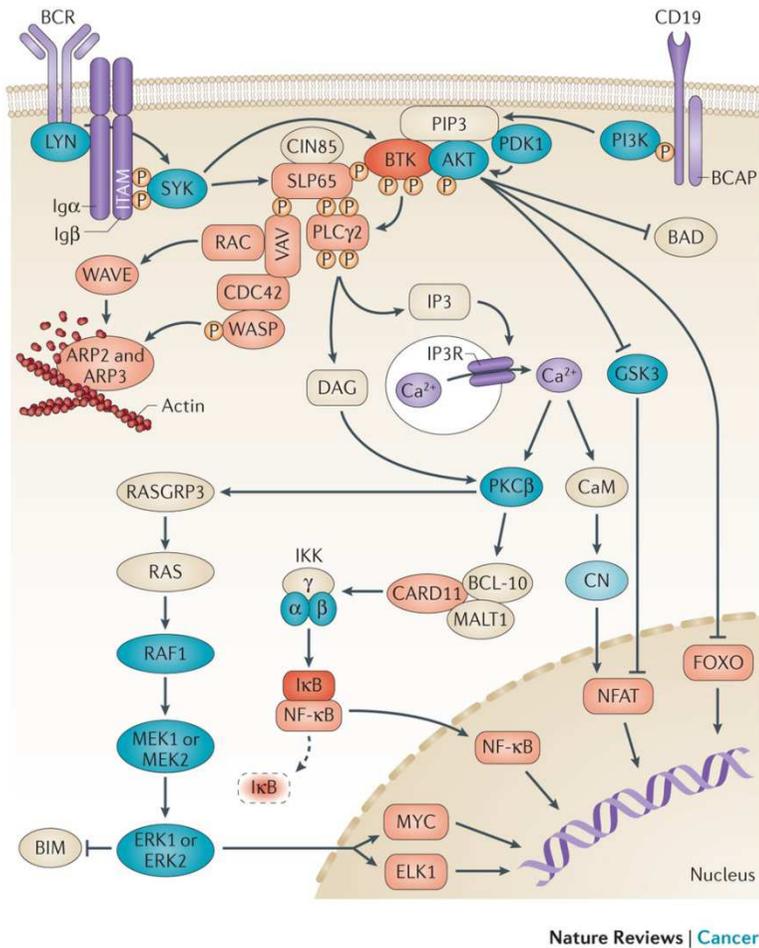
## Section 4

- Covalent modifying method will bring a new perspective into PPI inhibition.

*That's all,  
thank you for your kind attention!*



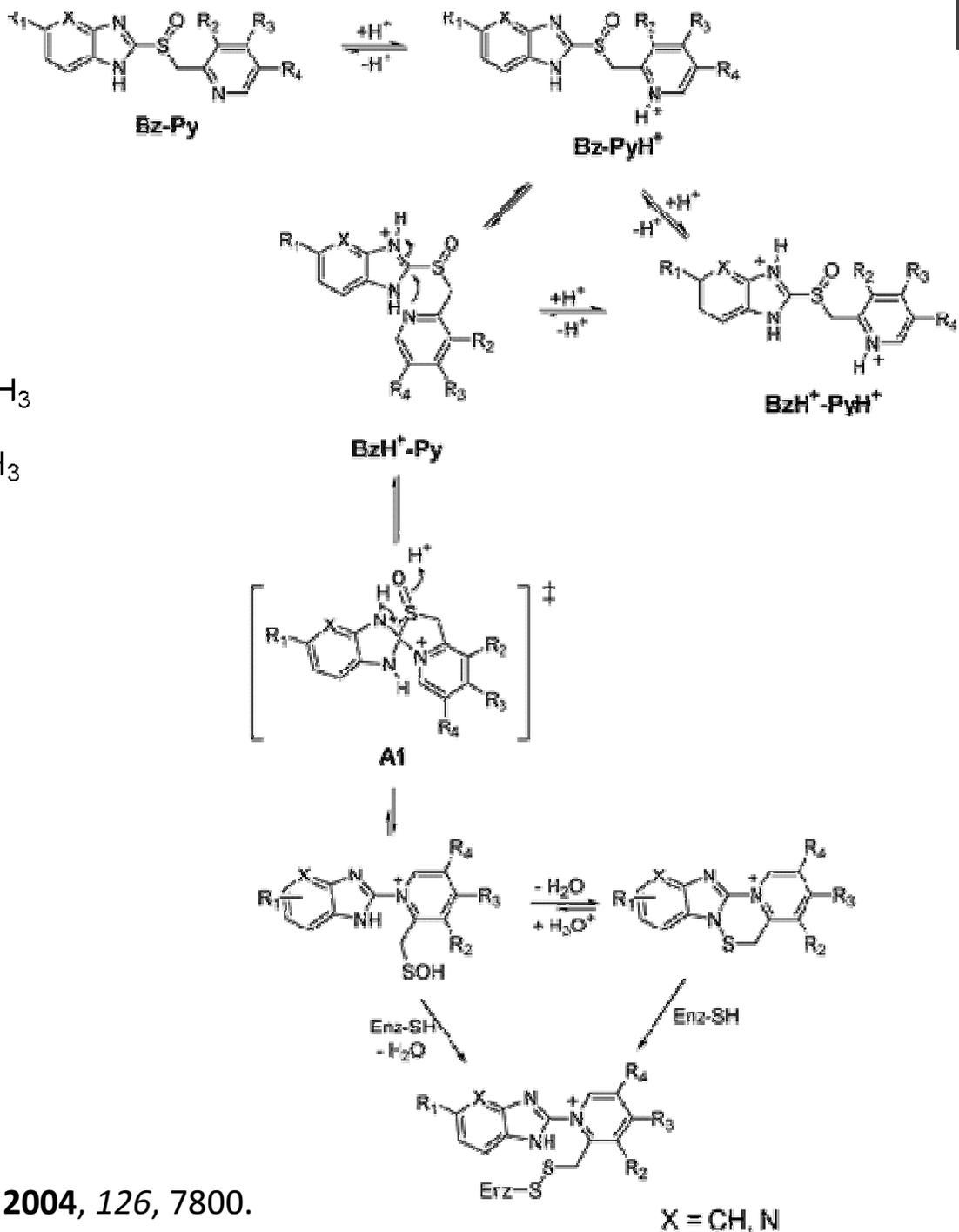
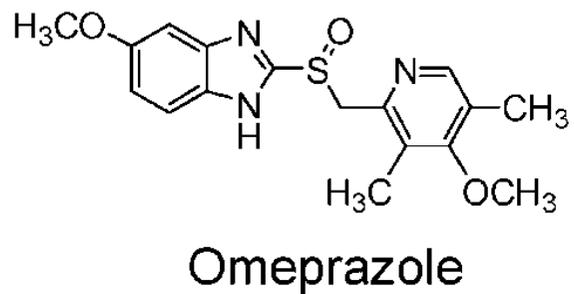
# BTK relates to cancer



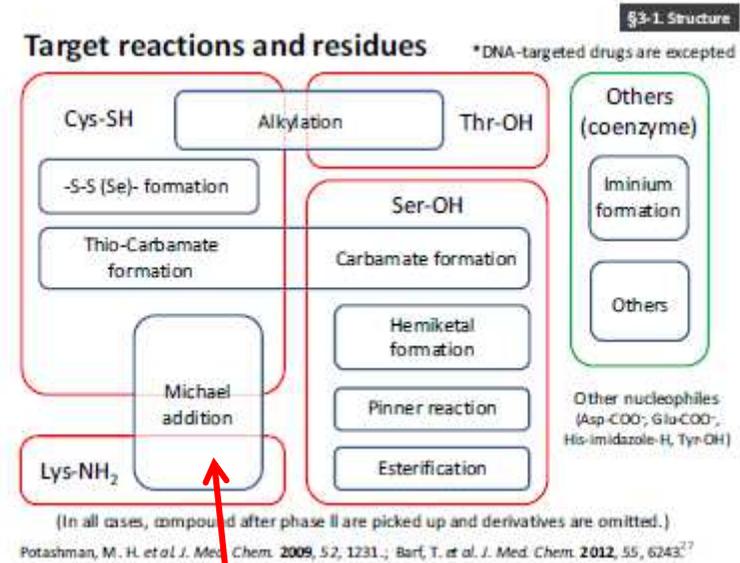
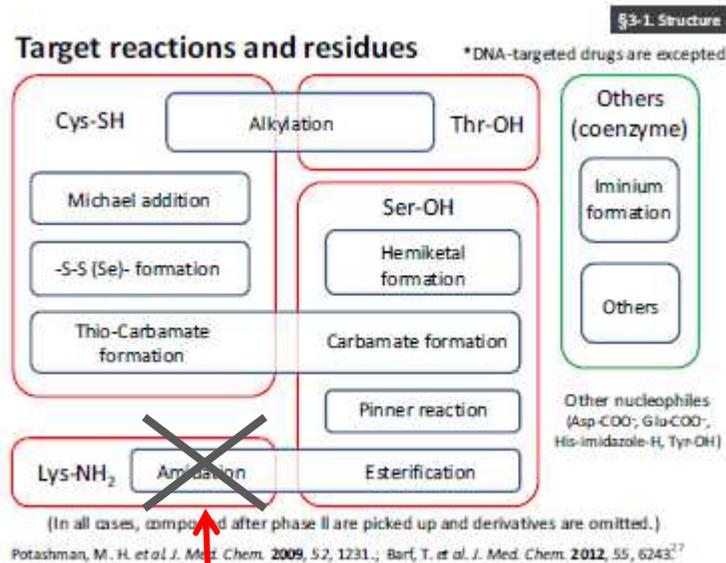
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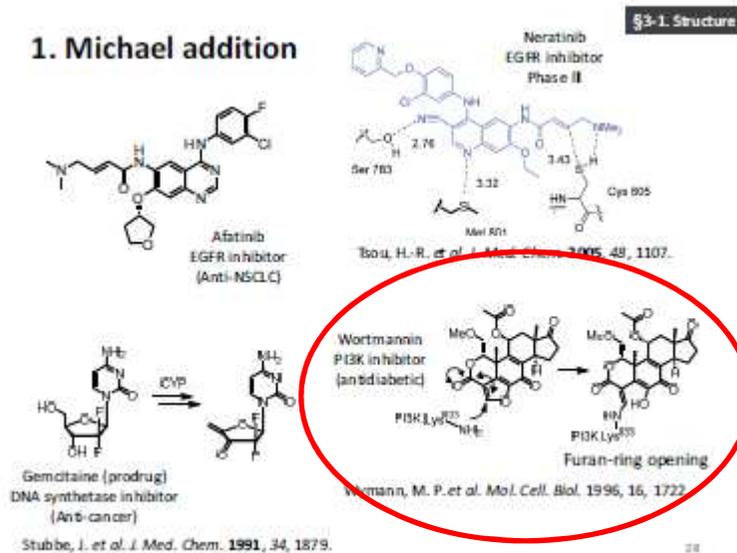
## PPI



# Revision



## 1. Michael addition



In previous version (and in my presentation) Wortmannin was Amidation type, but actually, Michael addition type. There are no Amidation type.

Sorry to tell you mistakes.