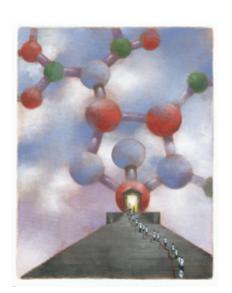


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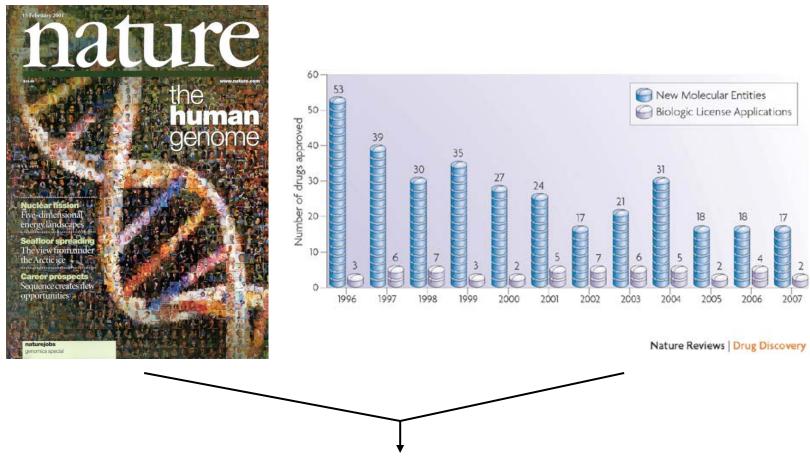








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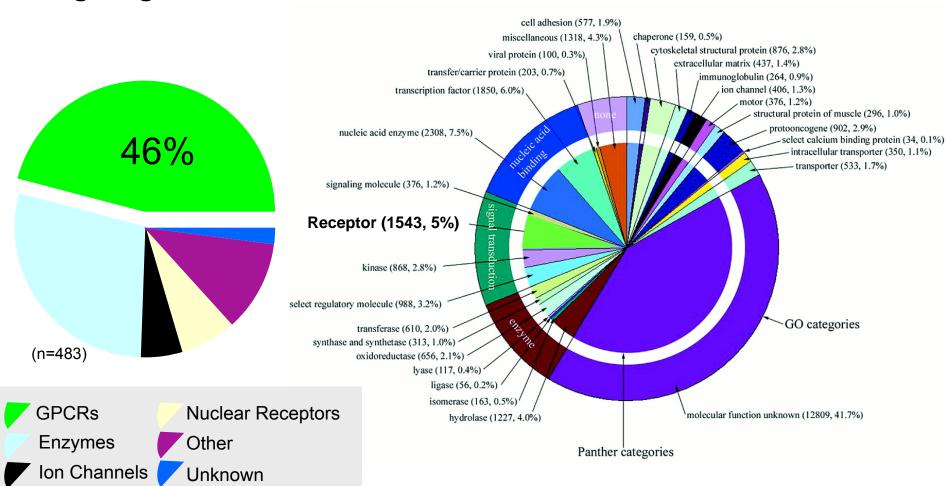


How to translate the genome into biological insights and therapeutics?

The "Non-Druggable" Genome Problem

Drug Target Classes

Human Genome



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Molecular Libraries and Imaging

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Molecular Libraries and Imaging

OVERVIEW

Small molecules, often with molecular weights of 500 or below, have proven to be extremely important to researchers to explore function at the molecular, cellular, and in vivo level. Such molecules have also been proven to be valuable for treating diseases, and most medicines marketed today are from this class.

"...To empower the research community to use small molecule compounds in their research, whether as tools to perturb genes and pathways, or as starting points to the development of new therapeutics for human disease."

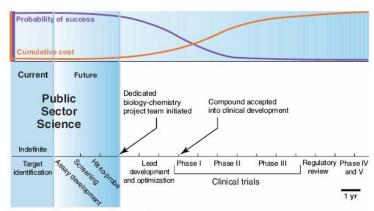
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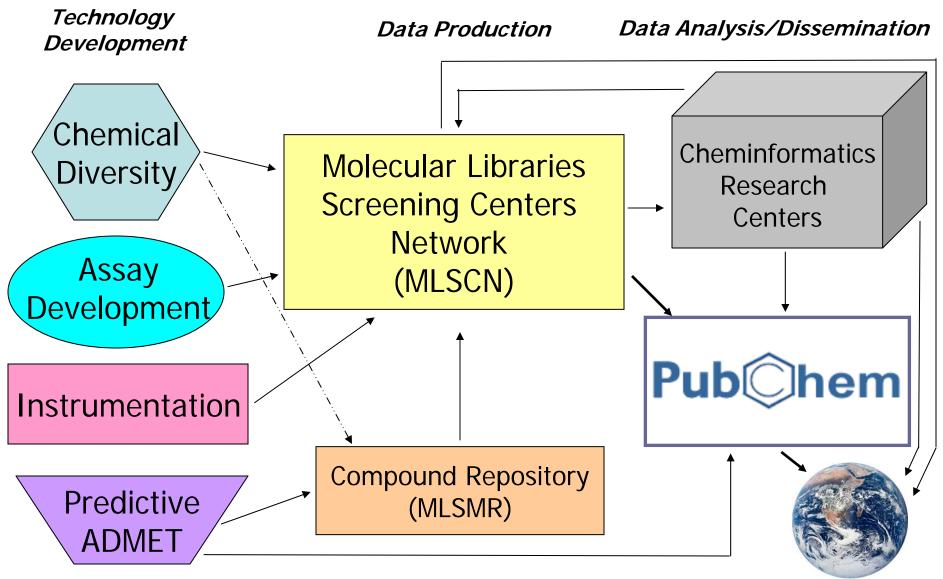
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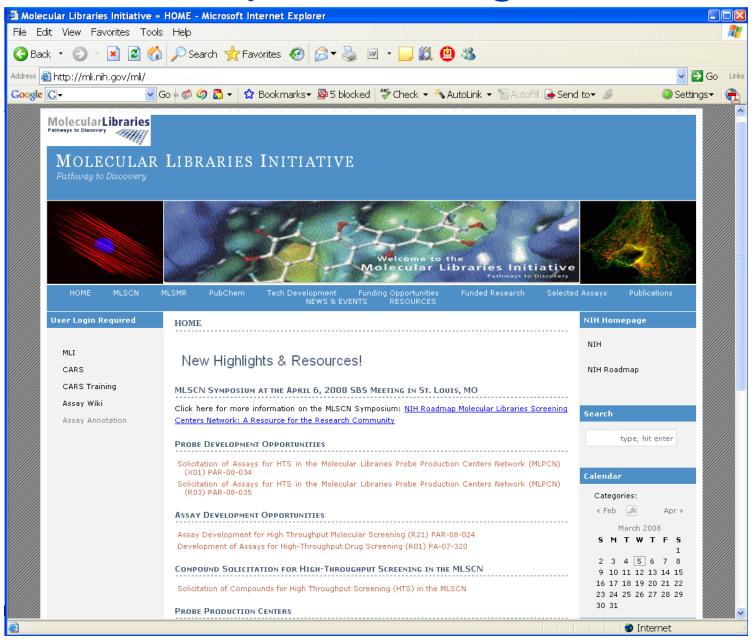
The Molecular Libraries Roadmap: An Integrated Initiative





- All Centers screen same compound collection
 - Allows comparison of compounds' activities in many assays
- Capability to screen very wide variety of assay types
- Medicinal chemistry to transform hits into probes
 - Chemical probes of gene, pathway, and cell functions
- Data are released without restriction
 - PubChem: Screening data
 - Probe reports: activity, SAR, purity, compound source data
 - Enabling for all researchers to use probes and compute on the data
 - Sharing is catalytic to the transformation of data into information

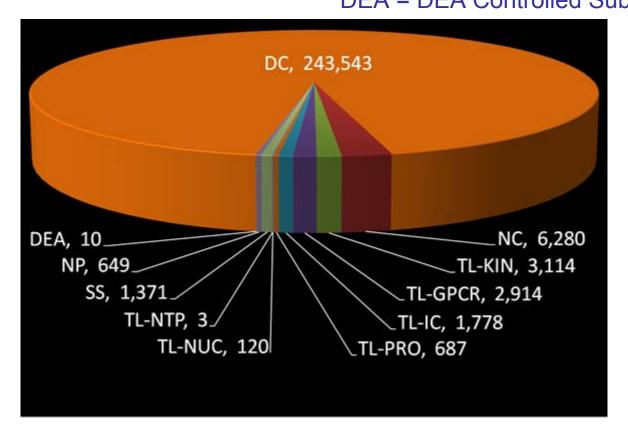
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MLSMR Compound Collection (260,000 Compounds)

DC = Diversity Compounds
NC = Non-commercial
TL-KIN = Kinase Targeted Library
TL-GPCR = GPCR Targeted Library
TL-IC = Ion Channel Targeted Library

TL-PRO = Protease Targeted Library
TL-NUC = Nuclear Receptor Targeted
TL-NTP = National Toxicology Program
SS = Known Bioactives
NP = Natural Products
DEA = DEA Controlled Substances



NIH Chemical Genomics Center



- Founded 2004
- 54 scientists biologists, chemists, informaticians, engineers
- Collaborates with >100 investigators worldwide
 - 60% NIH extramural
 - 25% NIH intramural
 - 15% Foundations, Research Consortia
- Focus on novel targets, rare and orphan diseases
 - Equal number of projects for basic research chemical probes and starting points for disease drug development







- Bring the best of the technologies, equipment, experience, and people from pharma and biotech, and apply them to the 95% of the genome and 95% of human diseases not worked on by biopharma
- Scale must be equal to or greater than a pharma
- Automate everything
 - Cheaper, faster, more accurate
 - Allows recruitment and retention of finest scientists
- Collaborate extremely widely
- Produce chemical probes of demonstrated biological utility
 - Requires major Medicinal Chemistry presence



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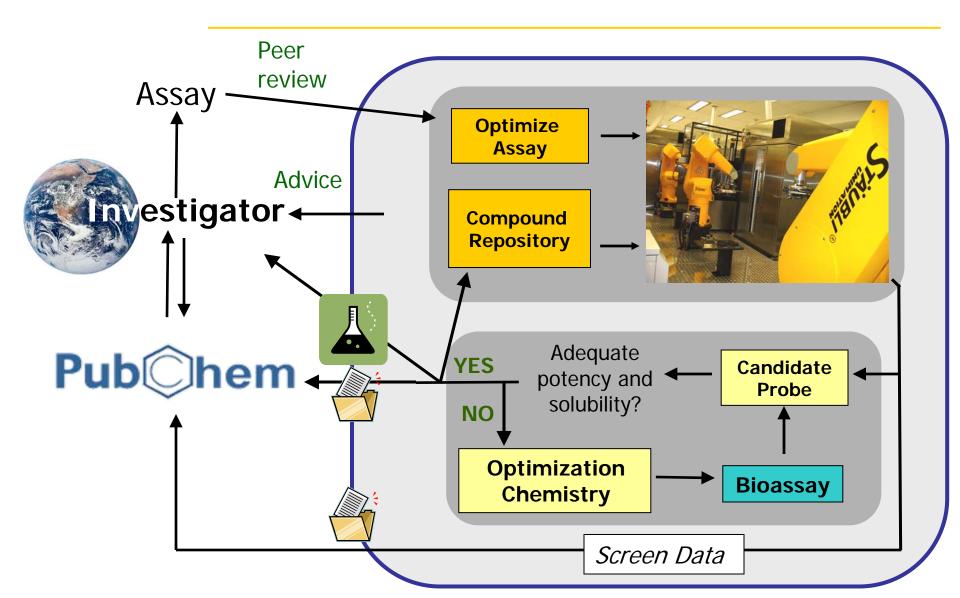






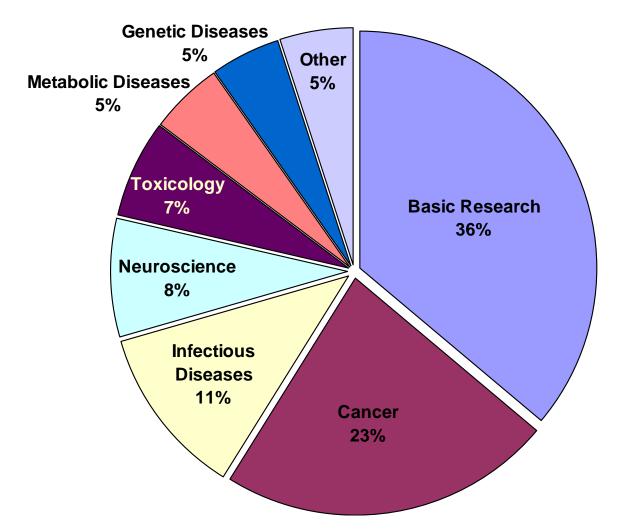


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Establishing a paradigm for chemical genomics

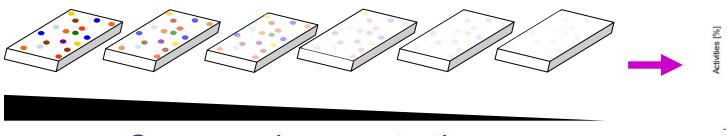
For each assay, **efficiently** and **comprehensively** describe the biological activity of a chemical library

- 1. Direct us toward chemical series:
 - suitable probes
 - probe potential
 - SAR for probe optimization
- 2. Populating a "Chemical Genomics" database
 - reliable activity of all library members for all assays that are screened at NCGC
 - → useful for profiling actives against all subsequent assays

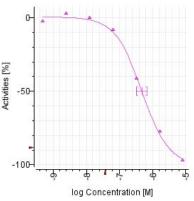


Quantitative high-throughput screening (qHTS)

- Conventional HTS: done at one concentration (typically 10 uM)
- qHTS: All compounds tested in titration
 - 15 concentrations
 - Concentration range 0.5 nM to 92 uM
 - Concentration-response curve generated for each compound
- Assay volumes ~5 uL
- 1536-well plate format
- Informatics pipeline for data processing, curve fitting & classification
- Higher quality data



Compound concentration



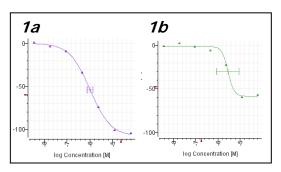


qHTS curve classification criteria

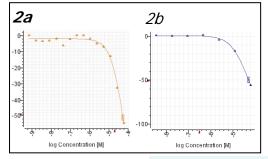
Curve Class	Description	Efficacy	r²	Asymptotes	Inflection
1*	Complete curve (a) Partial curve (b)	> 80% (a) < 80% (b)	≥ 0.9	2	yes
2†	Incomplete curve	> 80% (a) < 80% (b)	> 0.9 (a) < 0.9 (b)	1	yes
3	Single pt activity	> Min [‡]	NA	1	no
4	Inactive	NA	NA	0	no

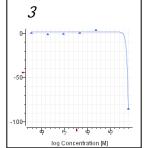
NOTES: * AC_{50} derived from data; † AC_{50} extrapolated from data; †Min is > 3 SD from the mean activity of the sample field at the highest tested concentration

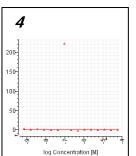
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Lower confidence data







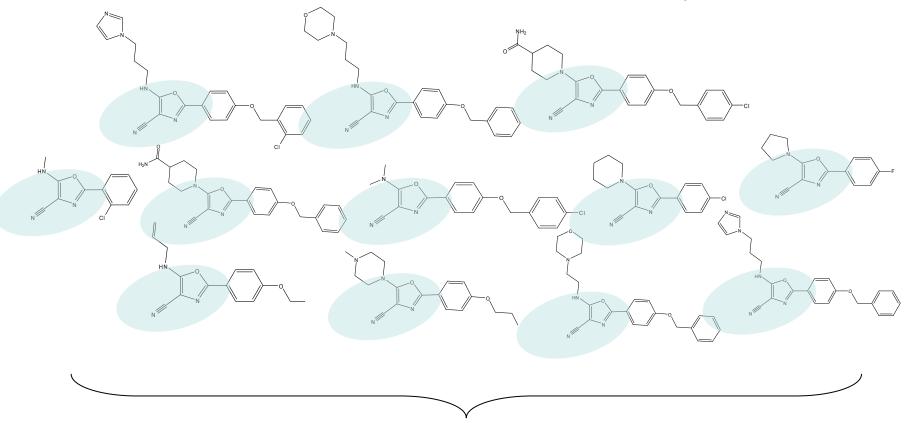


Derivation of nascent SAR from qHTS

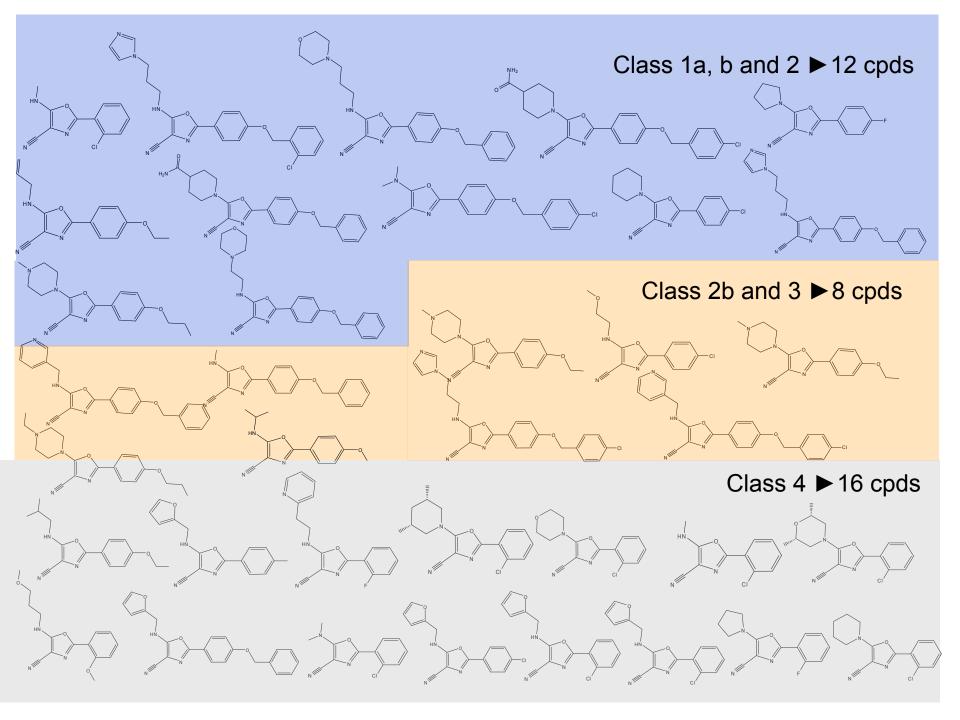
- Class 1 and 2a Hierarchical clustering
 - Leadscope fingerprints
 - Tanimoto cutoff = 0.7
 - 55 clusters
- Maximal common substructure (MCS) extracted for each cluster
 - MCS used to search entire screening collection
 - 40 series composed of 4-25 active analogs
 - Results associated with biological data



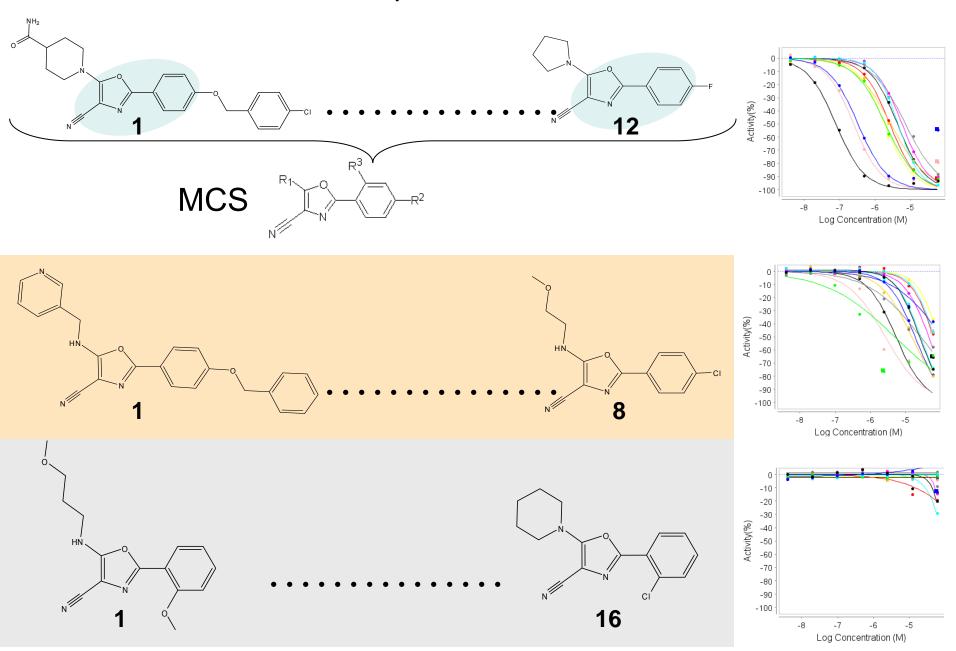
Classes 1a, b and 2 ► 12 cpds Cluster 5, 2-phenyloxazole-4-carbonitrile







Classes 1a, b and 2 ▶ 12 cpds, Cluster 5



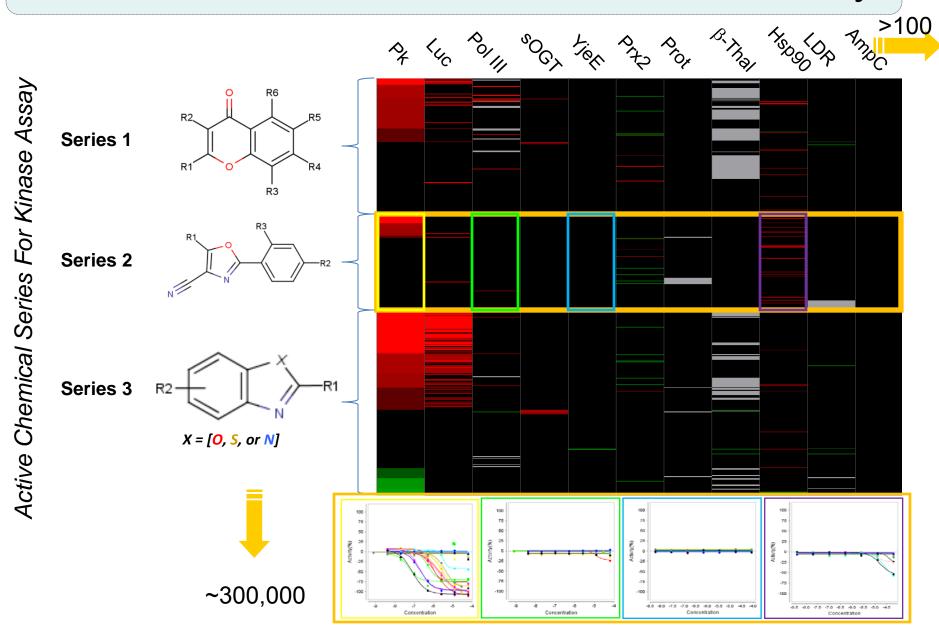
Structure-Activity Relationship (SAR) Report

2-phenyloxazole-4-carbonitrile series

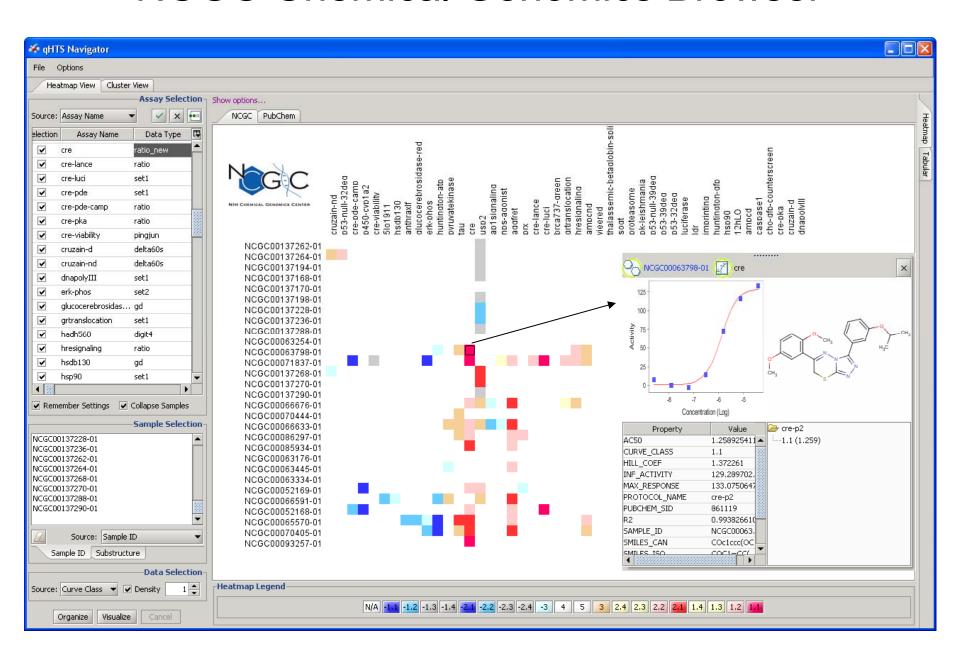
 The SAR report is a 'map' to enabling chemical optimization of a lead series

#	R1	R2	R3	NCGC ID	Curve Class	Rank	AC50 (uM)	Act Max Conc	hill Coeff
1	NH ₂	R ² -Q CI	Н	NCGC00067413-01	1.1	1/20	0.08	-92	1.1
2	ON HYR1	R ² -0	н	NCGC00067270-01	1.1	5/20	1.9	-93	1.1
10	O Z H	R ² -0	н	NCGC00067494-01	2.1	12/20	4.5	-96	1.4
21	O HN R1	F	Н	NCGC00023889-01	3	20/20	42	-32	1.6
30	TZ Z	Н	F	NCGC00039456-01	4		inactive	1	
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Electronic counterscreens across >100 assays

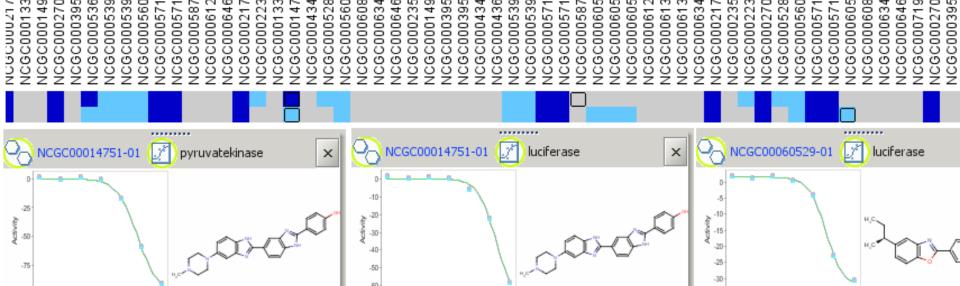


NCGC Chemical Genomics Browser



NCGC Stats

- 174 Assays deposited in PubChem (since Feb05)
- Wells tested: 42.5 million
 - Number of data points: 302 million
- Concentration-response (CR) profiles: 4.4 million
 - Data fields deposited into PubChem: >40M
- 32 probe projects / 34 probes/33 publications
- Screening throughput 2.5 million wells/wk



Case Study: Development of Inhibitors of Schistosoma mansoni Peroxiredoxins

NCGC Collaboration with
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Schistosomiasis



•250,000,000 infections

•20,000,000 with significant pathology

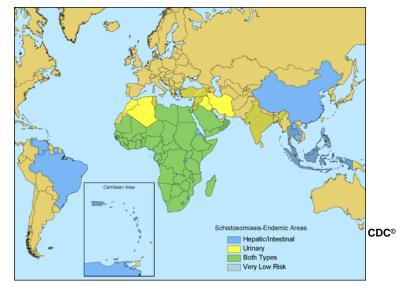
•280,000 deaths/year



Endemic in 75 countries

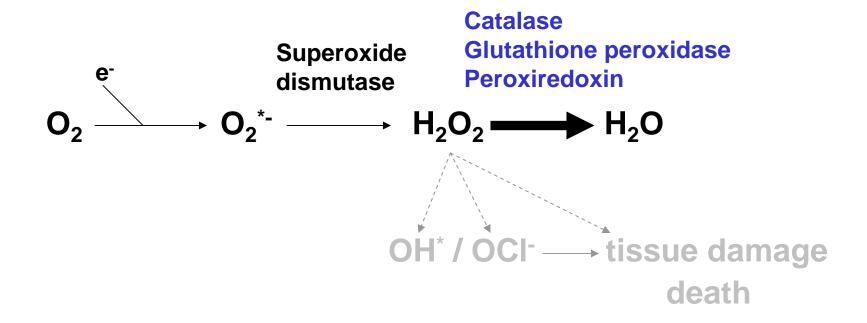
• > 80% infections in sub-Saharan Africa

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Targeted Redox Pathway

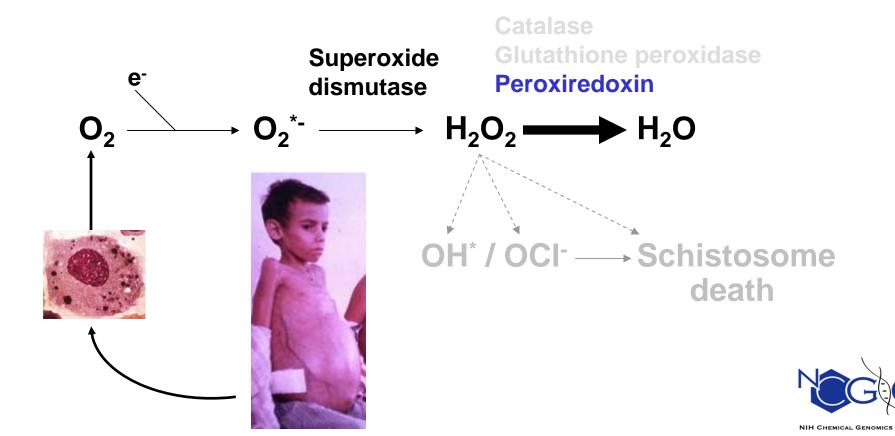
Humans have three enzymes that degrade hydrogen peroxide made from superoxide radicals





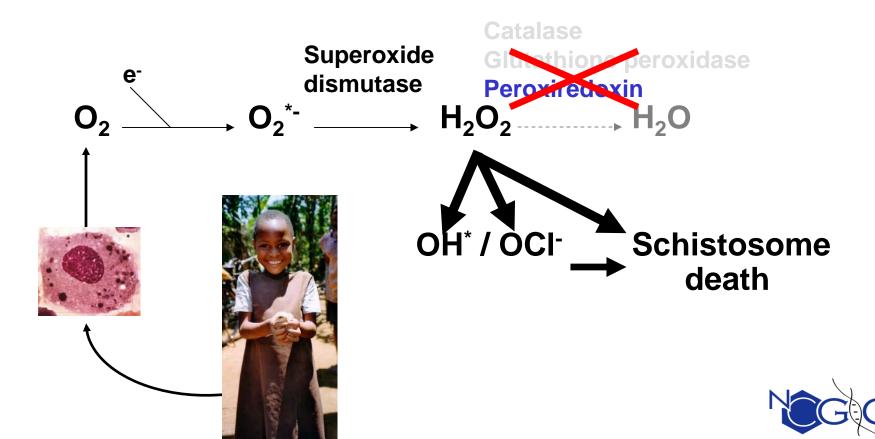
Targeted Redox Pathway

- S. mansoni has no catalase or glutathione peroxidase.
- Survives in humans due to parasite-specific peroxiredoxin that degrades reactive oxygen species produced by human innate immune response.



Targeted Redox Pathway

Inhibition of *S. mansoni* peroxiredoxin would prevent worm degradation of hydrogen peroxide and kill schistosomes



Discovery of Pathway: 2002



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The disulfide redox system of *Schistosoma mansoni* and the importance of a multifunctional enzyme, thioredoxin glutathione reductase[☆]

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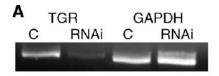
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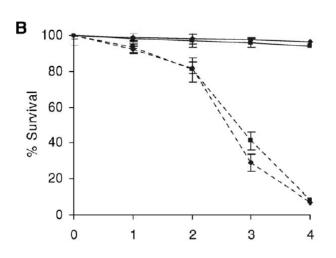
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Thioredoxin Glutathione Reductase from *Schistosoma mansoni*: An Essential Parasite Enzyme and a Key Drug Target

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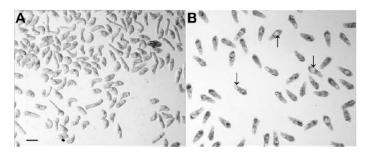


Figure 8. Photomicrographs (100×) of Irrelevant dsRNA-Treated Schistosomula (left image) and TGR dsRNA-Treated Schistosomula (right image) after Three Days of Treatment

All organisms in the left image are alive; parasites have different shapes, elongated, contracted, and curved during movement. In the right image, all of the parasites are dead and have roughly the same shape (no movement) and internal vacuoles (arrows). The bar represents 250 μ m. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.0040206.q008

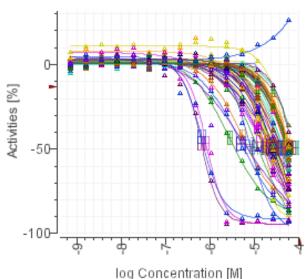
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Quantitative HTS:2007

- 70,000 compounds at 7 concentrations (qHTS)
 - Dose-response curve for all compounds (PNAS 103, 11473-8 (2006))
 - ~10,000,000 data points (16 Time-Point Reads)
 - 31 hours of robot time
- Results: 100 compounds with IC50 < 40 μM
 - 71 compounds
 - 6 different structural classes







Report of chemical probes: Jan 2008

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Quantitative High-Throughput Screen Identifies Inhibitors of the *Schistosoma mansoni* Redox Cascade

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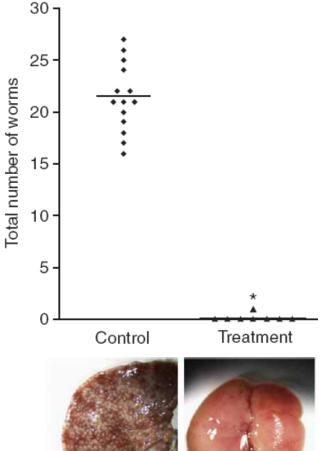
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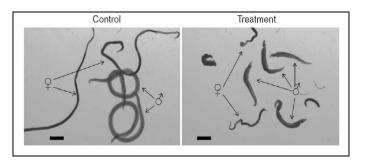
Schistosomiasis is a tropical disease associated with high morbidity and mortality, currently affecting over 200 million people worldwide. Praziquantel is the only drug used to treat the disease, and with its increased use the probability of developing drug resistance has grown significantly. The Schistosoma parasites can survive for up to decades in the human host due in part to a unique set of antioxidant enzymes that continuously degrade the reactive oxygen species produced by the host's innate immune response. Two principal components of this defense system have been recently identified in S. mansoni as thioredoxin/glutathione reductase (TGR) and peroxiredoxin (Prx) and as such these enzymes present attractive new targets for anti-schistosomiasis drug development. Inhibition of TGR/Prx activity was screened in a dual-enzyme format with reducing equivalents being transferred from NADPH to glutathione via a TGR-catalyzed reaction and then to hydrogen peroxide via a Prx-catalyzed step. A fully automated quantitative high-throughput (gHTS) experiment was performed against a collection of 71,028 compounds tested as 7- to 15-point concentration series at 5 μL reaction volume in 1536-well plate format. In order to generate a robust data set and to minimize the effect of compound autofluorescence, apparent reaction rates derived from a kinetic read were utilized instead of end-point measurements. Actives identified from the screen, along with previously untested analogues, were subjected to confirmatory experiments using the screening assay and subsequently against the individual targets in secondary assays. Several novel active series were identified which inhibited TGR at a range of potencies, with IC_{50} s ranging from micromolar to the assay response limit (\sim 25 nM). This is, to our knowledge, the first report of a large-scale HTS to identify lead compounds for a helminthic disease, and provides a paradigm that can be used to jump-start development of novel therapeutics for other neglected tropical diseases.

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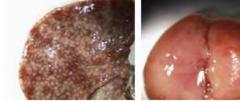
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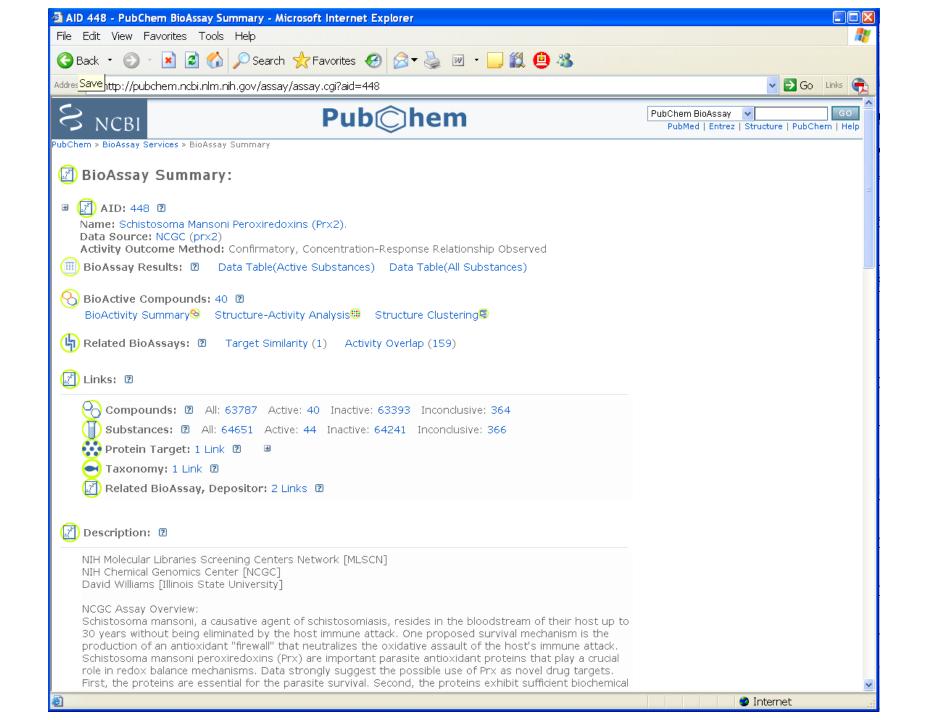


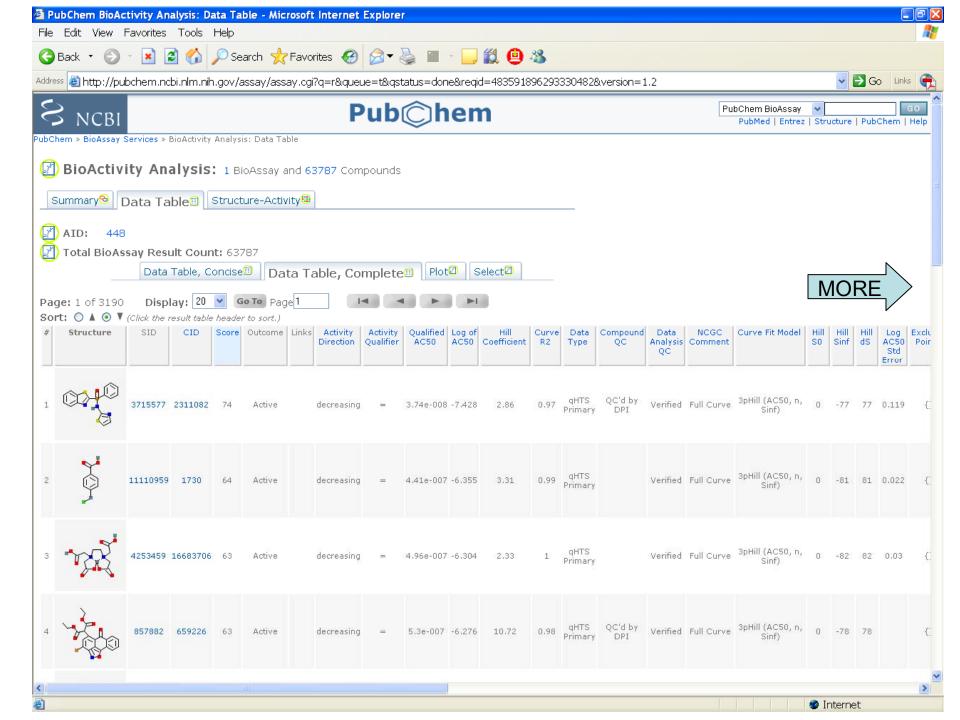
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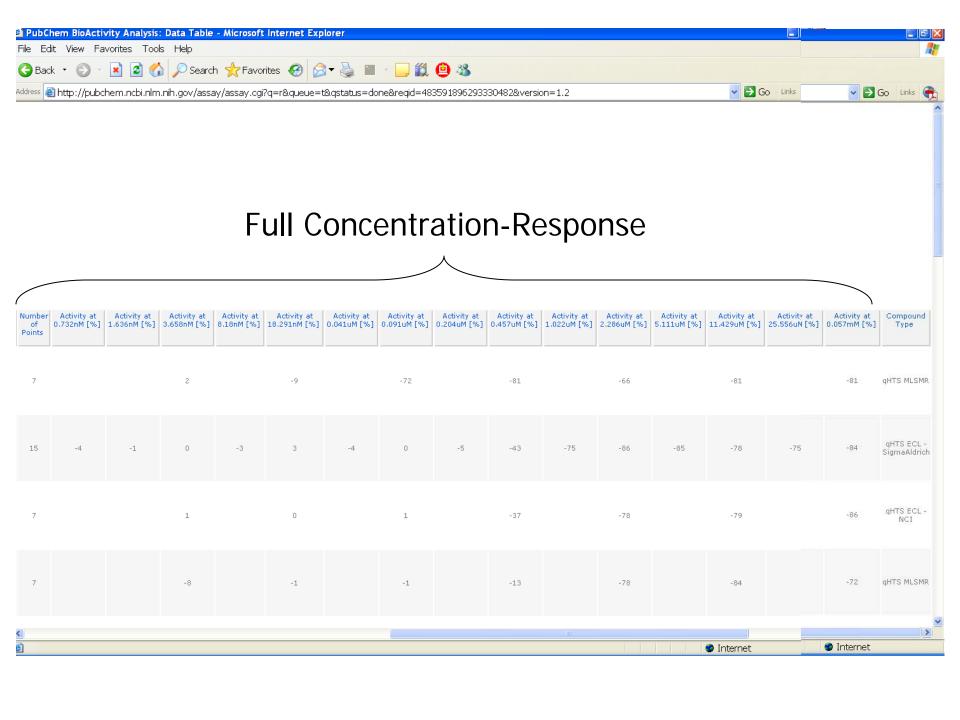


Livers of treated mice





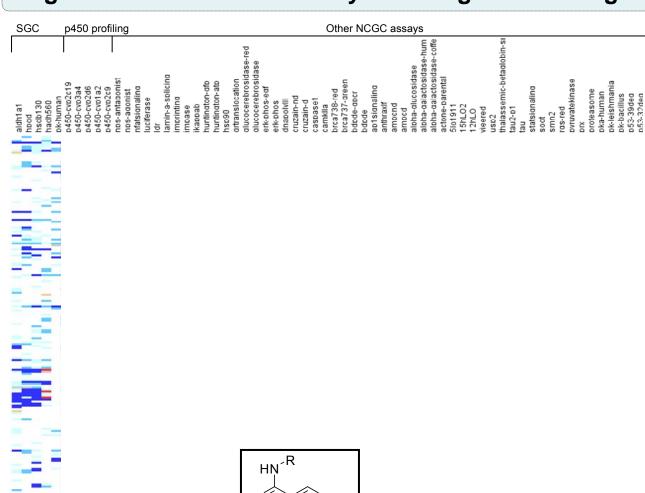


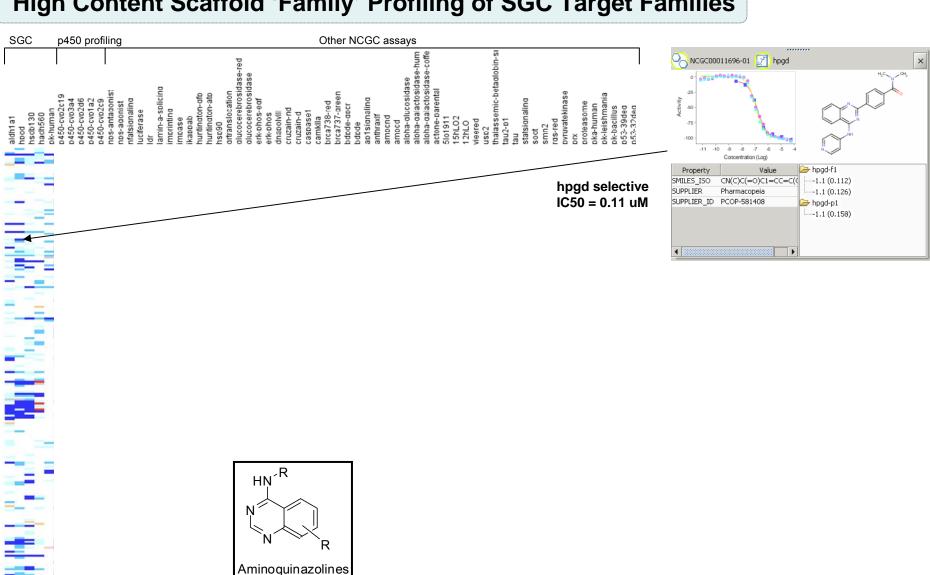


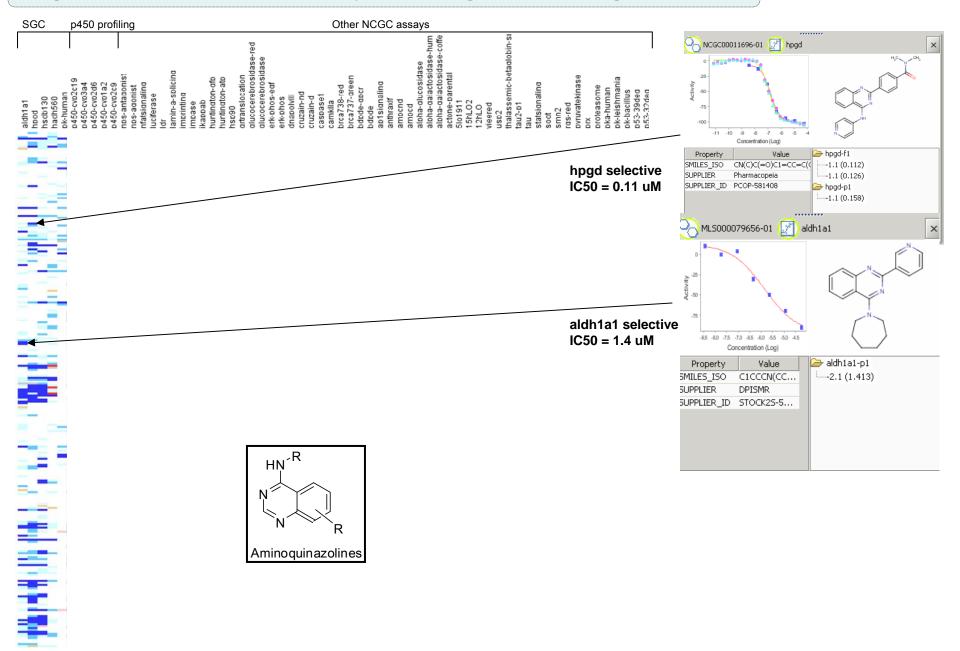
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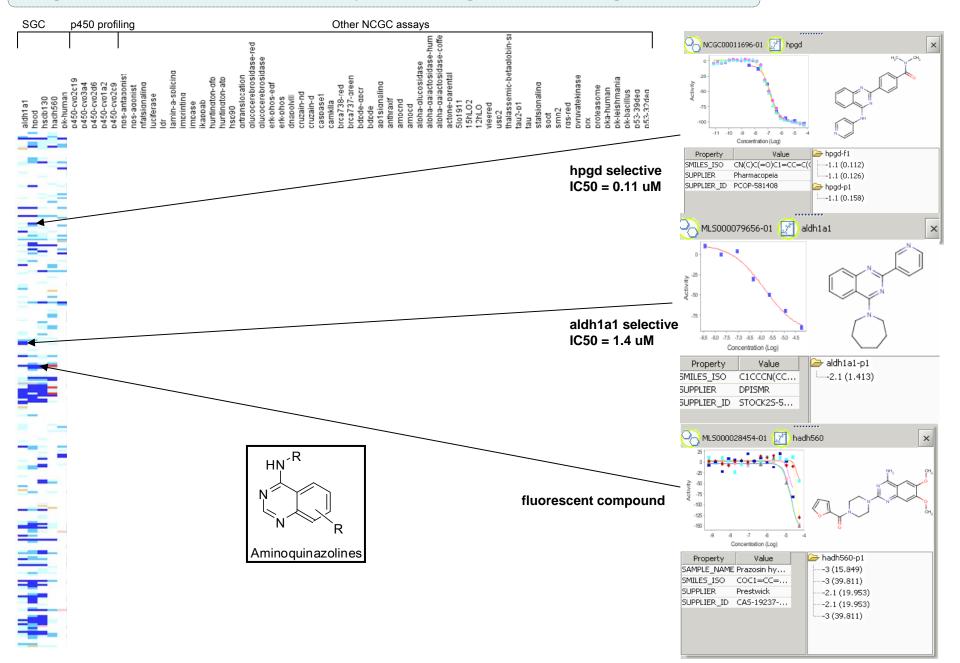
- Discussions started 4Q 2004 (Edwards)
- Dehydrogenases (SGC-Oxford) chosen as first targets, enzymes received 1Q 2006
 - 4 enzymes screened against the full collection
- Collaboration expanded 2Q 2007 to new targets from all SGC sites
- Epigenetics collaboration begun 4Q 2007
 - Joint application to WT submitted last week
- NCGC PIs
 - Anton Simeonov
 - Doug Auld (Human PK)

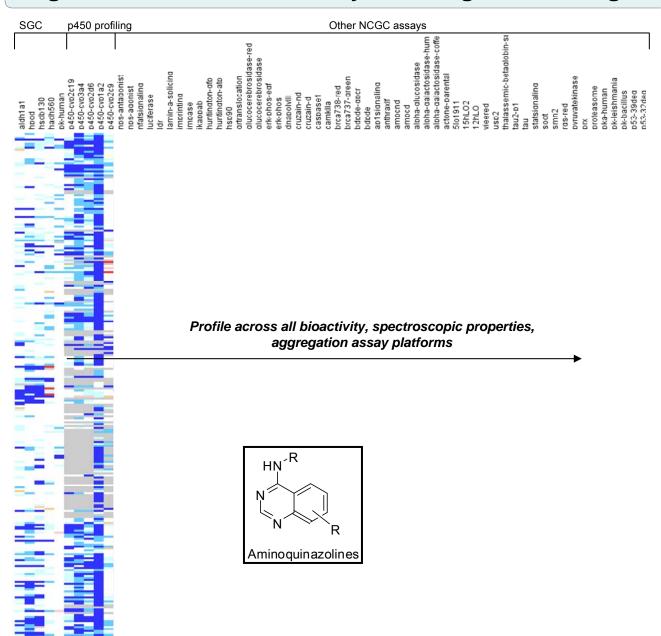


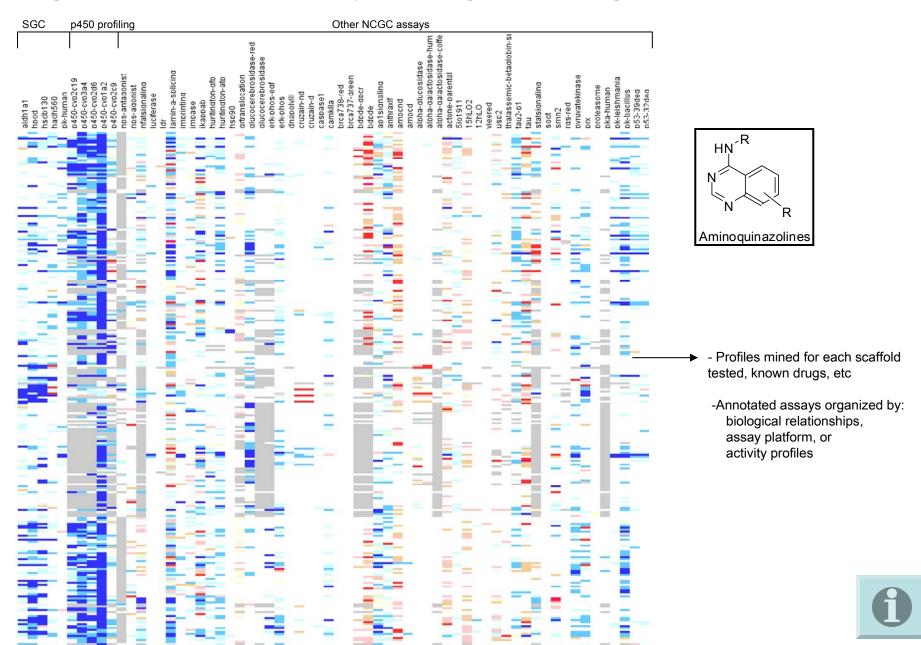












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REVIEW

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High-throughput screening assays for the identification of chemical probes

James Inglese, Ronald L Johnson, Anton Simeonov, Menghang Xia, Wei Zheng, Christopher P Austin & Douglas S Auld

High-throughput screening (HTS) assays enable the testing of large numbers of chemical substances for activity in diverse areas of biology. The biological responses measured in HTS assays span isolated biochemical systems containing purified receptors or enzymes to signal transduction pathways and complex networks functioning in cellular environments. This Review addresses factors that need to be considered when implementing assays for HTS and is aimed particularly at investigators new to this field. We discuss assay design strategies, the major detection technologies and examples of HTS assays for common target classes, cellular pathways and simple cellular phenotypes. We conclude with special considerations for configuring sensitive, robust, informative and economically feasible HTS assays.

COMMENTARY

Reporting data from high-throughput screening of small-molecule libraries

James Inglese, Caroline E Shamu & R Kiplin Guy

Publications reporting results of small-molecule screens are becoming more common as academic researchers increasingly make use of high-throughput screening (HTS) facilities. However, no standards have been formally established for reporting small-molecule screening data, and often key information important for the evaluation and interpretation of results is omitted in published HTS protocols. Here, we propose concise guidelines for reporting small-molecule HTS data.





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Free software and code for public use

NCGC CurveFit

Large scale dose response curve fitting and curve classification software

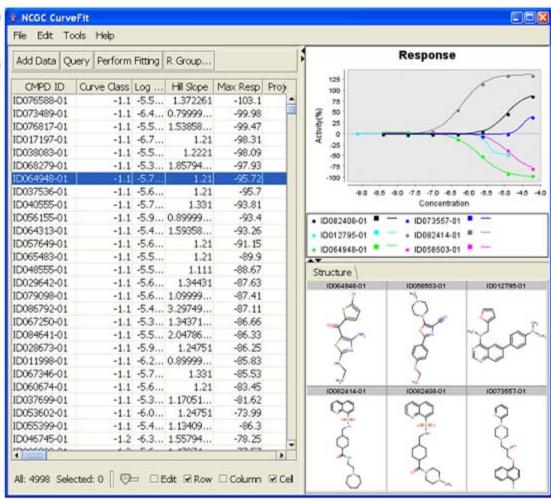
Download: Application. (requires Java WebStart)

Download: Sample Data File.

Download: Source Code.

Software Features

- Automated curve fitting and classification software socce curve Fit
- Algorithm recognizes bell shaped curves, implements standard Hill equation, extensible for other models; distinguishes activation vs inhibition
- Stand alone tool designed explicitly for public use and for source code reference
- Analyzes 10k curves with good performance, capacity to handle >100k curves with memory usage on user machine being the limit
- Provides activity ranking of complete and incomplete curves
- Fast chemical similarity and substructure searching (including smarts support) enabled using path-based fingerprints
- · Ability to export results, curve images
- Web deployed software, keeps users current with latest features







Assay Guidance // Assay Guidance Manual - Version 4.1

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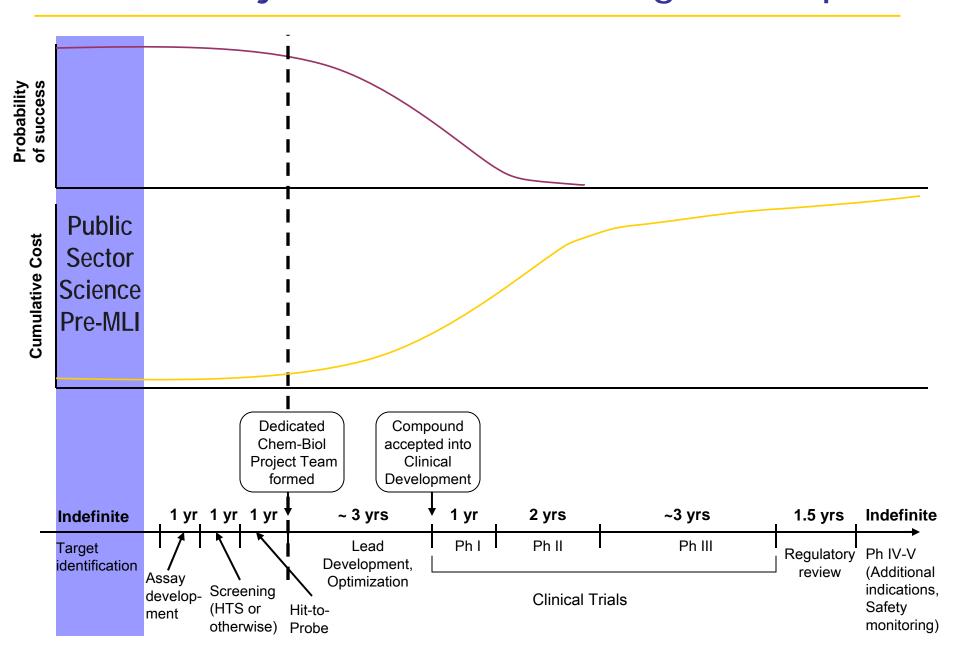
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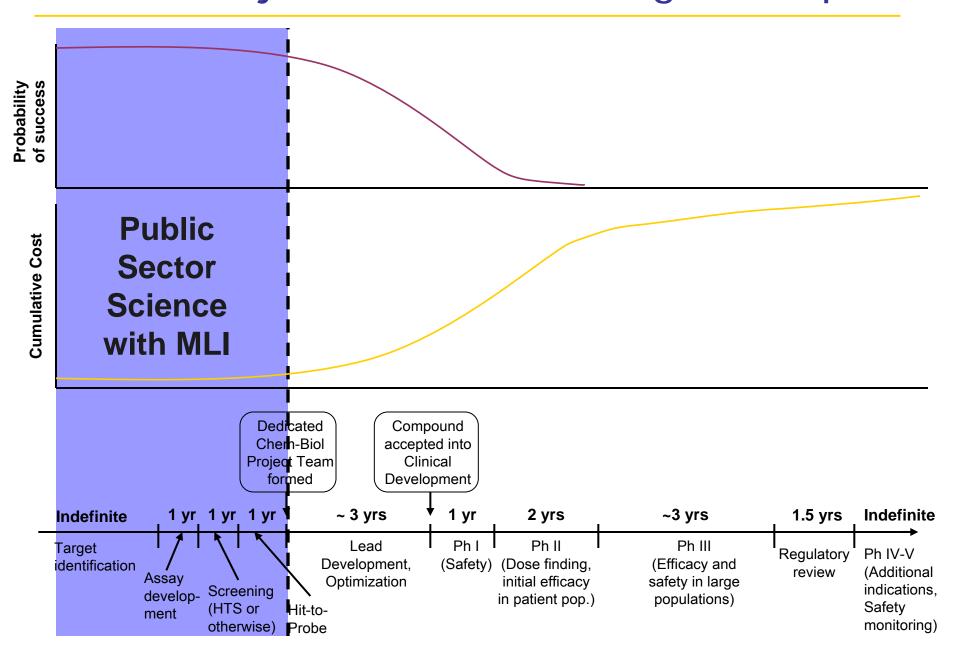
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