
FROM BASIC RESEARCH TO PRODUCT - EXAMPLES OF FRAUNHOFER RESEARCH PROJECTS



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AGENDA

Background to Fraunhofer Institute

Assay selection in pre-clinical drug discovery

Development of the collaborative COST Action ADME-Tox assay panel

Target Validation in CVD drug research

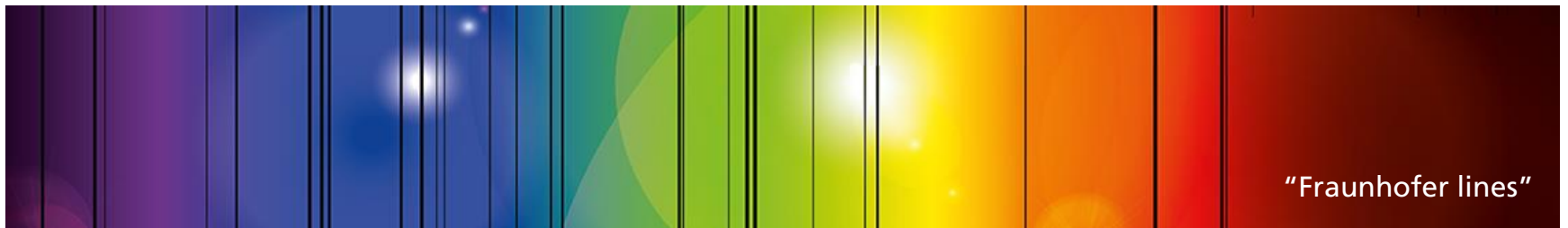
Genetic age test

Tools to de-risk drug research projects

Background to Fraunhofer Institute

FRAUNHOFER-GESELLSCHAFT, THE LARGEST ORGANISATION FOR APPLIED RESEARCH IN EUROPE

- ❑ 66 institutes and research units
- ❑ Nearly 24,000 staff
- ❑ More than €2 billion annual research budget. Of this sum, around 1.7 billion euros is generated through contract research
 - ❑ Roughly two thirds of this sum is generated through contract research on behalf of industry and publicly funded research projects
 - ❑ Roughly one third is contributed by the German federal and Länder governments in the form of base funding



THE FRAUNHOFER-GESELLSCHAFT AT A GLANCE

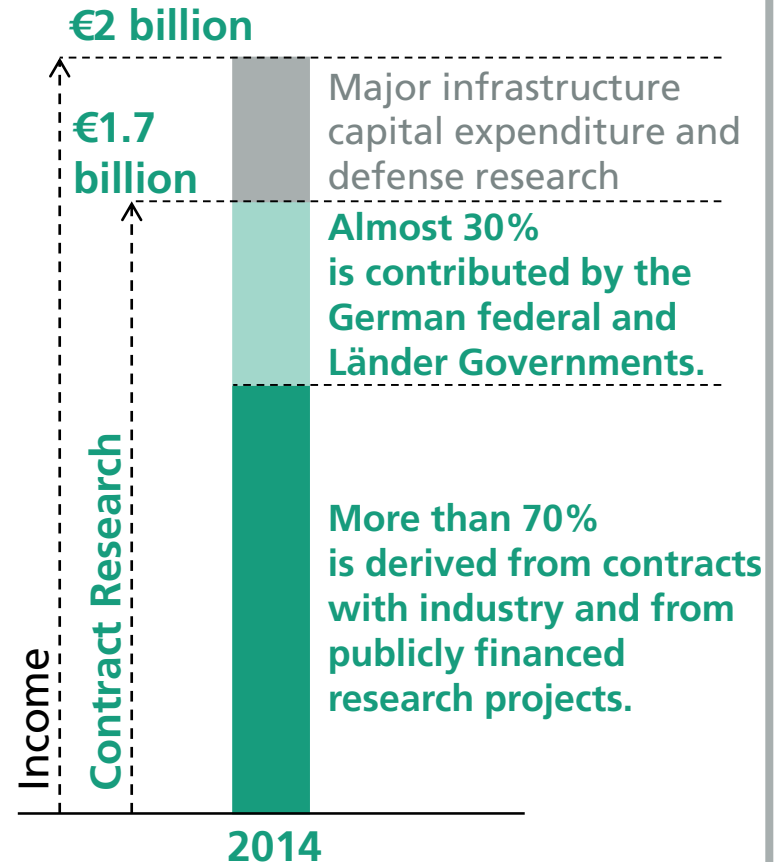
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Nearly **24,000** staff



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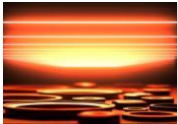
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Associated members: HHI, IIS



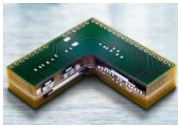
Life Sciences

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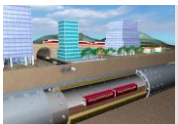
Microelectronics

EMFT, ENAS, FHR, HHI, IAF, IIS, IISB, IMS, IPMS, ISIT, IZM
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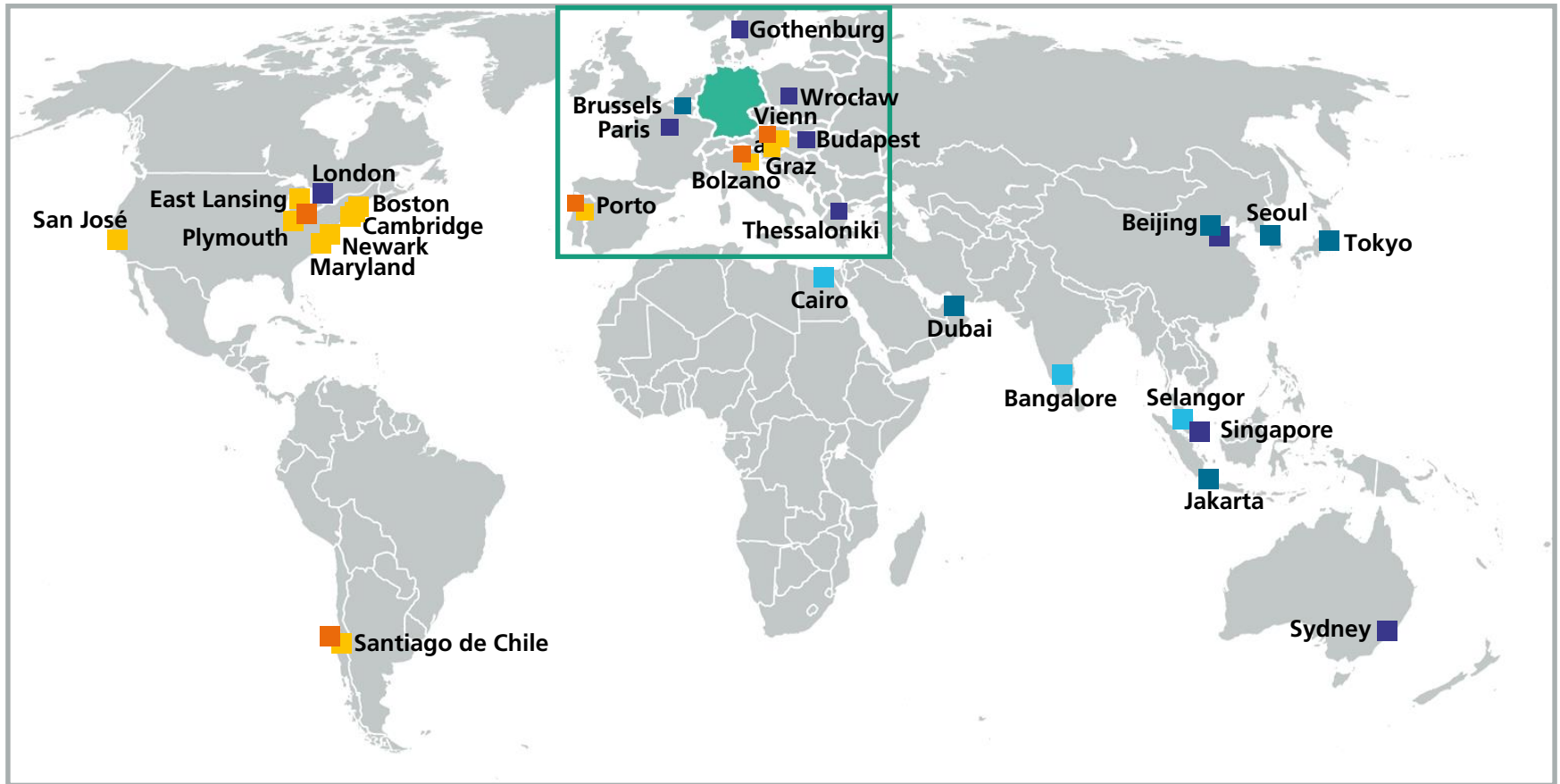
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Associated members: HHI, IIS, ISI



Materials & Components

EMI, IAP, IBP, ICT, IFAM, IKTS, ISC, ISE, ISI, IWM, IZFP, LBF, WKI
Associated members: IGB, ITWM

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FRAUNHOFER MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND APPLIED ECOLOGY (IME)

CRITICAL MASS WITH 600 EMPLOYEES

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Applied Ecology Division
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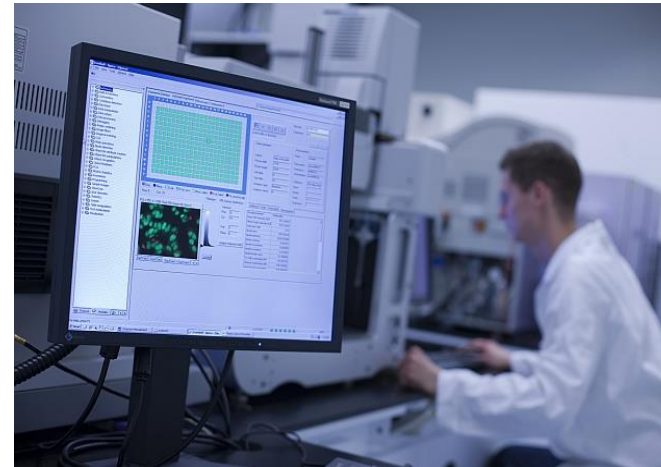
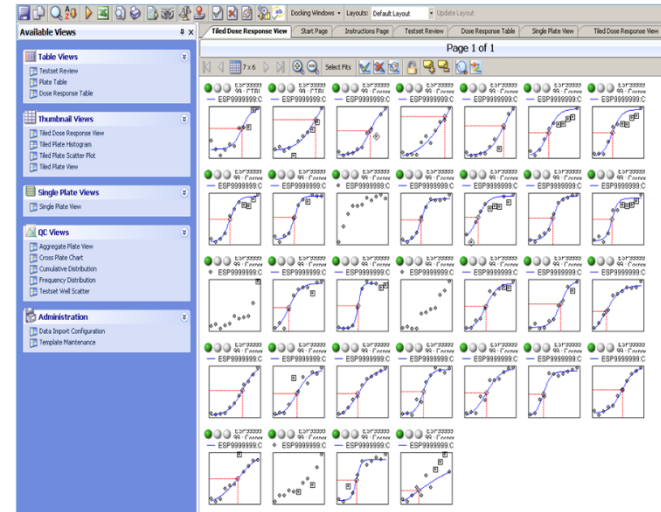


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Center for Systems Biotechnology
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CAPABILITIES OF THE FRAUNHOFER-IME SCREENINGPORT



Assay selection in pre-clinical drug discovery (kinase)

NIK PHOSPHORYLATES IKK- α

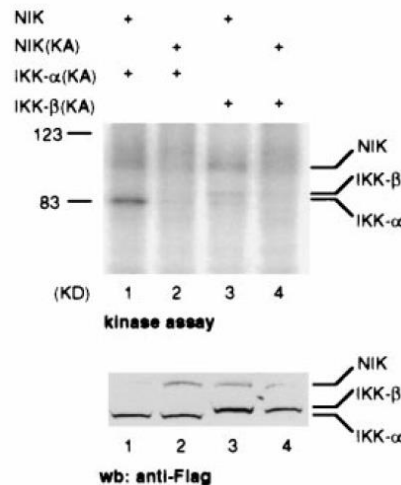
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Vol. 95, pp. 3792–3797, March 1998
Immunology

NF- κ B-inducing kinase activates IKK- α by phosphorylation of Ser-176

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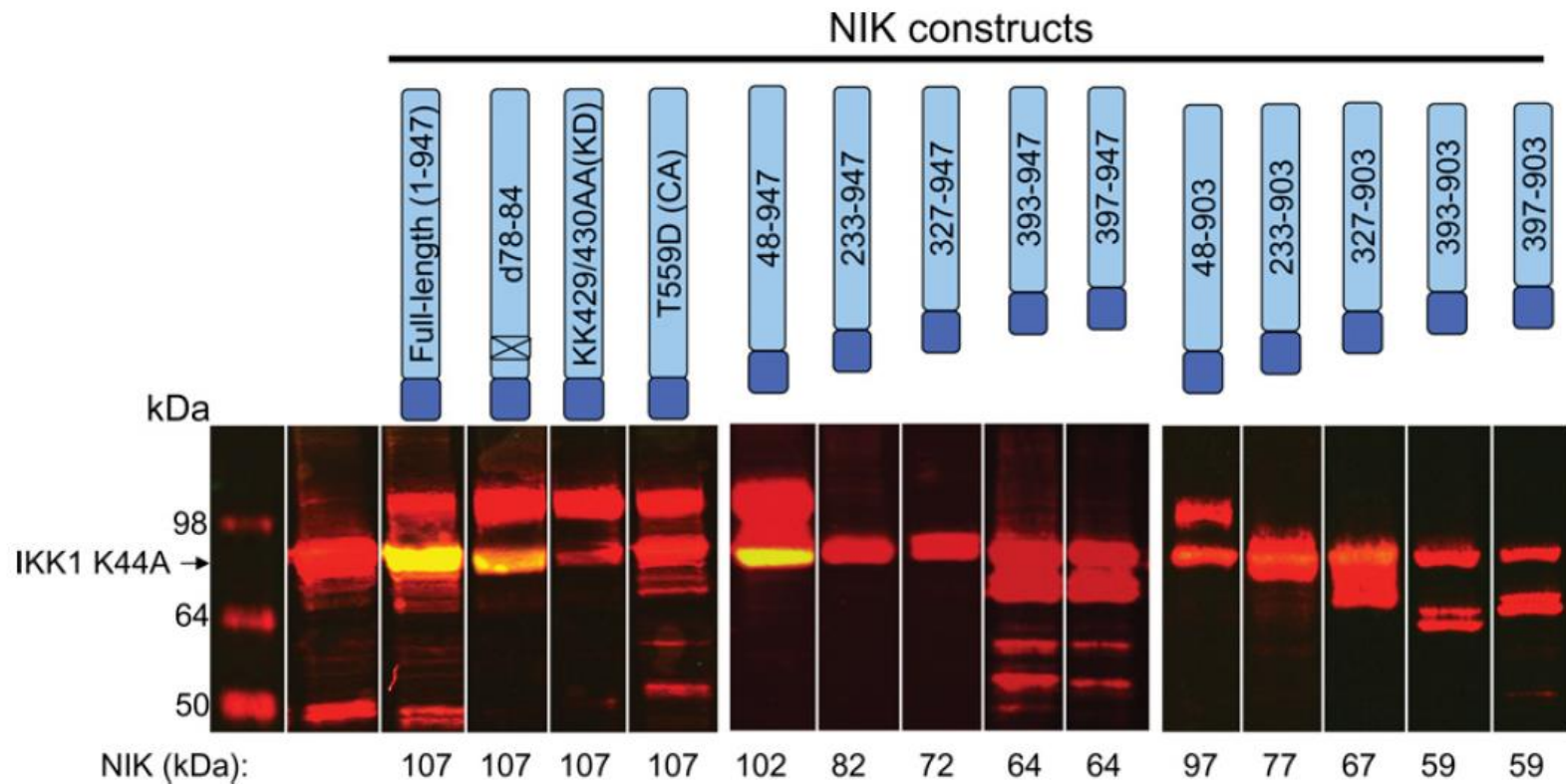
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determined by immunoblotting (wb) with anti-FLAG polyclonal antibodies (*Lower*). The positions of IKK- α , IKK- β , and NIK are indicated. (*B*) Phosphorylation of IKK- α (KA) and IKK- β (KA) by NIK. 293 cells were transiently transfected with expression plasmids encoding FLAG epitope-tagged wild-type NIK, IKK- α (KA), or IKK- β (KA). Purified proteins were incubated with [γ - 32 P]ATP, resolved by SDS/PAGE, and analyzed by autoradiography. The amounts of proteins used in the reactions were determined by immunoblotting (wb) with anti-FLAG polyclonal antibodies (*Lower*). The positions of IKK- α , IKK- β , and NIK are indicated.

CELL-BASED NIK ASSAY



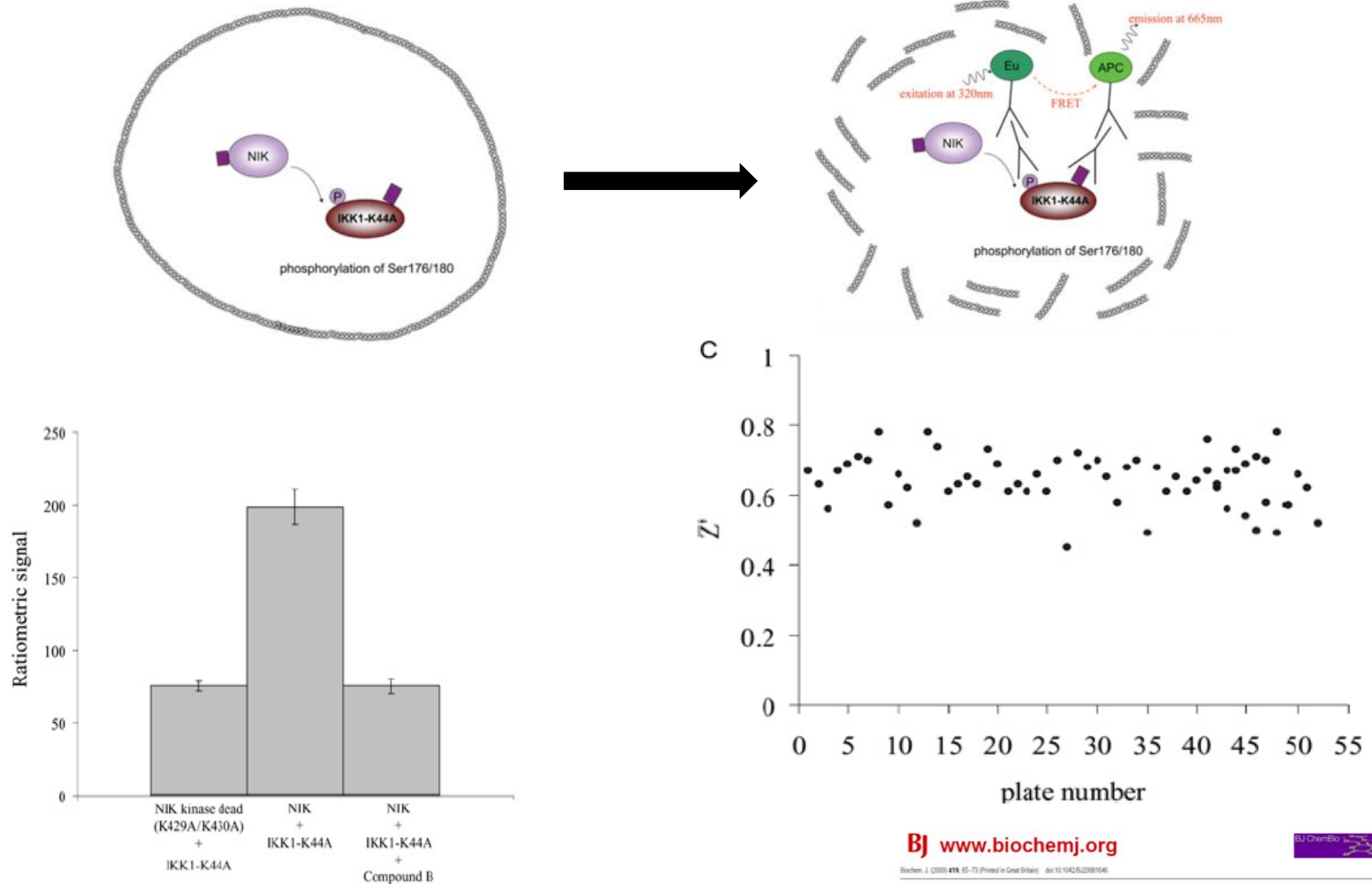
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INSECT CELL-BASED ASSAY FOR NIK



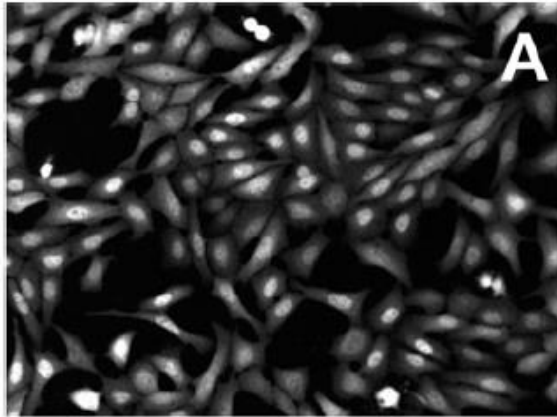
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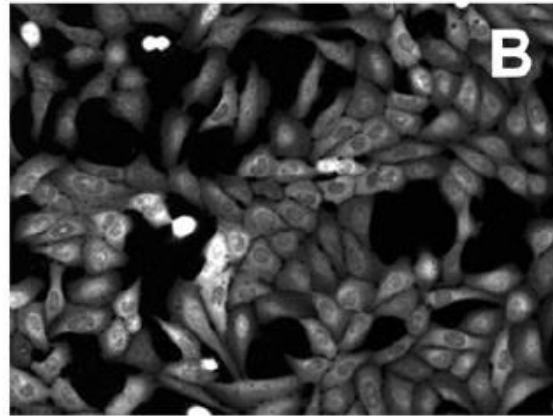
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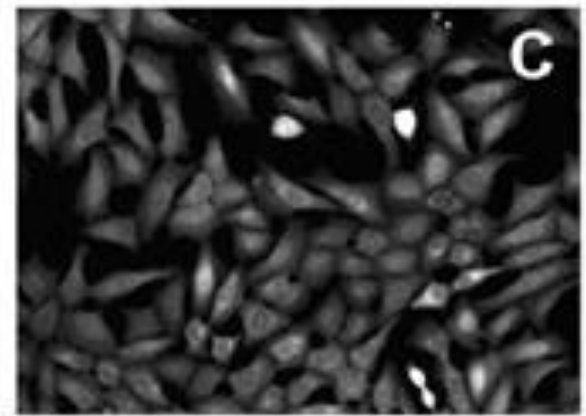
USE OF HCS AFTER CELL-BASED NIK INHIBITOR SCREEN



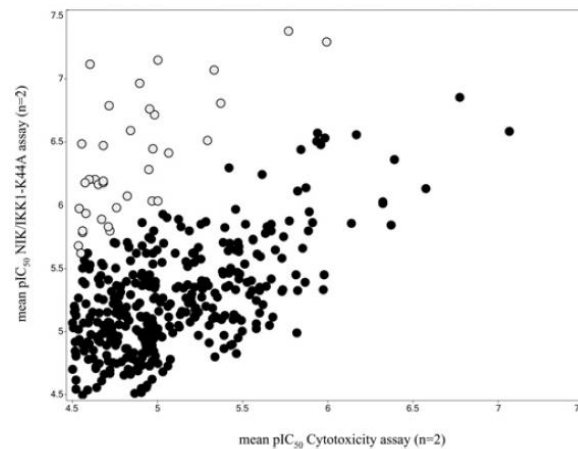
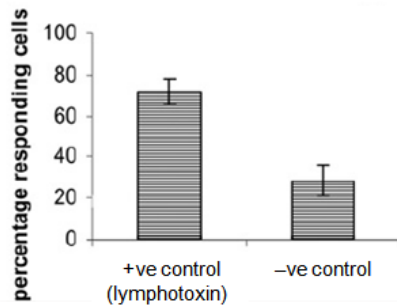
+ve control (lymphotoxin)



-ve control



Hit from cell-based screen



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INITIAL COST ACTION INVOLVEMENT



European Cooperation
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- COST -

Brussels, 22 November 2013

COST 052/13

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Subject : Memorandum of Understanding for the implementation of a European Concerted Research Action designated as COST Action CM1307: Targeted chemotherapy towards diseases caused by endoparasites

Delegations will find attached the Memorandum of Understanding for COST Action CM1307 as approved by the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) at its 188th meeting on 14 November 2013

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COST Action CM0801.

New drugs for neglected diseases

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Objectives

- The Action will pave the way for the development of novel drugs to treat neglected diseases such as African sleeping sickness, Chagas' disease and Leishmaniasis.
- Related approaches of molecular genetics, biochemistry, medicinal chemistry, crystallography and bioinformatics will be coordinated and complemented with industrial experience.
- Established genomes are used to identify drug targets essential to the parasites but absent or different in the host, since inhibitors thereof hold promise as safe and efficacious therapeutics.
- Validated drug targets will serve as tools in drug discovery processes using complementary strategies: i) high-throughput screening; ii) in silico screening of virtual libraries; iii) lead optimization; and iv) structure-based inhibitor design.
- Promising compounds will be tested in established infection models for all the diseases to choose the most attractive candidates for preclinical and clinical development.

Main Achievements

- Trypanothione synthetase (TryS) previously demonstrated to be essential by inverse genetics was chemically validated as drug target in *Trypanosoma* and *Leishmania* spp.
- First TryS inhibitors comprising several new scaffolds showed promising *in vitro* activity.
- New target were validated and characterized (GPx-type trypanedoxin peroxidase; glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase; pteridine reductase; glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase; myristoyl transferase; others) and successfully used for inhibitor screening or design.
- Chemical scaffolds established in other fields of anti-infective therapy are being explored, i.e. anti-leishmanial quinolines (tafenoquine) and trypanocidal fluorinated artemisins.
- A monograph on 'Drug for trypanosomatid diseases' is in progress.



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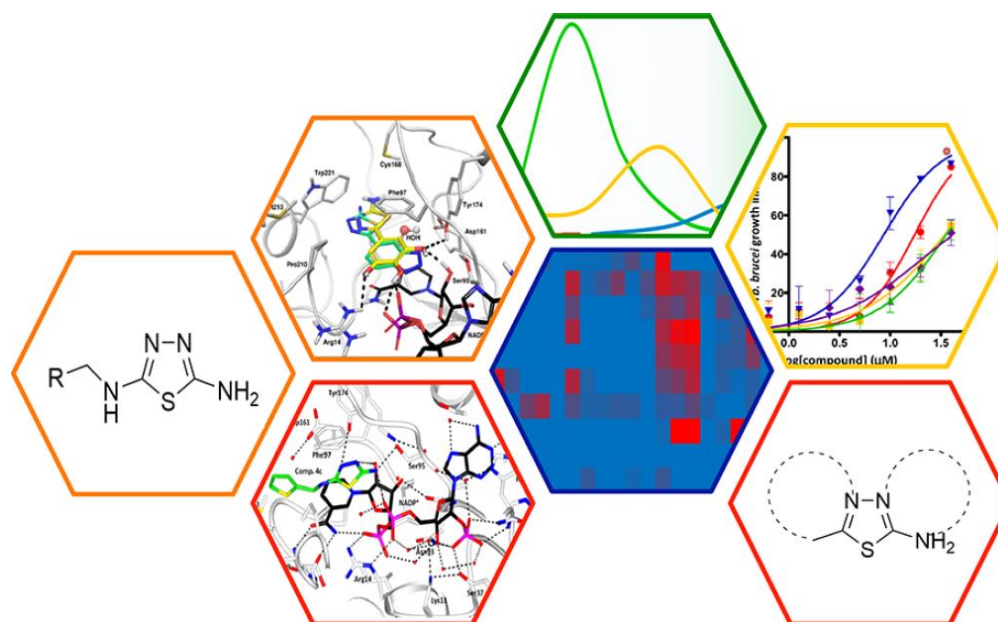
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EU-FP7 PROJECT: DELIVERING LEAD MOLECULES

- World Health Organization: neglected tropical diseases afflict >1 billion people
- Parasitic infections caused by trypanosomatids represent a major challenge
- human African trypanosomiasis (African sleeping sickness) caused by *T. brucei*
- *T. brucei* pteridine reductase Drug Discovery effort



NMTRYPI CONSORTIUM

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NEW MEDICINES FOR TRYPANOSOMATID INFECTIONS

News

Cover Story:
In the New Medicines for Trypanosomatid Infections (NMTRYPI) project funded by the EU, we have discovered novel anti-leishmania and anti-trypansomoma hits that inhibit pteridine reductase 1 (PTR1). Here, we synthesized compounds with a flavanone scaffold and characterized their antiparasitic activity and ADME-tox properties. Crystal structure determination and computational docking explain differences in their inhibition of PTR1. Two crystal structures of one compound with different PTR1 enzymes provide a basis for further scaffold optimization to develop inhibitors targeting PTR1 enzymes from different parasites. *Molecules* **2017**, 22(3), 426; doi: 10.3390/molecules22030426

Results in brief from Cordis citations http://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/109924_en.html.
A special citation of the EU Commission for the results achieved within the project New Medicine for Trypanosomatid infections. Grant Number: 603240.



GOVERNANCE

WP1

WP2

WP3

WP4

WP5

WP6

WP7

WP3: Phenotypic screening, M/HTS assays, ADME-Tox evaluation.

WP3 concerns the development of functional screening through cellular testing.

Natural compound mixtures are tested first on sensitive parasites and then the optimal mixture tested against relevant drug resistant strains. Only the selected mixtures from the dereplication process will be purified, and compound isolated and characterized. Final ranking and selection of the leads identified with related molecular and biological properties will be provided based on TDLP criteria.

Decisions on compounds progression towards WP3 and WP5 or feed-back to WP1 for further chemical modification will be taken

WP3 leader: Dr. Sheraz Gul, Fraunhofer IME-SP

Main outcomes of WP3:

- Development of functional screening parasite testing.
- Development of compatible assays for targets, their use in screening against natural products.
- Ranking of compounds for further progression based on activities of compound properties to include suitable secondary assays and in vitro ADME-Tox data.

DELIVERING A LEAD MOLECULE



Profiling of Flavonol Derivatives for the Development of Antitrypanosomatidic Drugs

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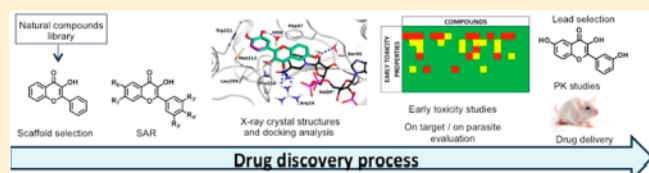
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Supporting Information



ABSTRACT: Flavonoids represent a potential source of new antitrypanosomatidic leads. Starting from a library of natural products, we combined target-based screening on pentidine reductase 1 with phenotypic screening on *Trypanosoma brucei* for hit identification. Flavonols were identified as hits, and a library of 16 derivatives was synthesized. Twelve compounds showed EC₅₀ values against *T. brucei* below 10 μ M. Four X-ray crystal structures and docking studies explained the observed structure–activity relationships. Compound 2 (3,6-dihydroxy-2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one) was selected for pharmacokinetic studies. Encapsulation of compound 2 in PLGA nanoparticles or cyclodextrins resulted in lower in vitro toxicity when compared to the free compound. Combination studies with methotrexate revealed that compound 13 (3-hydroxy-6-methoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one) has the highest synergistic effect at concentration of 1.3 μ M, 11.7-fold dose reduction index and no toxicity toward host cells. Our results provide the basis for further chemical modifications aimed at identifying novel antitrypanosomatidic agents showing higher potency toward PTR1 and increased metabolic stability.

Code	Phenolic acids						Flavanones				Flavones				Flavonols				*	**	**																	
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IC ₅₀ TbPTR1 (μM)																																						
IC ₅₀ hTS (μM)																																						
IC ₅₀ hDHFR (μM)																																						
IC ₅₀ <i>T. brucei</i> (μM)																																						

Figure 1. Activity profile of the 38 phytochemicals screened against TbPTR1, HTS, and hDHFR and against the *T. brucei* parasite. The IC₅₀ is indicated by the color: dark-green, 0–30 μ M; green, 31–90 μ M; light-green, 90–150 μ M; yellow, 151–250 μ M; red, >250 μ M; gray, not tested. *, Catechins; **, triterpenes; ***, anthraquinones.

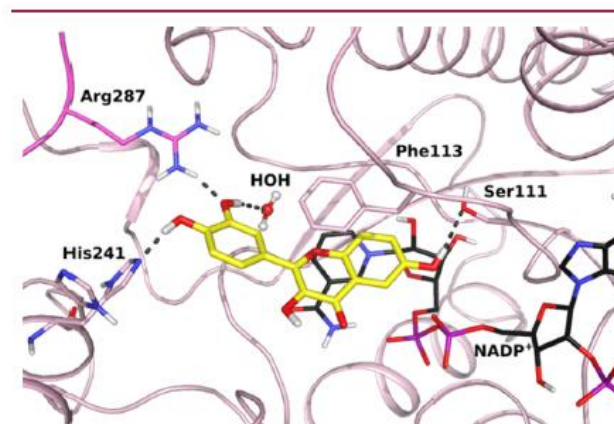


Figure 7. Superimposition of the crystal structure of LmPTR1 (PDB ID 1E92) in cartoon representation and interacting residues in sticks representation. Chains A and D (containing Arg287) are colored in pale-pink and magenta, respectively) and the best predicted receptor conformation obtained in the induced-fit docking study starting from this crystal structure (His241 in H-bonding contact to compound 7) in complex with NADPH/NADP⁺ (in sticks, black carbons) and compound 7 (in sticks, yellow carbons). A conserved water molecule is shown in ball-and-stick representation. Hydrogen bonds are indicated by dark-gray dotted lines.

NEW NMTRYPI PAPER – ADME-TOX PANEL FOCUS

Accelerating Drug Discovery Efforts for Trypanosomatid Infections Using an Integrated Transnational Academic Drug Discovery Platform

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Abstract

According to the World Health Organization, more than 1 billion people are at risk of or are affected by neglected tropical diseases. Examples of such diseases include trypanosomiasis, which causes sleeping sickness; leishmaniasis; and Chagas disease, all of which are prevalent in Africa, South America, and India. Our aim within the New Medicines for Trypanosomatid Infections project was to use (1) synthetic and natural product libraries, (2) screening, and (3) a preclinical absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion–toxicity (ADME-Tox) profiling platform to identify compounds that can enter the trypanosomatid drug discovery value chain. The synthetic compound libraries originated from multiple scaffolds with known antiparasitic activity and natural products from the Hypha Discovery MycoDiverse natural products library. Our focus was first to employ target-based screening to identify inhibitors of the protozoan *Trypanosoma brucei* pteridine reductase I (TbPTRI) and second to use a *Trypanosoma brucei* phenotypic assay that made use of the *T. brucei* parasite to identify compounds that inhibited cell growth and caused death. Some of the compounds underwent structure-activity relationship expansion and, when appropriate, were evaluated in a preclinical ADME-Tox assay panel. This preclinical platform has led to the identification of multiple compound series, some of which have progressed in the trypanosomatid drug discovery value chain to lead-like compounds as well as validated hits.

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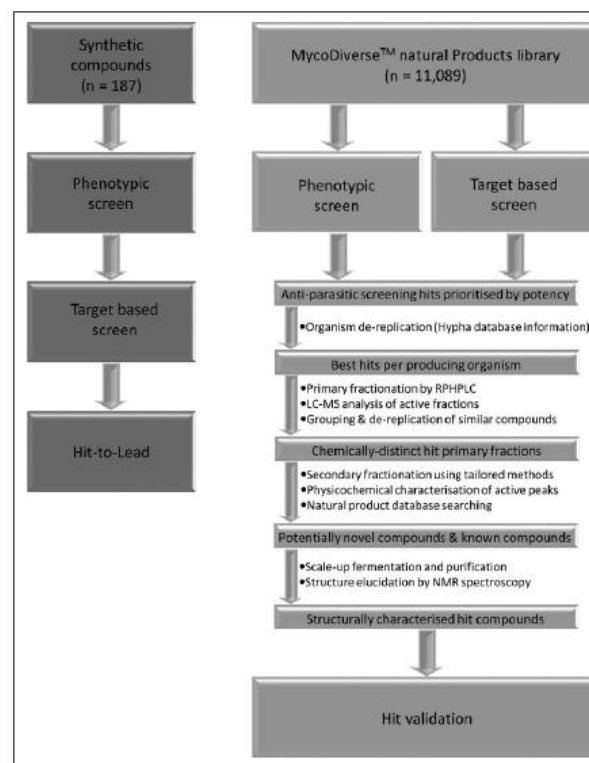


Figure 1. Overall workflow of the screening of synthetic compounds and natural products in the TbPTRI target-based assay and *Trypanosoma brucei* phenotypic assay. Synthetic compounds (derivatives of 2'-hydroxy chalcones, thiadiazole, and iteferosine from structure-based and ligand-based drug discovery programs) and natural products (MycoDiverse natural products library) were screened in the TbPTRI target-based assay and *T. brucei* phenotypic assay. The most promising compounds were subsequently evaluated in an absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion–toxicity assay panel. The synthetic compound libraries yielded multiple compound series that met the lead criteria. The MycoDiverse natural products screen yielded 40 hits from the *T. brucei* phenotypic assay and seven hits from the TbPTRI target-based assay.

THE ADME-TOX PANEL DELIVERABLES

- Compound Solubility Studies
- Cytotoxicity Assay
- Cytochrome (CYP) P450 Inhibition Assay
- HDAC Assay
- Aurora B Kinase Assay
- *h*ERG Cardiotoxicity Assay
- Mitochondrial Toxicity Assay

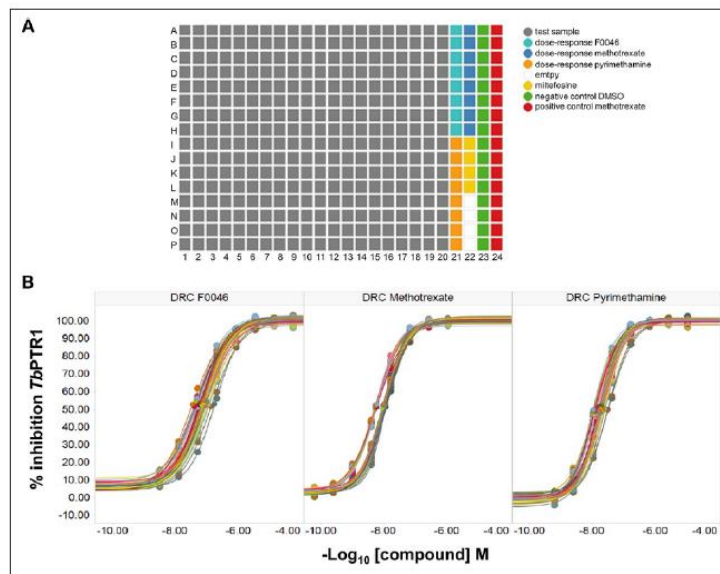


Figure 3. (A) Layout of samples and controls in assay plates for the TbPTR1 target-based screen against the MycoDiverse natural products library. (B) Dose-response curves and average IC_{50} values across all 34 assay plates for each reference compound were for methotrexate 8.6 ± 2.3 nM, F0046 73 ± 27 nM, and pyrimethamine 16.7 ± 5.0 nM. Standard deviations are within $\pm 10\%$ of the values.

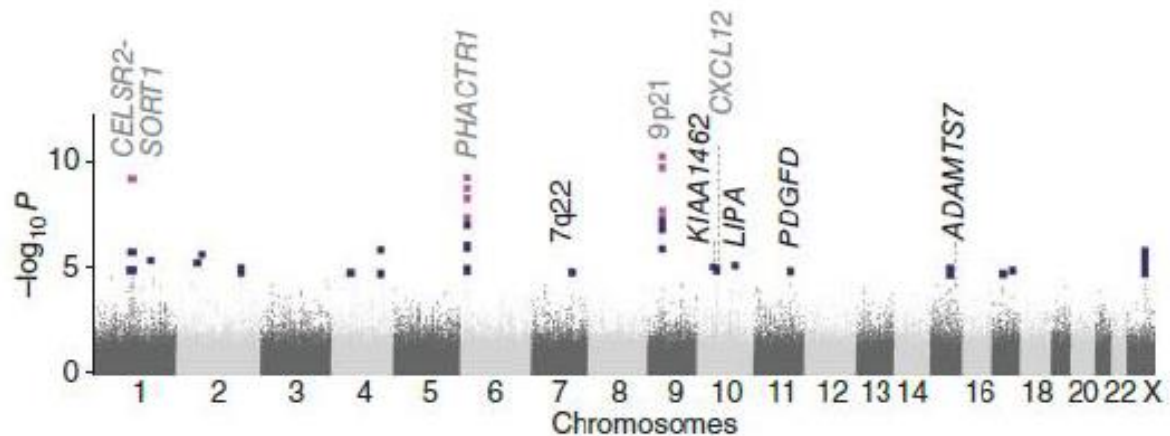
Compound class	Quantity	Hit validation	Hit-to-Lead
Triazole-linked privileged conjugates	18 compounds		
Aryl thiosemicarbazones	28 compounds		
Crassiflorone derivatives	9 compounds		
Thiadiazole derivatives	57 compounds		
Chroman-4-one derivatives	3 compounds		
Chalcone derivatives	13 compounds		
Flavonol derivatives	16 compounds		
Miltefosine analogues	52 compounds		
Natural products MycoDiverse™ library	11,089 mixtures		

Target Validation in CVD drug research

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A genome-wide association study in Europeans and South Asians identifies five new loci for coronary artery disease

Genome-wide association studies have identified 11 common variants convincingly associated with coronary artery disease (CAD)¹⁻⁷, a modest number considering the apparent heritability of CAD⁸. All of these variants have been discovered in European populations. We report a meta-analysis of four large genome-wide association studies of CAD, with ~575,000 genotyped SNPs in a discovery dataset comprising 15,420 individuals with CAD (cases) (8,424 Europeans and 6,996 South Asians) and 15,062 controls. There was little evidence for ancestry-specific associations, supporting the use of combined analyses. Replication in an independent sample of 21,408 cases and 19,185 controls identified five loci newly associated with CAD ($P < 5 \times 10^{-8}$ in the combined discovery and replication analysis): *LIPA* on 10q23, *PDGFR* on 11q22, *ADAMTS-7-MORF1* on 15q25, a gene rich locus on 7q22 and *KIAA1462* on 10p11. The CAD-associated SNP in the *PDGFR* locus showed tissue-specific cis expression quantitative trait locus effects. These findings implicate new pathways for CAD susceptibility.

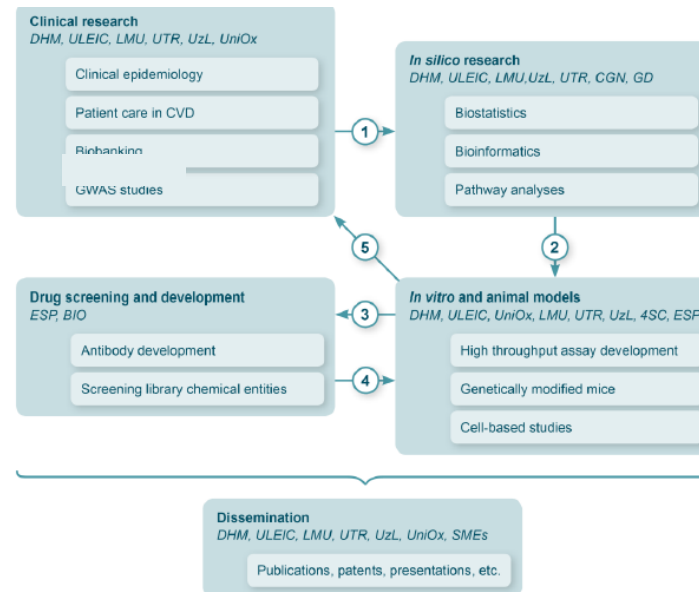


Discovery				Replication		
	Cases	Controls			Cases	Controls
<i>European studies</i>				<i>European studies</i>		
PROCARDIS	5,720 ^a	4,381 ^b	59 SNPs selected for replication →	HPS (non-GWAS)	9,248	7,692 ^d
HPS (GWAS)	2,704	2,867 ^c		GOROGENE	2,172	1,579
<i>South Asian studies</i>				ISIS	1,971	1,434
PROMIS	4,255	4,098		SHEEP/SCARF	1,533	1,893
LCLIPOP	2,741	3,696		PROCARDIS TDTs	1,143	1,143
TOTAL	15,420	15,062		GISSI-P	979	452
				AMC-PAS	597	1,266
				THISEAS	406	879
				<i>South Asian studies</i>		
				PROMIS	2,092	1,728
				INTERHEART	1,267	1,100
				TOTAL	21,408	19,185

CVGENES@TARGET PROJECT



- Coronary artery disease (CAD) – a leading cause of death in Europe
- >40 CAD genomic risk loci have been identified
- CVgenes@target project: bringing together expertise to validate CAD targets



- Project completed with further funding secured for progressing ADAMTS-7

BlockCAD

Forschung fördern

Fördermaßnahme

Volkskrankheiten

Targetvalidierung für die pharmazeutische Wirkstoffentwicklung

Eine der wichtigsten Grundlagen für die Wirkstofffindung ist die Wahl des Ansatzpunktes (englisch Target) für den neuen Arzneistoff, sei es, um eine menschliche Körperfunktion zu modulieren oder einen infektiösen Erreger anzugreifen.

Veröffentlichung der Bekanntmachung:	2017
Förderzeitraum:	2018 - 2020
Gesamte Fördersumme:	
Anzahl der Projekte:	12 Verbund- und Einzelprojekte

1. Ziele der Förderrichtlinie








Die weltweite Zunahme von Volkskrankheiten und Mehrfacherkrankungen, sowie der kontinuierliche Anstieg von Antibiotikaresistenzen und nosokomialen Infektionen bedrohen in zunehmenden Maß unsere Gesundheit. In diesem Zusammenhang stellt der starke Rückgang von zugelassenen Arzneimitteln, insbesondere im Bereich der Antiinfektiva, eine immense Herausforderung für das globale Gesundheitssystem dar.

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Inhibition von ADAMTS7 zur Prävention und Therapie der Koronaren Herzkrankheit (BlockCAD)

Die Atherosklerose, besser es durch die pathologische Einlagerung von Fetten in Blutgefäße zu deren Verhärtung und Verengung (Restenose) kommt, ist eine Ursache für das Auftreten von koronärer Herzkrankheit (KHK) und Schlaganfall. Diese Folgeerkrankungen zählen zu den führenden Todesursachen in Europa. Eine mögliche Behandlung einer solchen Gefäßverengung erfolgt durch das Einsetzen von röhrenförmigen Prothesen (Stents), die betroffene Gefäße offen halten sollen. Das ADAMTST7-Gen wurde als genetischer Risikofaktor für KHK identifiziert. In experimentellen Modellen konnte ein Zusammenhang zwischen der überschießenden Bildung der inneren Schicht der Blutgefäße (Intima) nach Implantation von Koronarstents mit der Expression von ADAMTST7 festgestellt werden. Diese Gewebsveränderungen können bei der Verwendung von Stents auftreten, was weitere Ablagerungen in die Gefäßwand und damit deren Verengung fördert. Bisher sind etablierte präventive und therapeutische Maßnahmen auf die Reduktion von Risikofaktoren oder die nicht selektive Hemmung dieser pathophysiologischen Prozesse ausgerichtet, bei der keine spezifischen Genprodukte adressiert werden.

Das Ziel dieses Projekts ist es, mit ADAMTS7 einen der KHK und Restenose zugrunde liegenden genetischen Faktor als therapeutisches Target zu validieren. Die Verbundpartner werden dabei *in vitro* und *in vivo* Modelle anwenden. Die Nutzung von Strukturanalysen, spezifischen Biomarkern und klinischen Patientenproben sollen ein besseres Verständnis der biologischen Zusammenhänge gewährleisten. Das langfristige Ziel ist die Entwicklung von neuen, effizienten Behandlungsmethoden für KHK mit besserer Wirksamkeit und verminderten Nebenwirkungen. Die Entwicklung einer neuen Generation von Stents, die beispielsweise ADAMTS7-Antikörper oder kleine inhibierende Moleküle zur Modulation von ADAMTS7 freisetzen, wäre eine denkbare Therapieoption für die verbesserte Behandlung der Restenose.

TEILPROJEKTE

In vitro- und in vivo-Untersuchung einer ADAMTS7-Inhibition in der Prävention und Therapie der Koronaren Herzkrankheit

Förderkennzeichen:	16GW0198K
Gesamte Fördersumme:	428.032 EUR
Förderzeitraum:	2018 - 2019
Projektleitung:	Prof. Dr. Heribert Schunkert
Adresse:	Deutsches Herzzentrum München - Klinik an der Technischen Universität München - Klinik für Herz- und Kreislauferkrankungen Lazarettstr. 36 80636 München

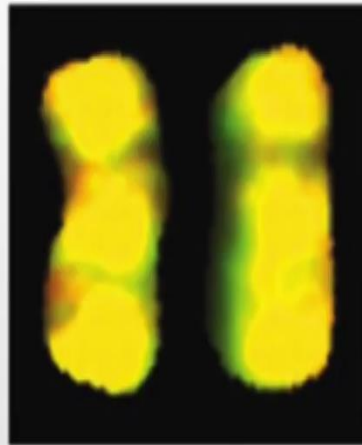
Identifizierung kleiner Moleküle und Produktion spezifischer Antikörper zur Inhibition der Funktion von ADAMTS7 bei der Entwicklung der Koronaren Herzkrankheit

Förderkennzeichen:	16GW0199
Gesamte Fördersumme:	408.493 EUR
Förderzeitraum:	2018 - 2019
Projektleitung:	Dr. Philip Gribbon
Adresse:	Fraunhofer-Institut für Molekularbiologie und Angewandte Oekologie (IME) Schnackenburgallee 114 22525 Hamburg

Genetic age test

AGE RELATED EPIGENETIC MODIFICATIONS IN TWINS

- identical twins begin life with similar epigenomes
- epigenetic tags of one twin are labelled green, and red for the other
- yellow areas indicate shared epigenetic tags

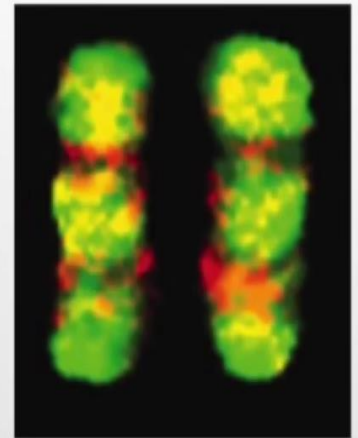


chromosomes of three year old identical twins

3 yrs. old



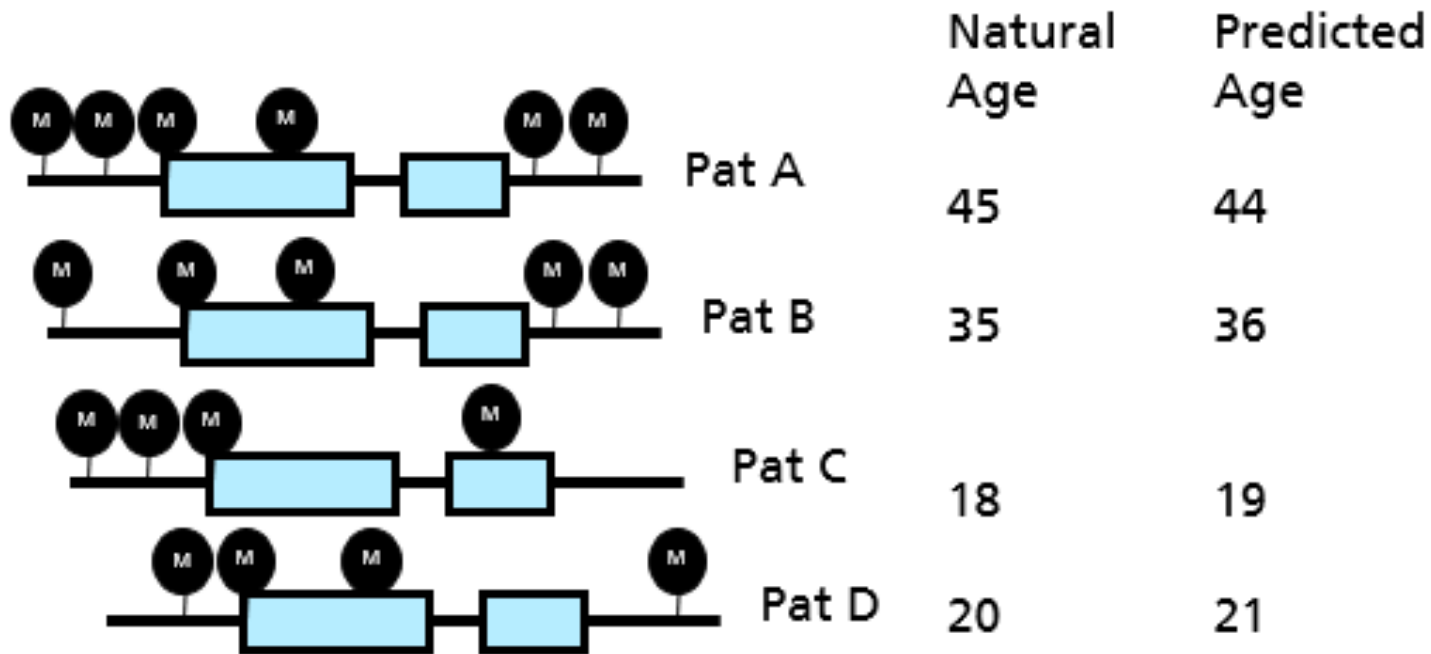
- over time environmental influences differ
- yellow regions indicate shared epigenetic tags
- epigenome of twins has diverged



chromosomes of fifty year old identical twins

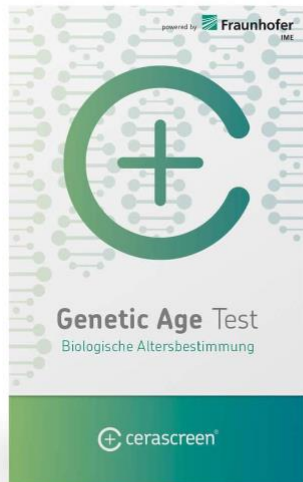
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 Methylation sites and associated levels

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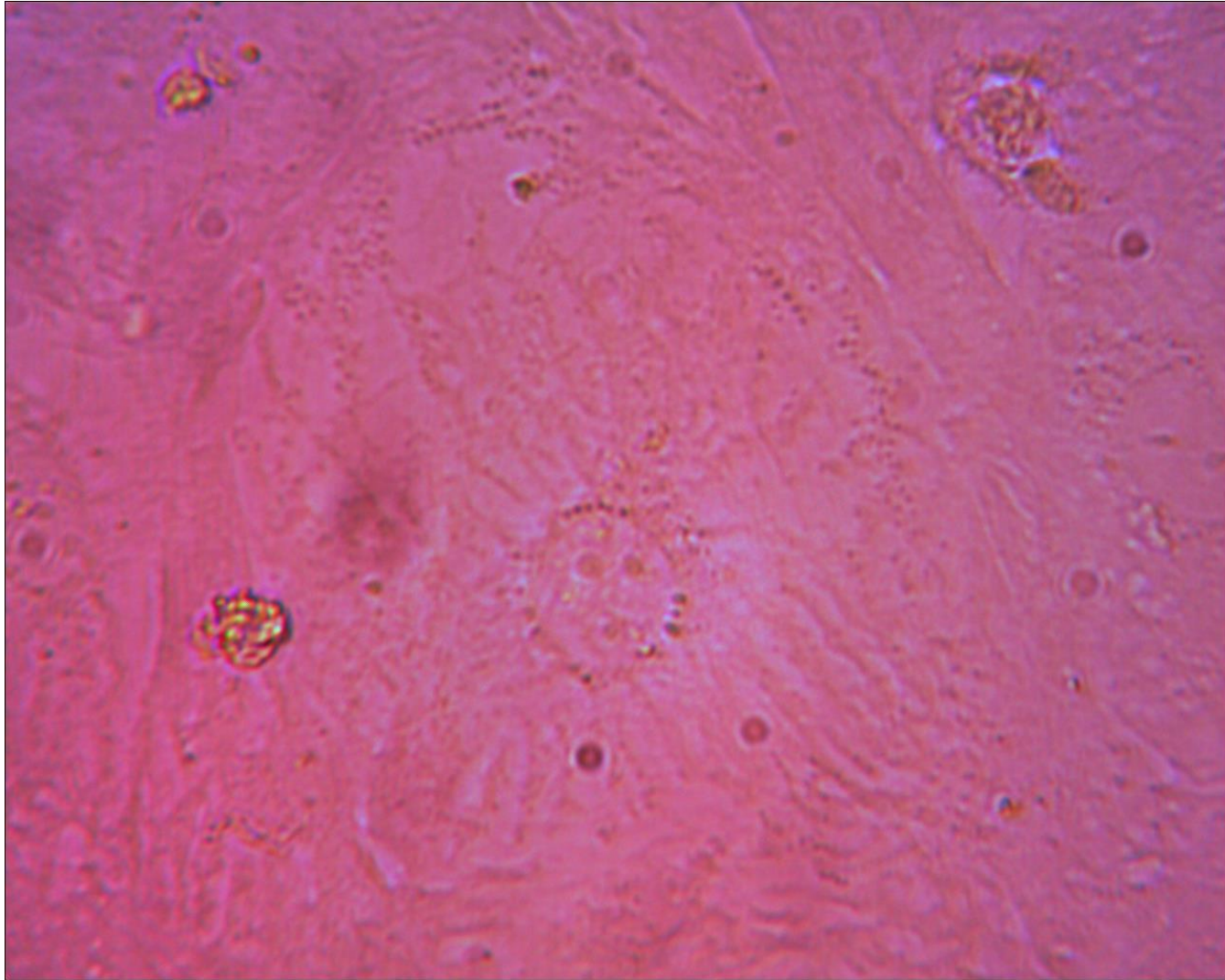
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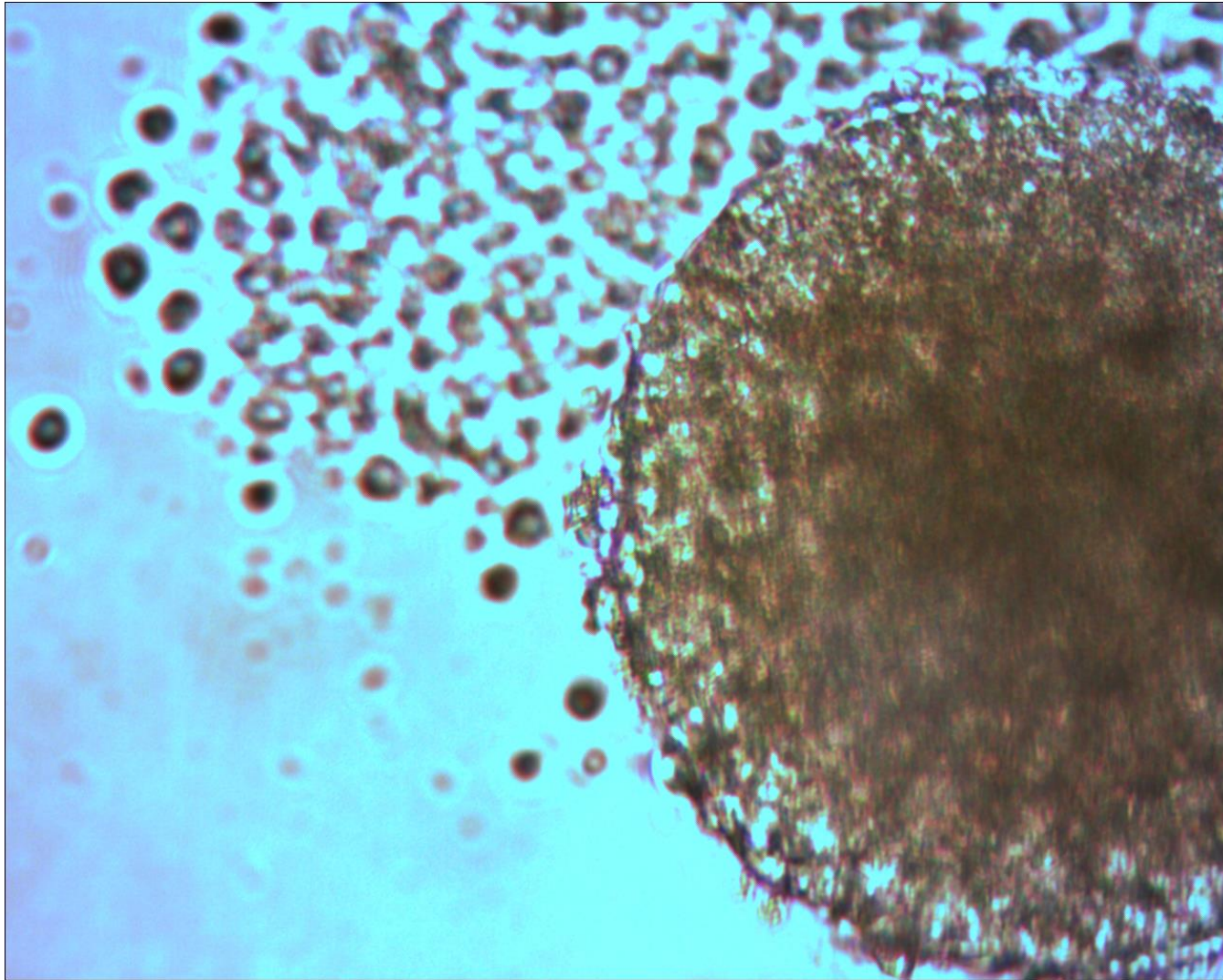
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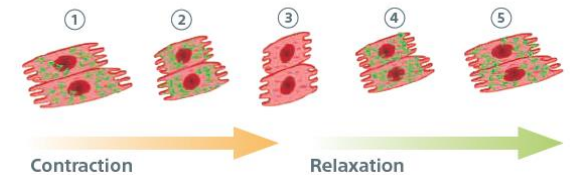
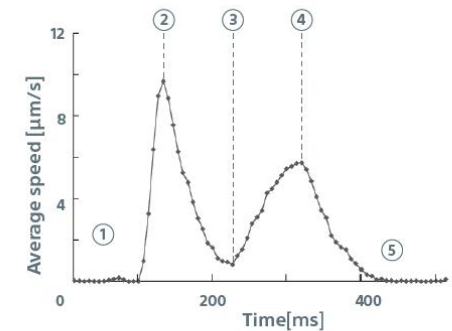
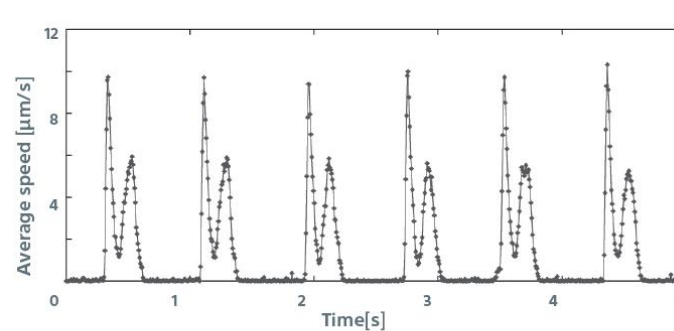
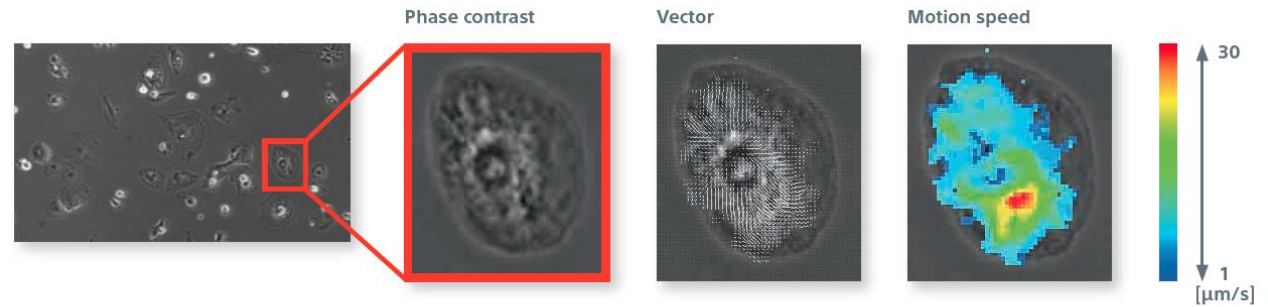
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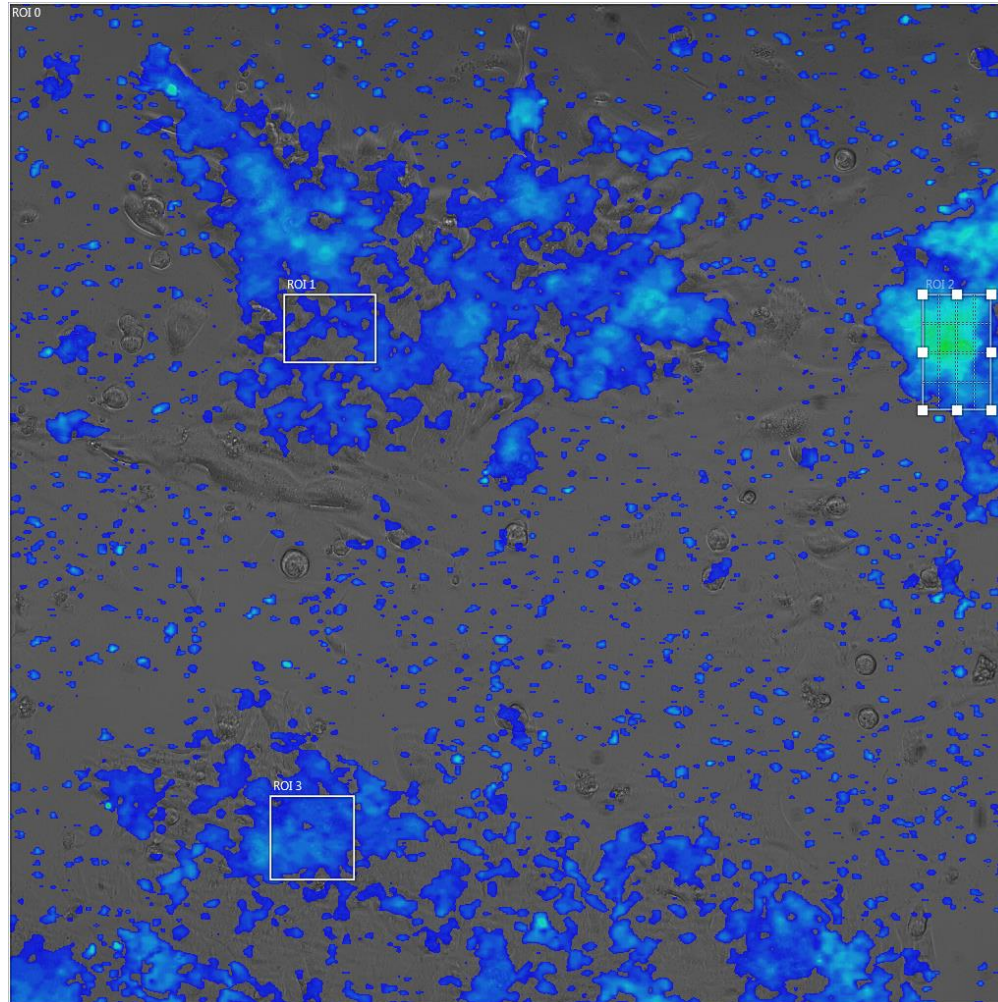
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CELL MOTION IMAGING (SONY SI8000)



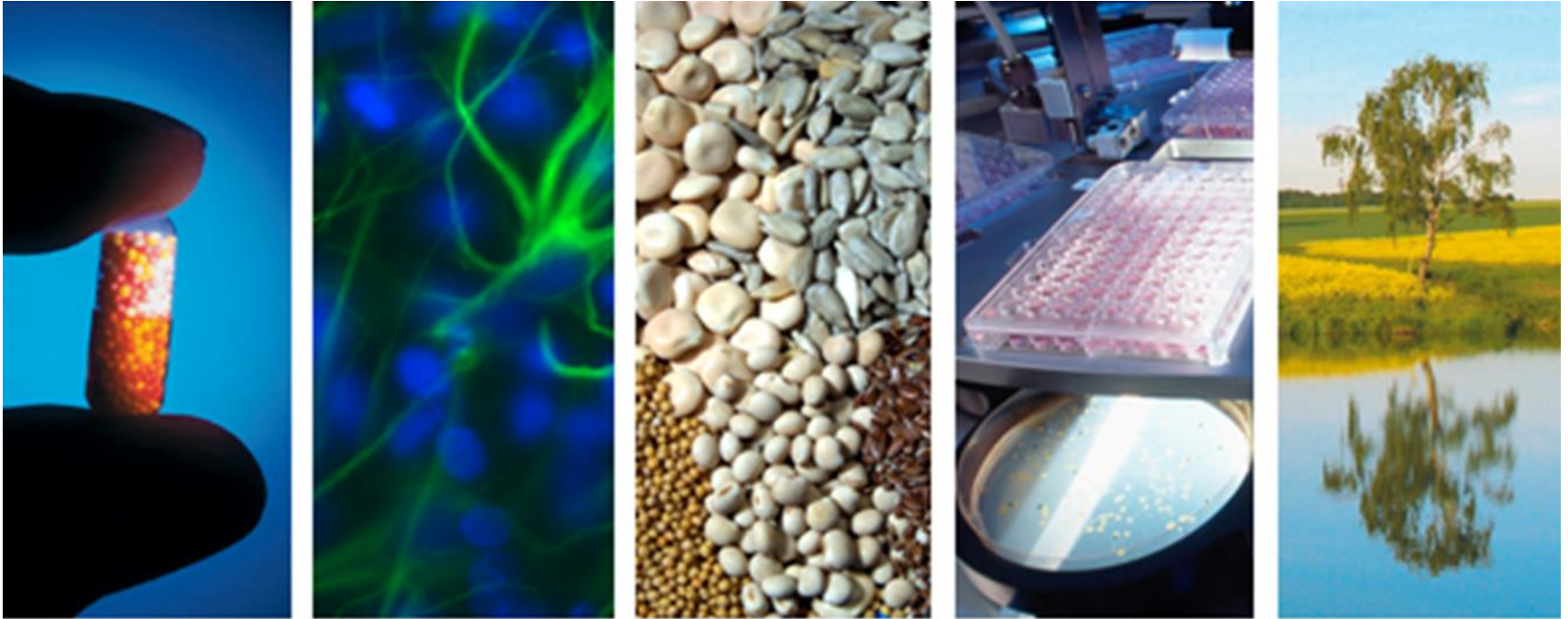
EXAMPLE CARDIOMYOCYTE IMAGES & ANALYSIS (SONY SI8000)



THE MINIMUM INFORMATION ABOUT A BIOACTIVE ENTITY (MIABE)

- ☐ Molecule properties
 - ☐ Primary name, structure, salt, prodrug
- ☐ Molecule production
 - ☐ Synthesis, purity
- ☐ Physicochemical properties
 - ☐ M_r , water solubility, logP
- ☐ *In-vitro* cell-free assay and cellular assay
 - ☐ Primary target, cell types, SOPs
- ☐ Whole-organism studies
 - ☐ Animal studies, plant studies, fungal studies, disease models, dosing route, dosing schedule, toxicological observations, drug–drug interactions
- ☐ Pharmacokinetic studies
 - ☐ Absorption, protein binding, dosing route, dosing schedule, half-life, V_{max} , volume of distribution, bioavailability, metabolism, metabolites, excretion

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