Lessons To Be Learned: The Molecular Basis of Kinase-Targeted Therapies and Drug Resistance in **NSC Lung Cancer**

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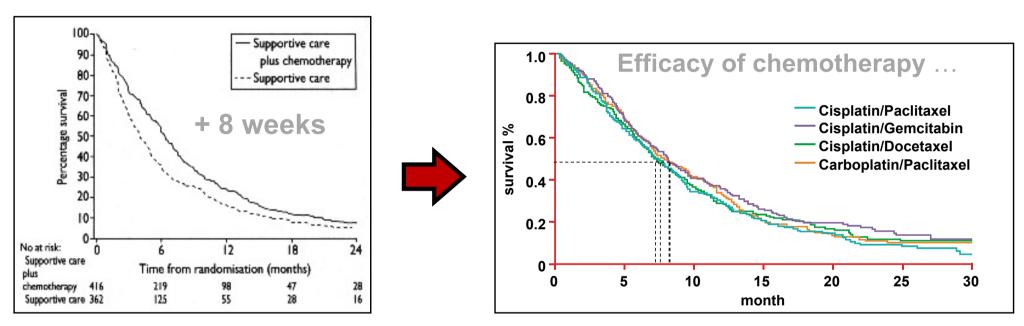


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- December 2nd, 1943: explosion of mustard gas (S-Lost) ammunition on board the SS John Harvey
- Leucocytopenia in survivors
- Unselective inhibition of dividing cells
- 1946: 1st patient treated with N-Lost (Goodman et al., JAMA 1946)



Progress in the treatment of lung cancer?



NSCLC Collaborative Group & MRC UK (Cullen 1997)

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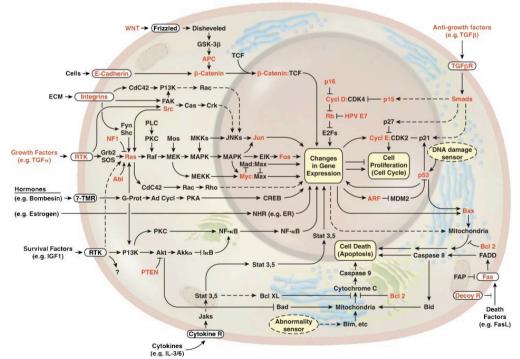
Understanding tumor biology – molecular biology revolution

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Precision medicine

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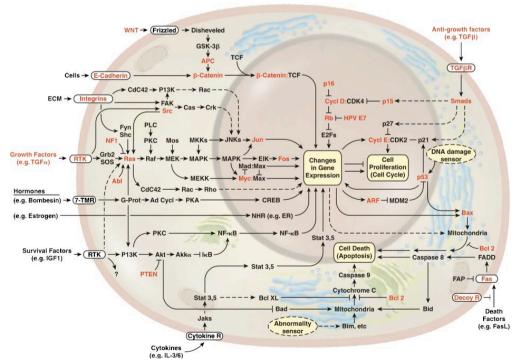
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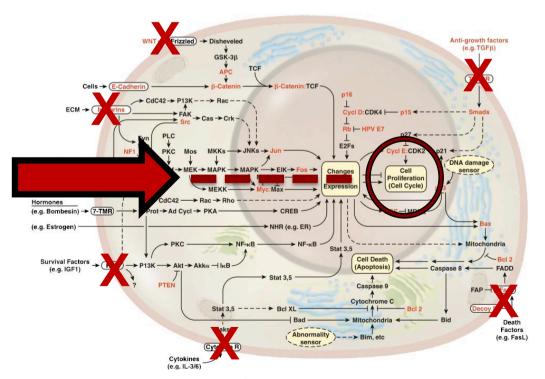
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Cancer is a disease of the genome!

Hour of birth of Precision medicine

- cancer arises and persists because of mutations
- attacking the weaknesses

Erlotinib, approved by the FDA 2005

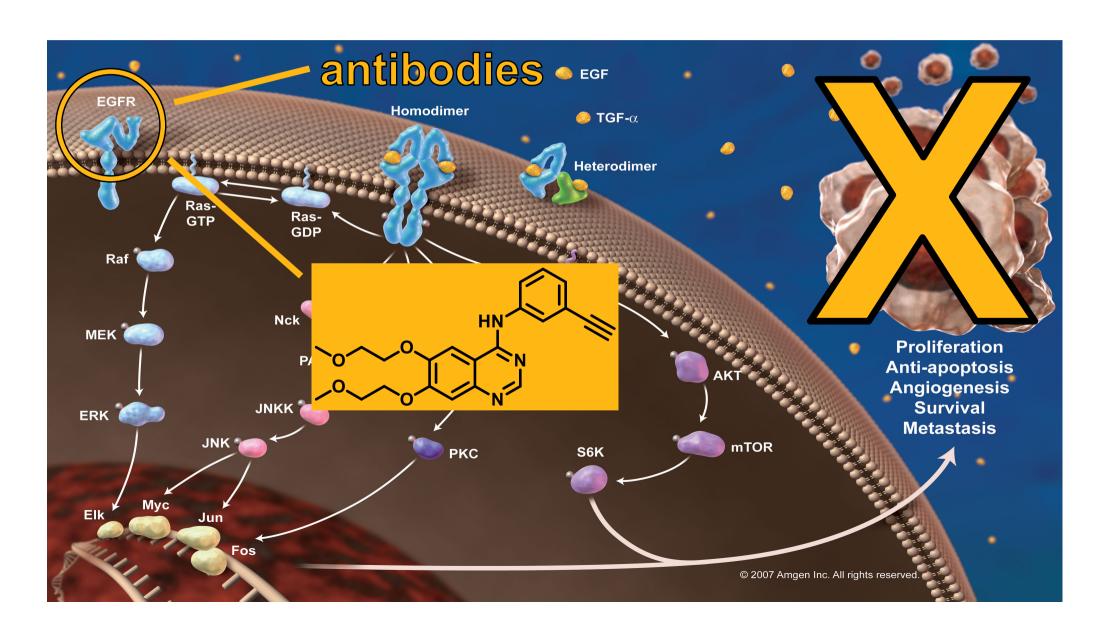


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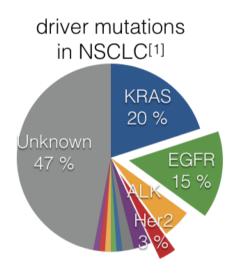
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EGFR: molecular signaling switch of tumor cells



What are these weaknesses?



- amplifications
- mutations
- deletions
- insertions
- oncogene addiction
- oncogenic shock
- predictive for resp.
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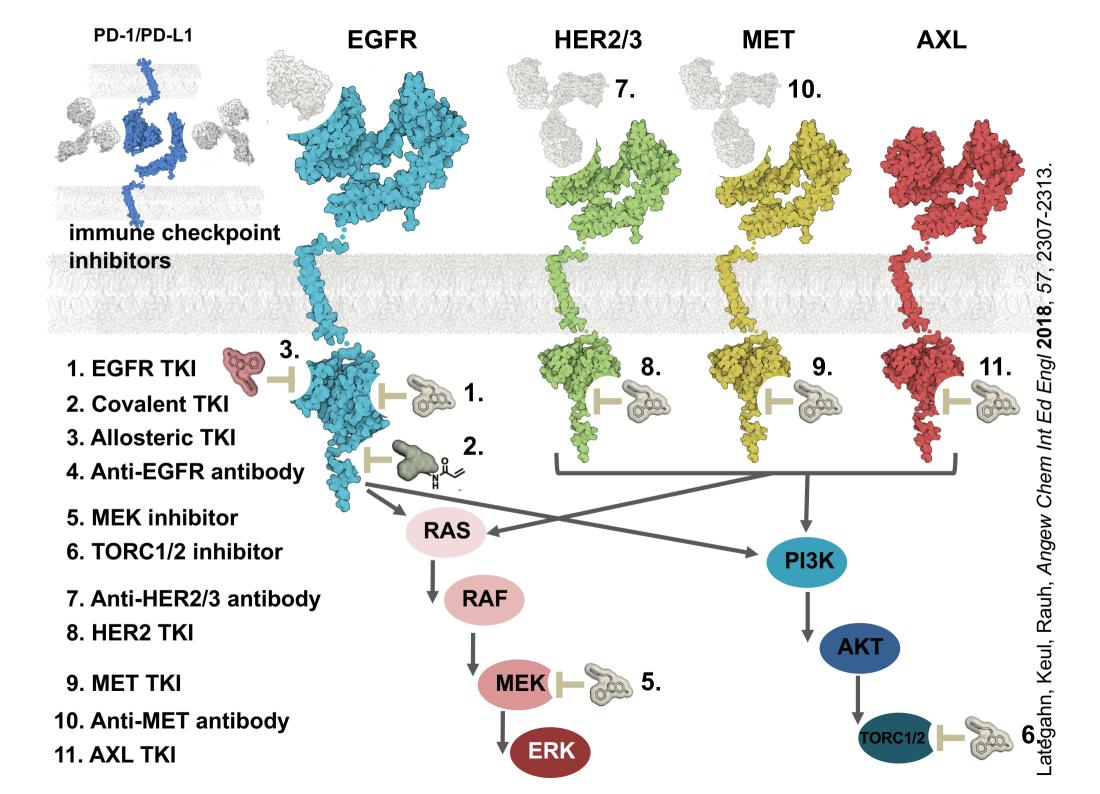
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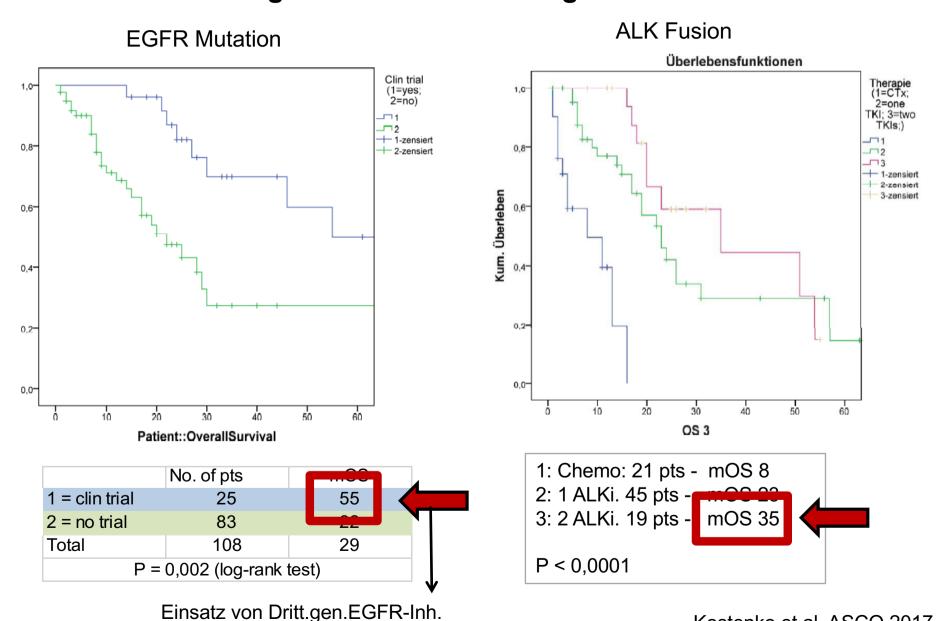
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Seeing the "dragon", its weaknesses Knowing how to attack ...



NGM-Evaluation II: Nächstgenerations-Inhibitoren verlängern das Überleben signifikant





What are these weaknesses?



Seeing the "dragon", its weaknesses

but ...

rare alterations, 04/18 28 drugs, resistance ...



Chemical Oncology

converging cancer genetics, structural biology and medicinal chemistry ...

Roman Thomas, Köln Martin Sos, Köln Reinhard Büttner, Köln





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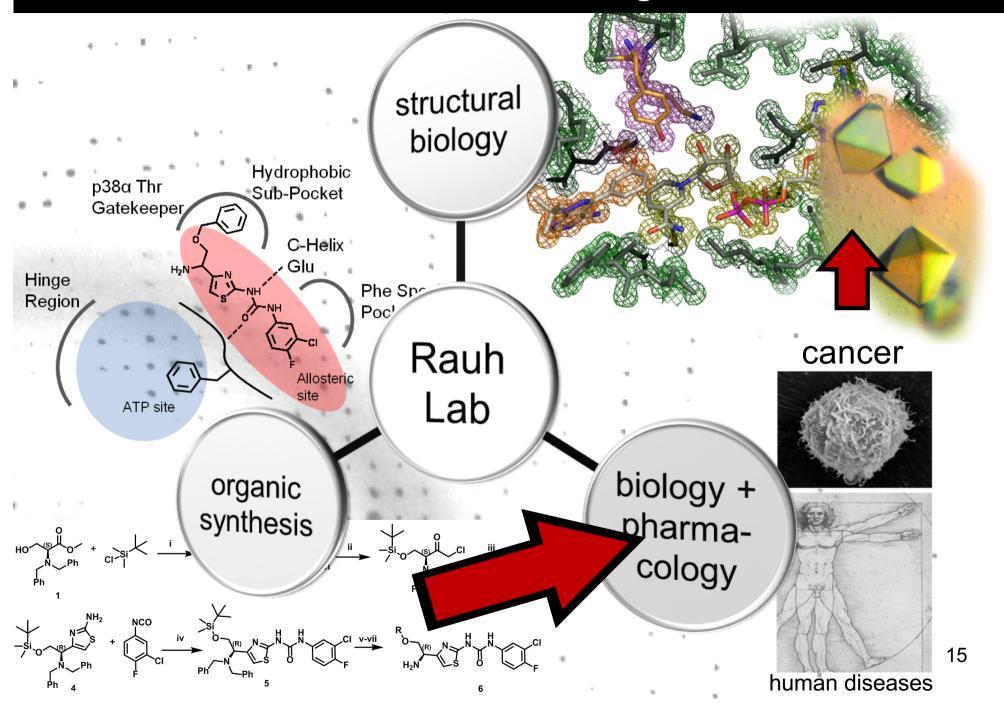
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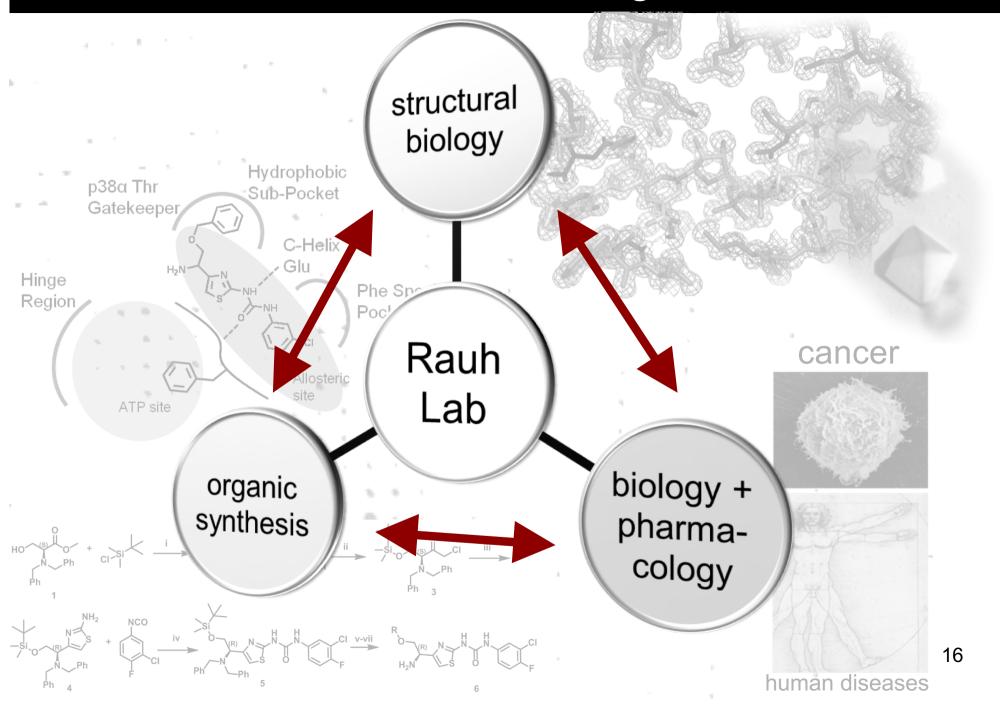
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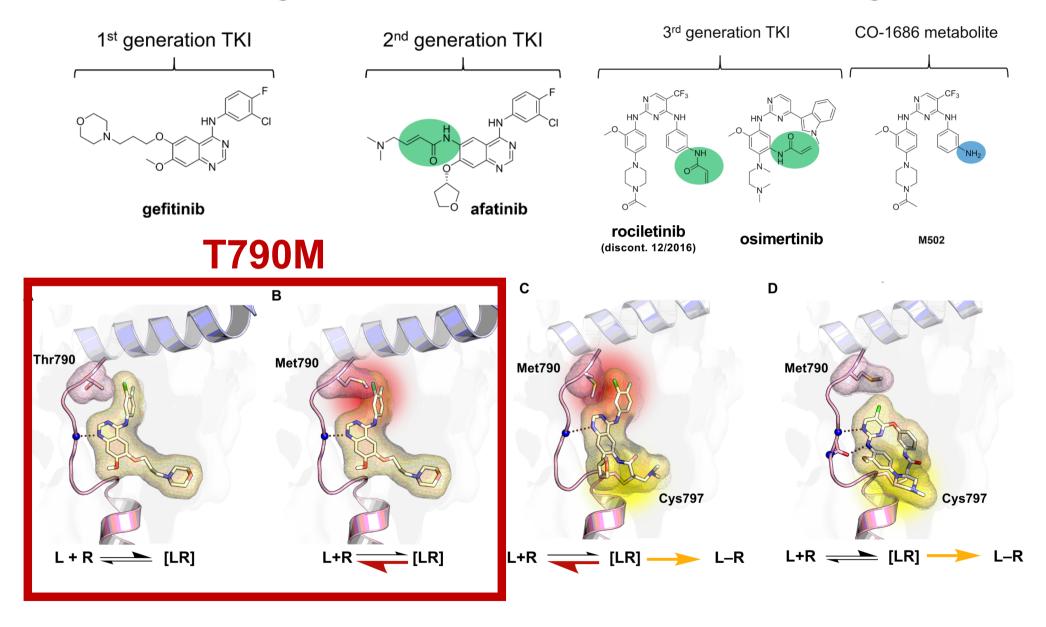
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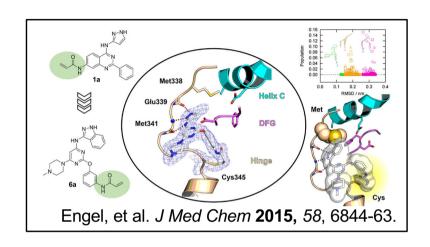


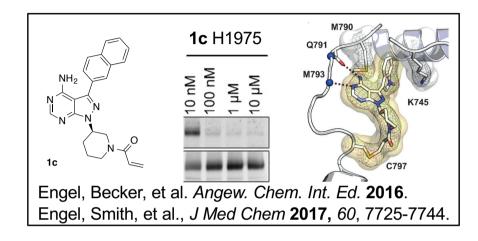
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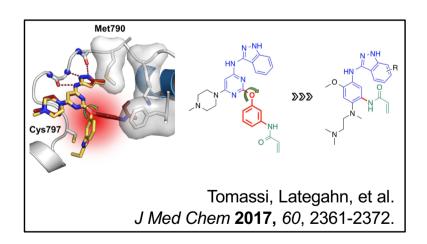


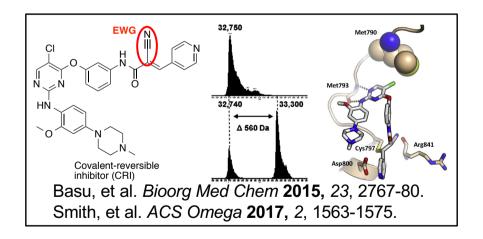
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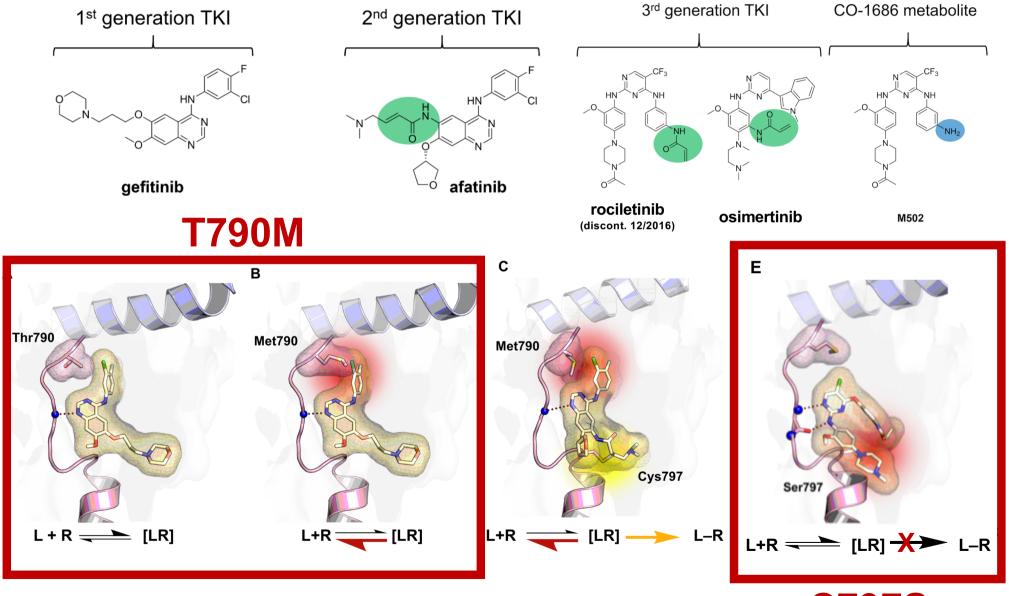








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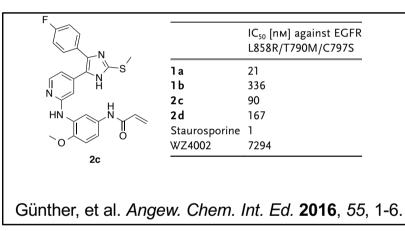


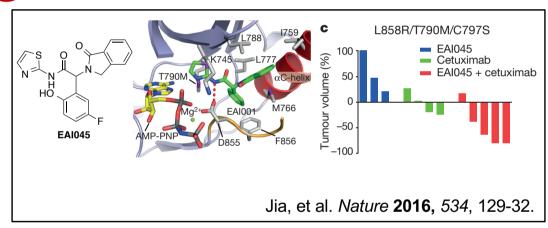
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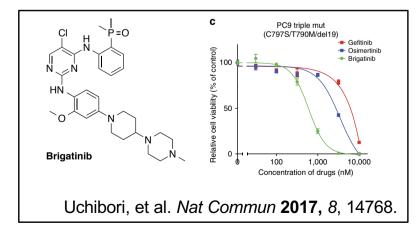
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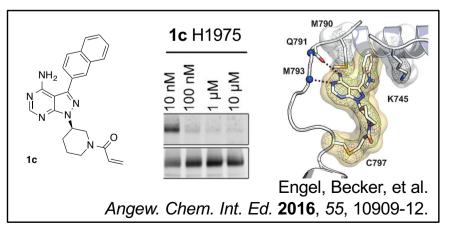
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Need for 4th generation TKIs!









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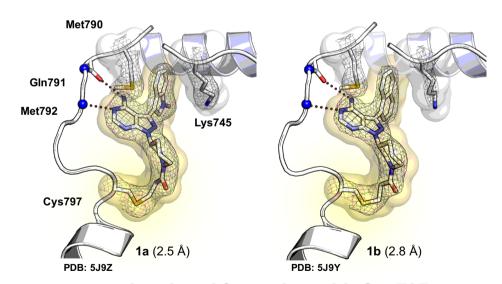
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can we target both drug-resistant mutants

(T790M & T790M/C797S)

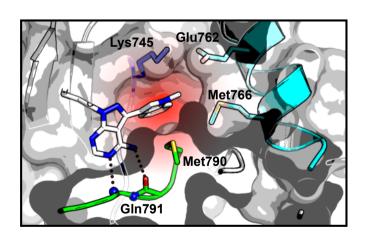
with one and the same drug?

in drug-resistant H1975 cells



covalent bond formation with Cys797 lipophilic interaction (Met790&Lys745)

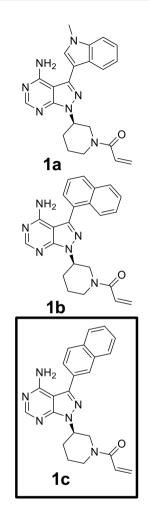
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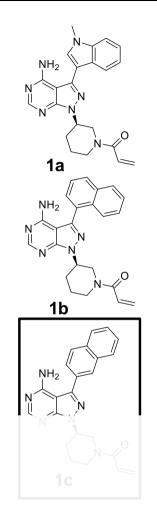
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Acquired Drug Resistance – C797S Mutation



Compoun	d EGFR	IC ₅₀ [nM]
10	L858R/T790M	2.5
1a	L858R/T790M/C797S	838
1b	L858R/T790M	1.9
	L858R/T790M/C797S	7900
4	L858R/T790M	<1
1c	L858R/T790M/C797S	88
A 7D0204	L858R/T790M	<1
AZD9291	L858R/T790M/C797S	77

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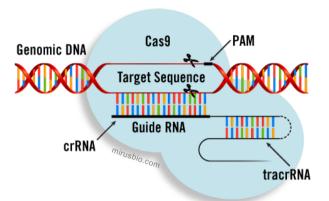
Compoun	d EGFR	IC ₅₀ [nM]	K _i [nM]	k _{inact} [min ⁻¹]
10	L858R/T790M	2.5	16	0.29
1a	L858R/T790M/C797S	838	1008	-
1b	L858R/T790M	1.9	58	0.31
	L858R/T790M/C797S	7900	1068	-
1c	L858R/T790M	<1	1.5	0.17
.0	L858R/T790M/C797S	88	49	-
AZD9291	L858R/T790M	<1	1.5	0.33
MLUJZJ I	L858R/T790M/C797S	77	25	-

high affinity towards

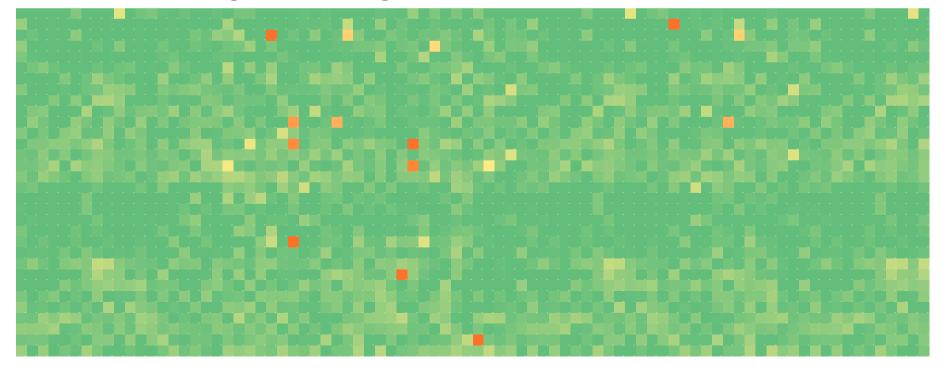
the gatekeeper (Met790) is key for targeting T790M/C797S resistance!

Acquired C797S mutation - screening for novel chemical entities

cell-based screens

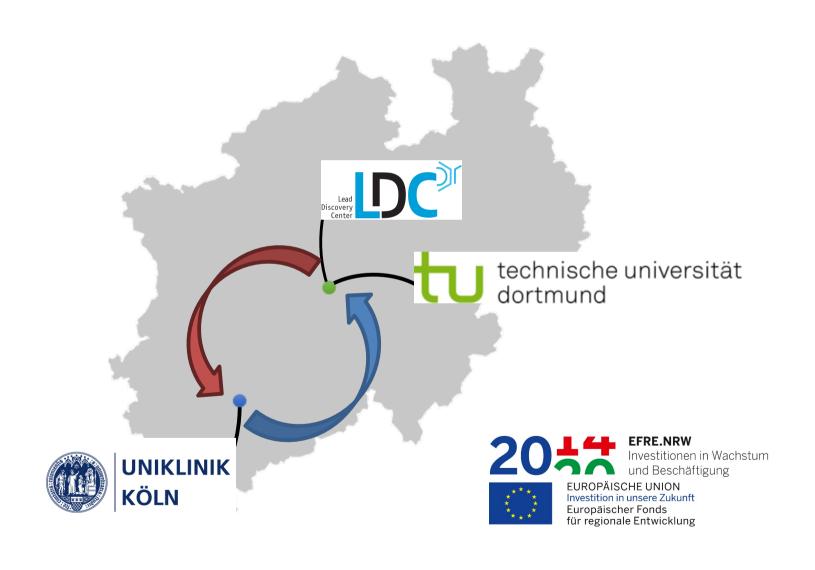


CRISPR/Cas9 engineered lung cancer cell line with T790M/C797S mutation

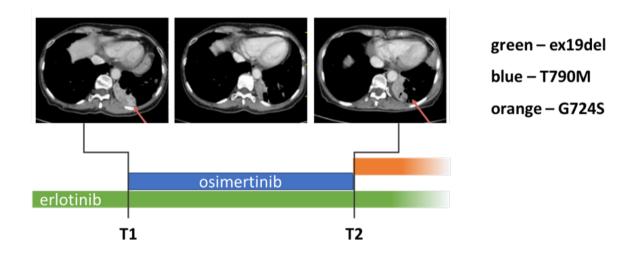


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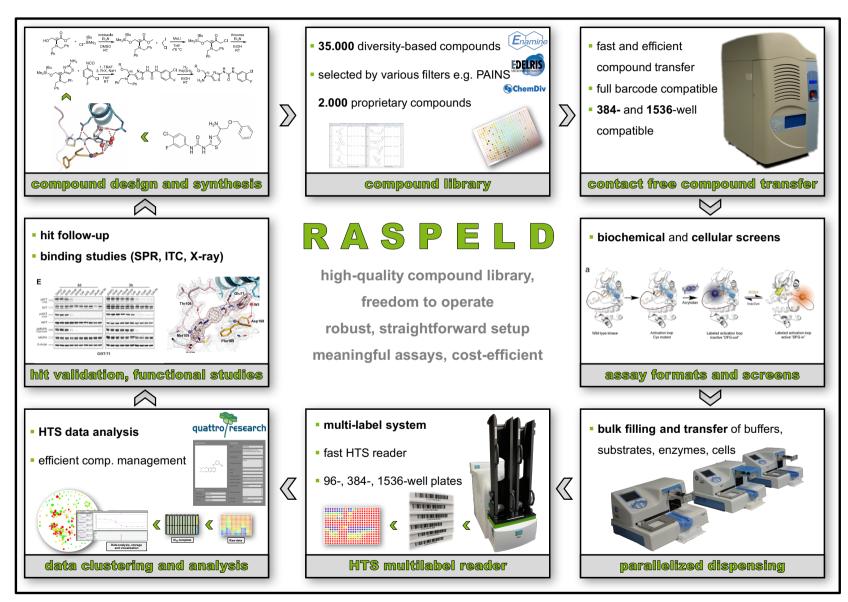
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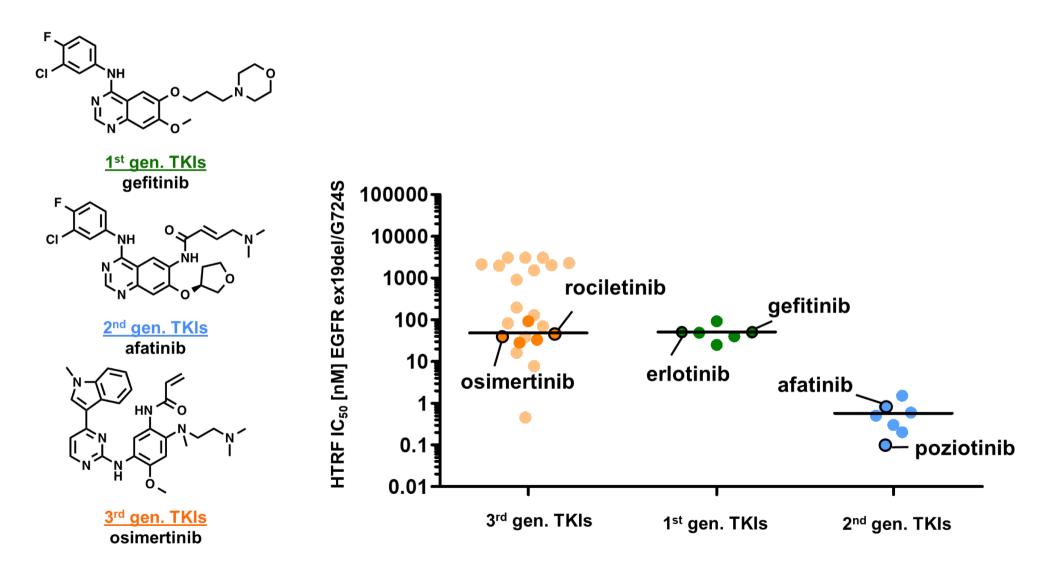
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validation!

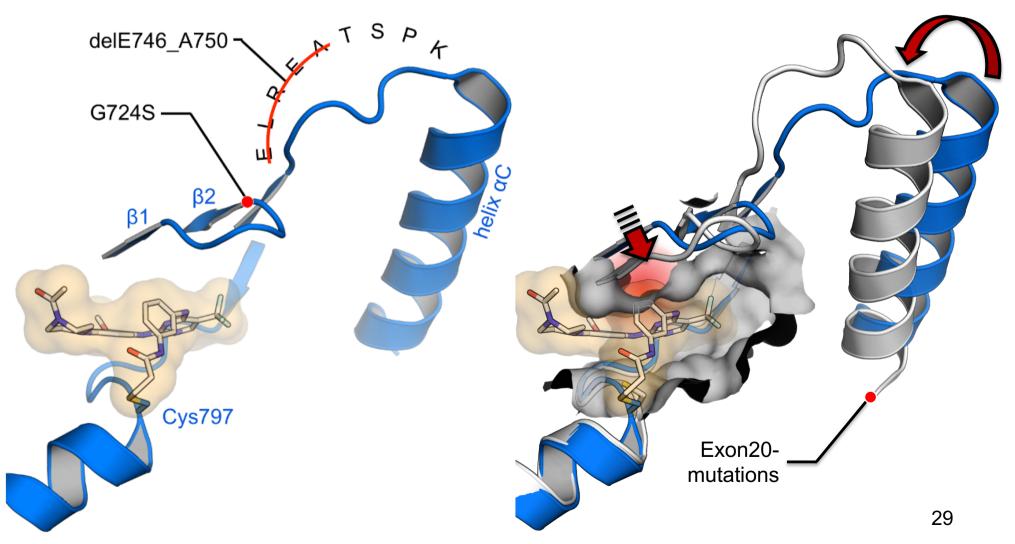
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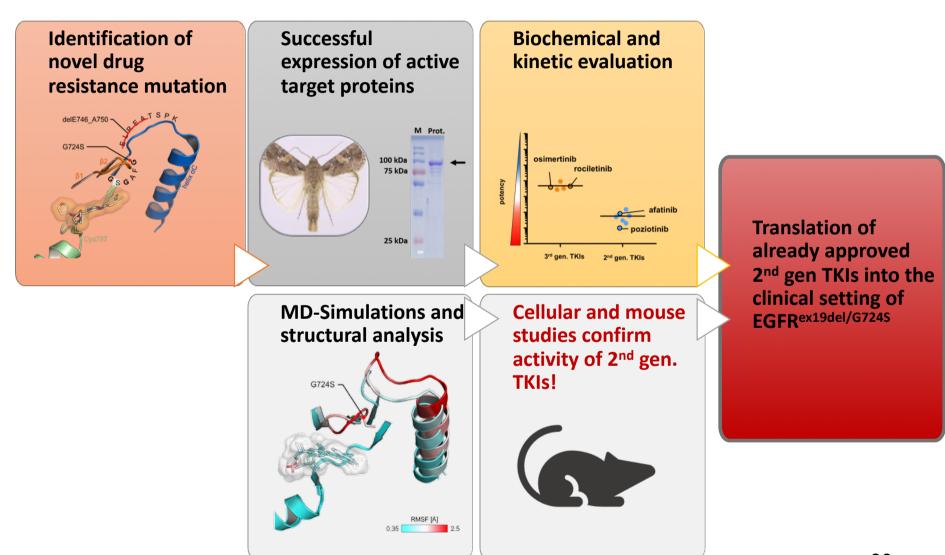


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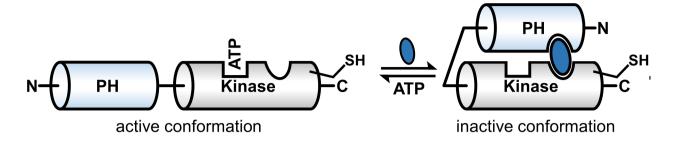


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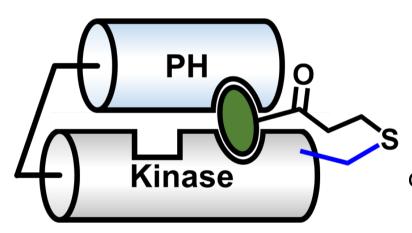


Stabilizing inactive kinase conformations



allosteric

access to conform. space highly selective

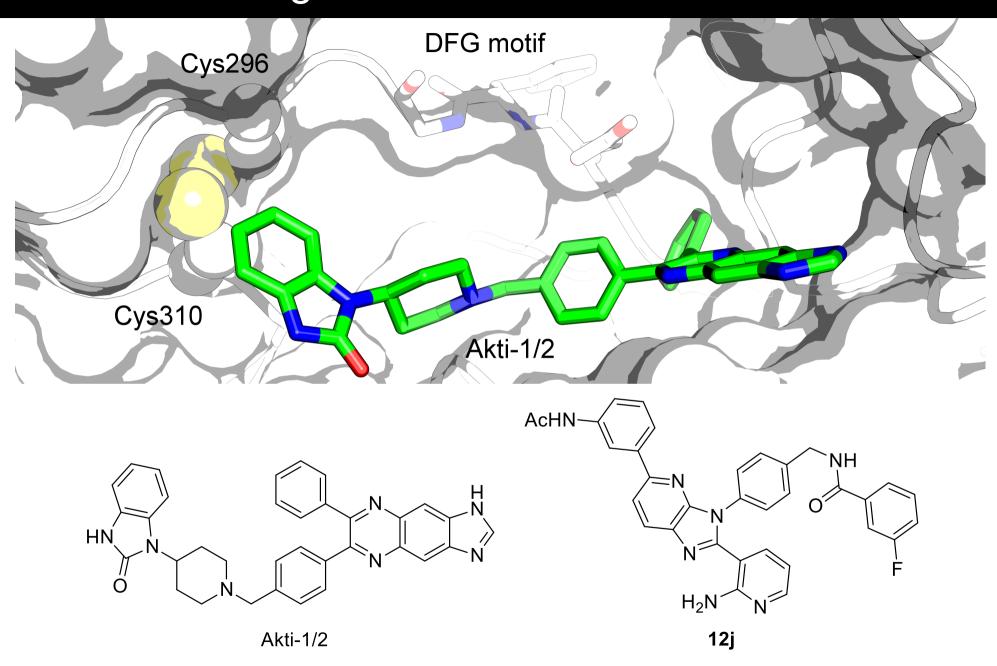


covalent

binds irreversibly highly potent drug-target residence time

covalent-allosteric inhibitors to irreversibly stabilize inactive conformations!

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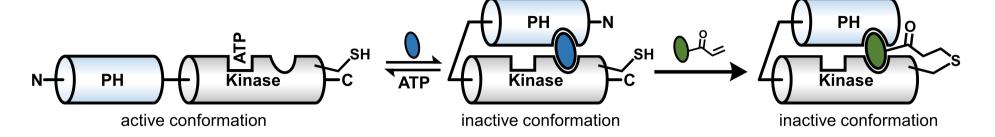


(PDB code: 3O96) (PDB code: 4EJN)

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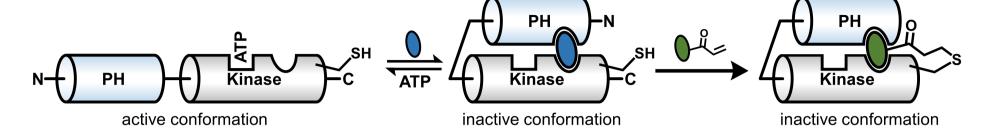


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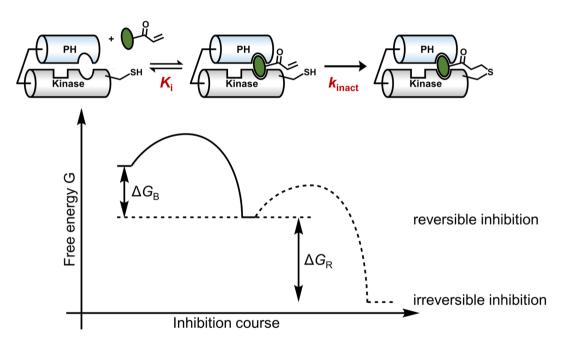
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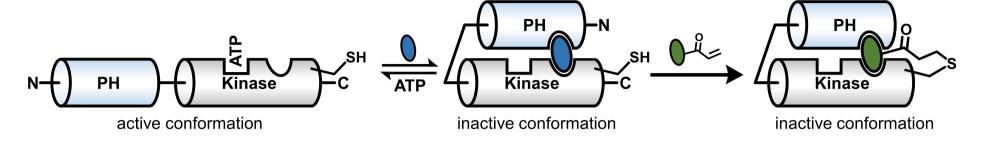
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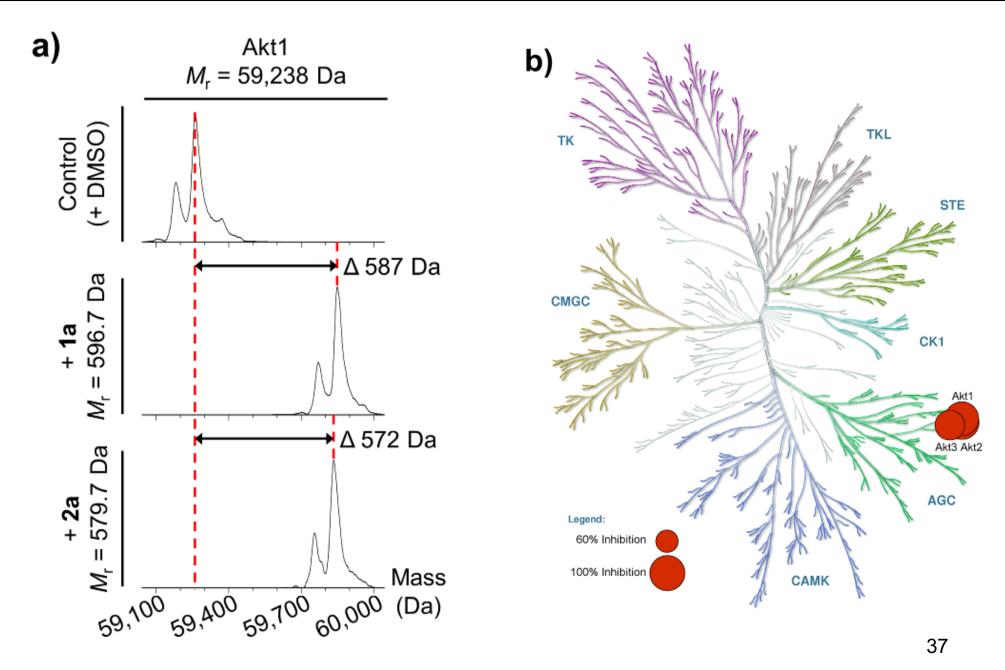
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Borussertib	2.2 ± 0.3	0.113 ± 0.020	0.853 ± 0.038
RL1969	4.1 ± 0.7	0.110 ± 0.023	0.447 ± 0.074
RL2231	39.3 ± 6.6	0.088 ± 0.010	0.038 ± 0.007
RL2232	27.2 ± 4.2	0.138 ± 0.031	0.085 ± 0.018
RL2283	5.6 ± 0.8	0.032 ± 0.004	0.095 ± 0.013
RL2284	2.6 ± 0.4	0.055 ± 0.006	0.331 ± 0.026
RL2321	7.6 ± 1.1	0.078 ± 0.022	0.168 ± 0.025

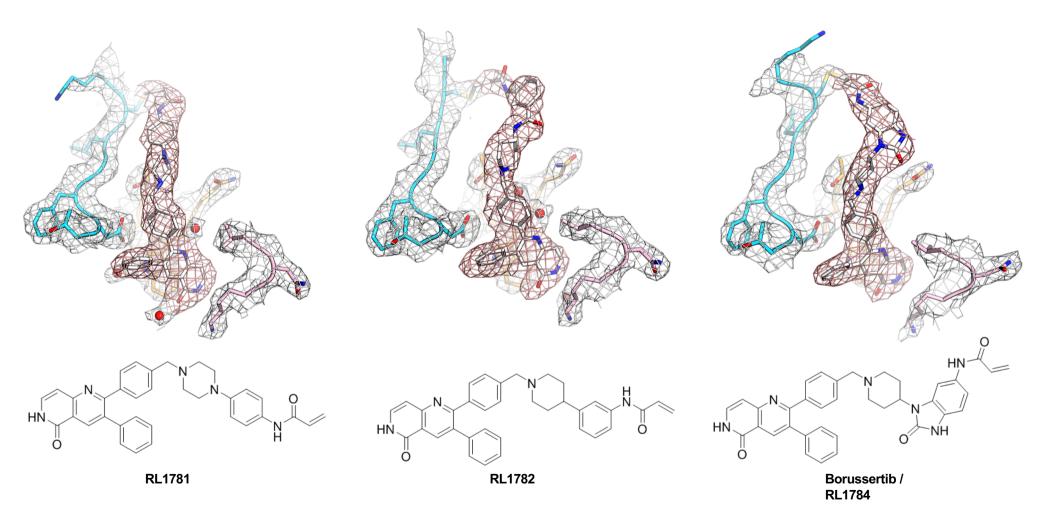
- affinity-driven loss of potency (WT vs. E17K)
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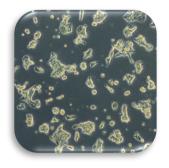
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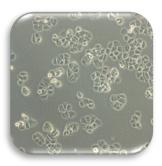
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CAAIs in complex with full-length Akt





ZR-75-1 (breast) PTEN^{L108R}



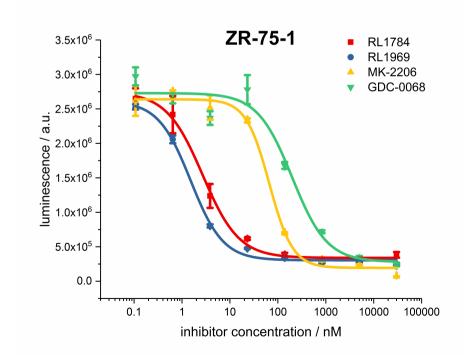
T-47D (breast) PIK3CA^{H1047R} TP53^{L194F}



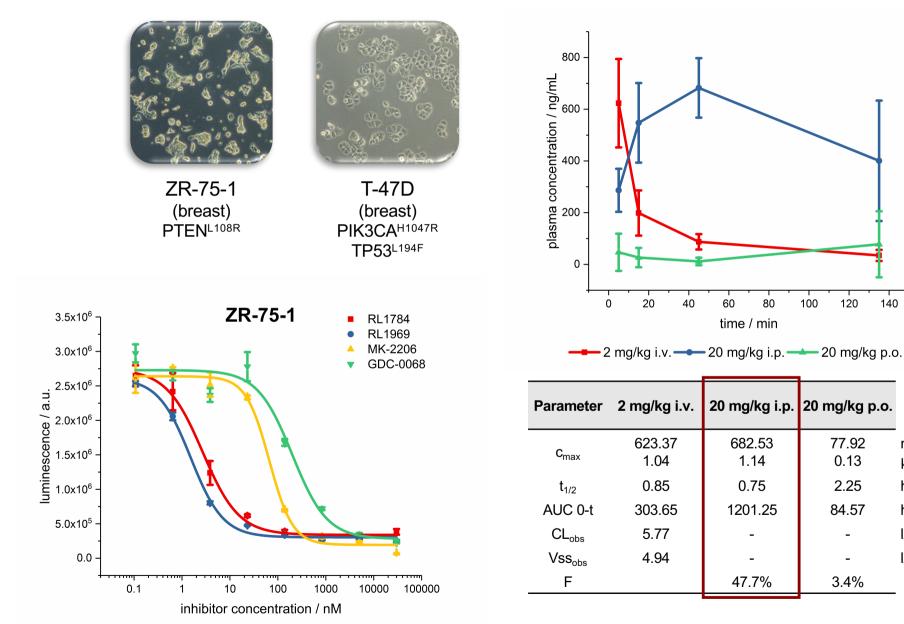
BT-474 (breast) PIK3CA^{K111N} TP53^{E285K}



AN3-CA (endometrium) PIK3R1^{R557_K561>Q} PTEN^{R130fs} TP53^{R213Q}



	CTG EC ₅₀ / nM					
Compound	ZR-7	'5-1	T-4	7D	BT-474	AN3CA
GDC-0068	219	± 83	447	± 2	2371 ± 745	925 ± 457
MK-2206	63	± 21	411	± 23	1682 ± 316	972 ± 322
RL1782	11	± 3	95	± 20	464 ± 31	382 ± 31
RL1784	5	± 1	48	± 15	373 ± 54	191 ± 90
RL1969	2	± 0	25	± 7	259 ± 68	159 ± 70
RL2231	33	± 9	370	± 195	1104 ± 212	879 ± 223
RL2232	22	± 7	255	± 86	2268 ± 700	1328 ± 60
RL2283	424	± 253	5503	± 2520	17191 ± 5466	27089 ± 2338
RL2284	19	± 4	194	± 67	1202 ± 447	957 ± 302
RL2321	10	± 3	119	± 36	621 ± 85	568 ± 106



Mouse MTD and PK, good bioavailability

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ng/mL

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I/h/kg

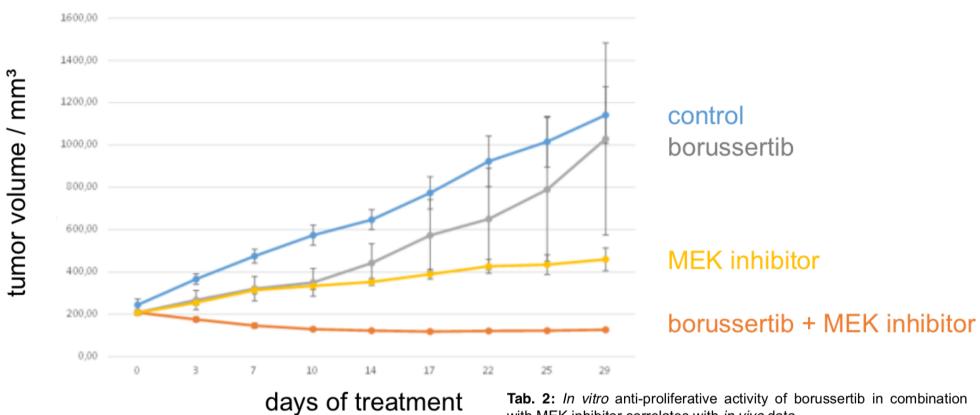
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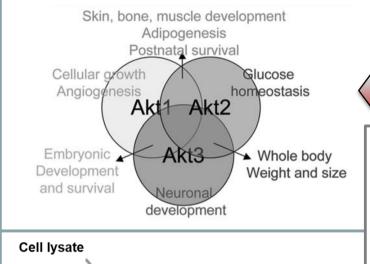
Tab. 2: In vitro anti-proliferative	activity of borussertib in combination
with MEK inhibitor correlates with	in vivo data.

	CTG EC ₅₀ / nM
Compound	
borussertib	1486 ± 584
MEK inhibitor	177 ± 136
borussertib + MEK inhibitor	15 ± 3

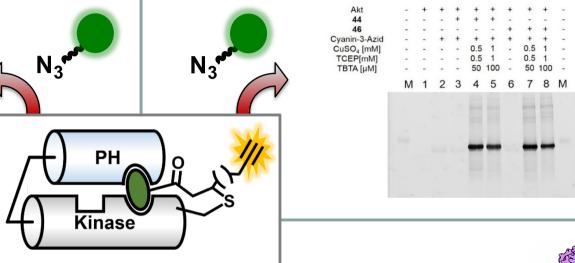
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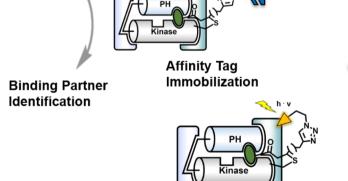
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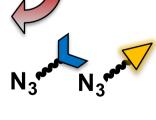
Design of Isoform-selective functional Probes



Identify Interaction Partners by Fluorescent Probe Labeling







Small molecule-induced proteasomal Degradation

Kinase

Proteasomal Degradation

Pull-down Assays and Photoinduced Crosslinking

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Activity	HN NH	
	Borussertib	
Her2 INSERT Her2 wt EGFR T790ML858R EGFR wt Lance IC₅₀ [nM]	>10000 - >10000 >10000	
Her2 INS EGFR INS BaF3 CTG [nM]	885 9226	
A431 A2780 H1975 HCC1937 CTG IC₅₀ [nM]	1629 100 8285 2576	

ADME	HN N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N
	Borussertib
Sol [uM]	14
Clint [uL/min/mg] mouse / human	36 / 7
Microsomal Stability Phase II [% Remain] mouse / human	
Plasma Stability [% Remain] mouse / human	100 / 99
PPB [%] mouse / human	98.65 / 99.90
PAMPA [%]	<5
Caco-2 P _{app} [10- ⁶ cm/s] A=>B B=>A	0.04 4.03

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	Borussertib
hPBMCs CTG IC₅₀ [nM]	6470
HepTox HepG2 IC₅₀ [nM]	>30000
MitoTox Glu IC₅₀ [nM]	>30000
MitoTox Gal IC₅₀ [nM]	>30000
hERG Predictor Assay IC₅₀ [nM]	880
hERG Patch Clamp @ Cyprotex IC ₅₀ [nM]	-

In need, compound optimization ...

summary

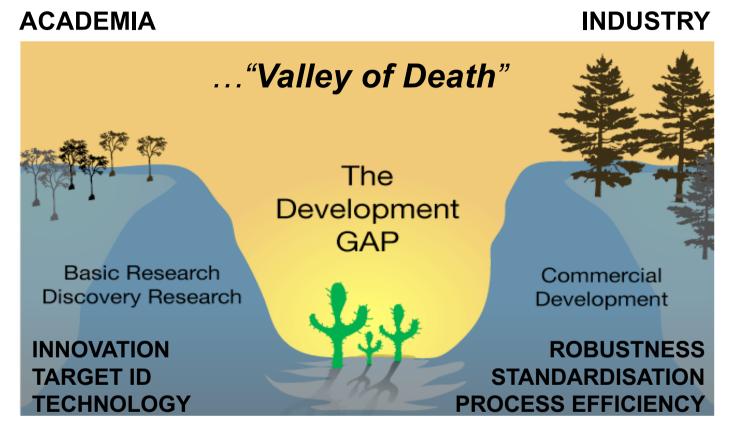
Cancer is a disease of the genome

 Genetics lesions across key signaling pathways (EGFR) drive tumorigenesis
 historic impact

Revolution of DNA sequencing drives development ...

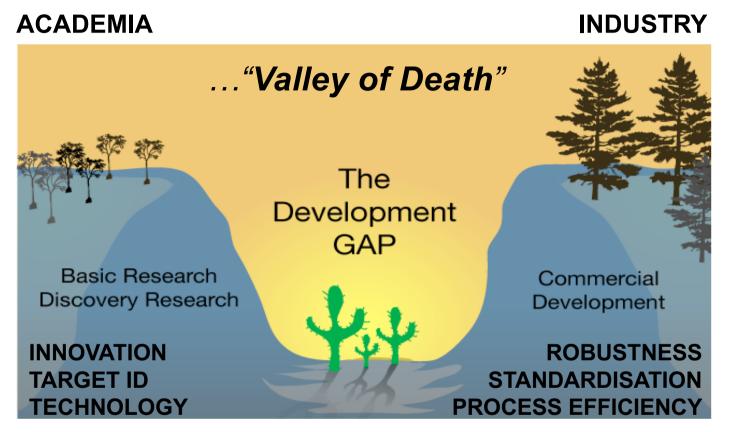
- Additional key discoveries in the translation bench-tobeside-to-bench ...
- In need: new technologies/ approaches, novel collaborative models, dialog for a better medicine ...

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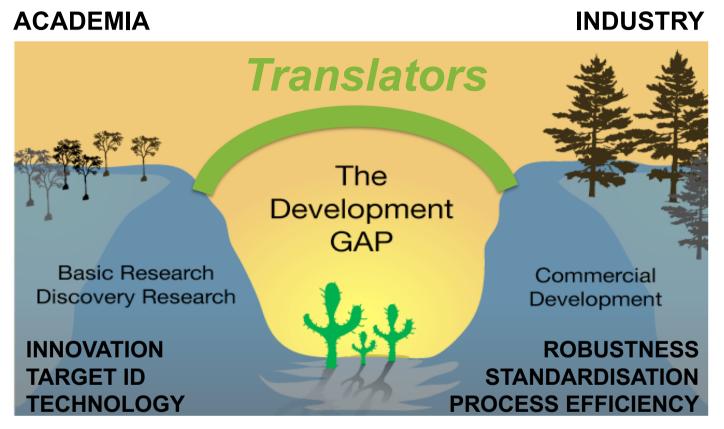
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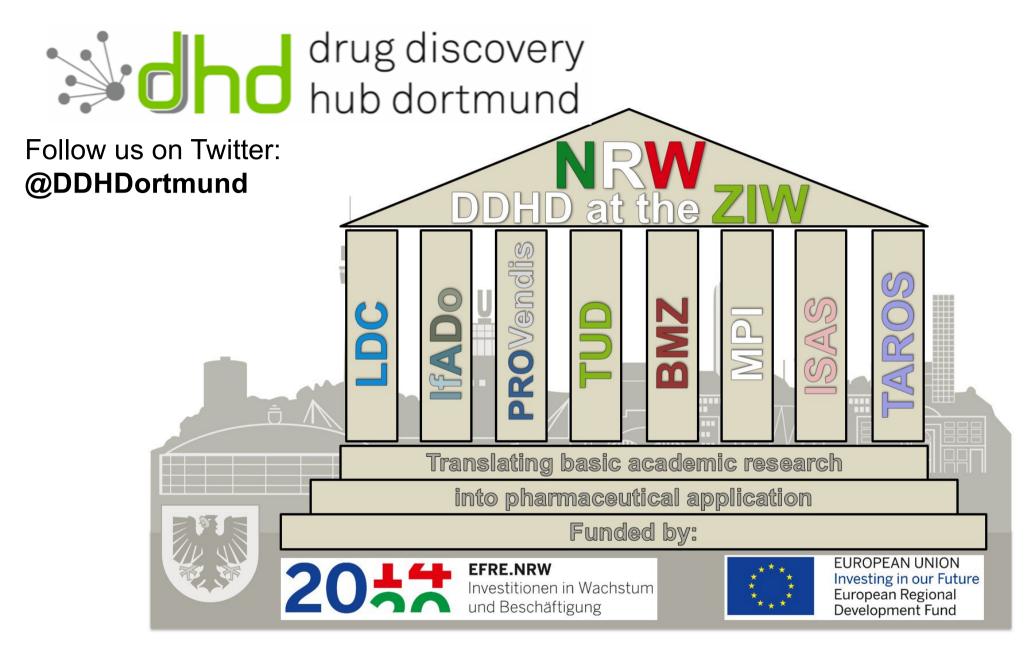
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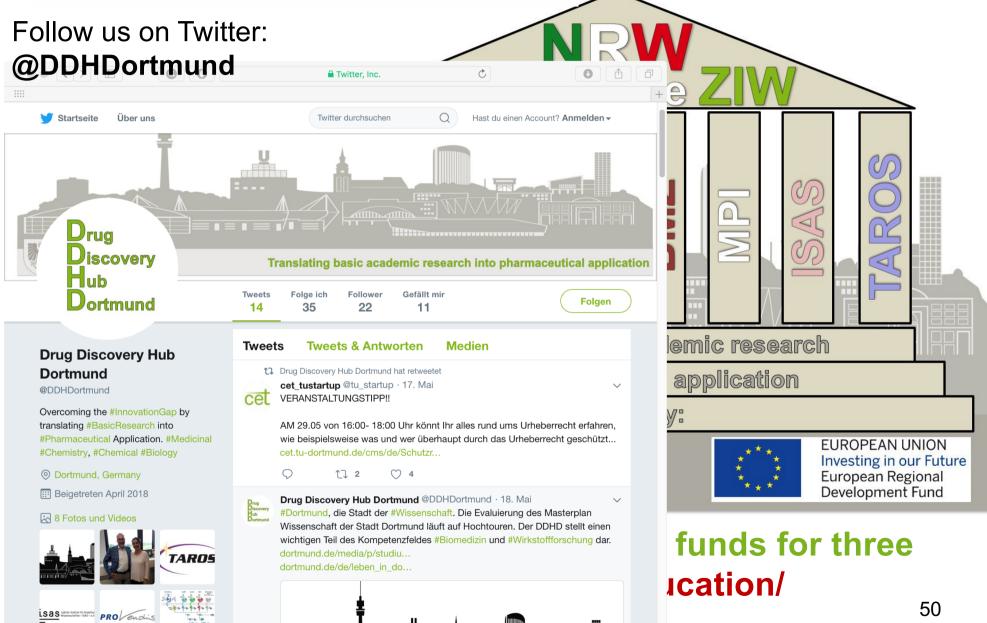
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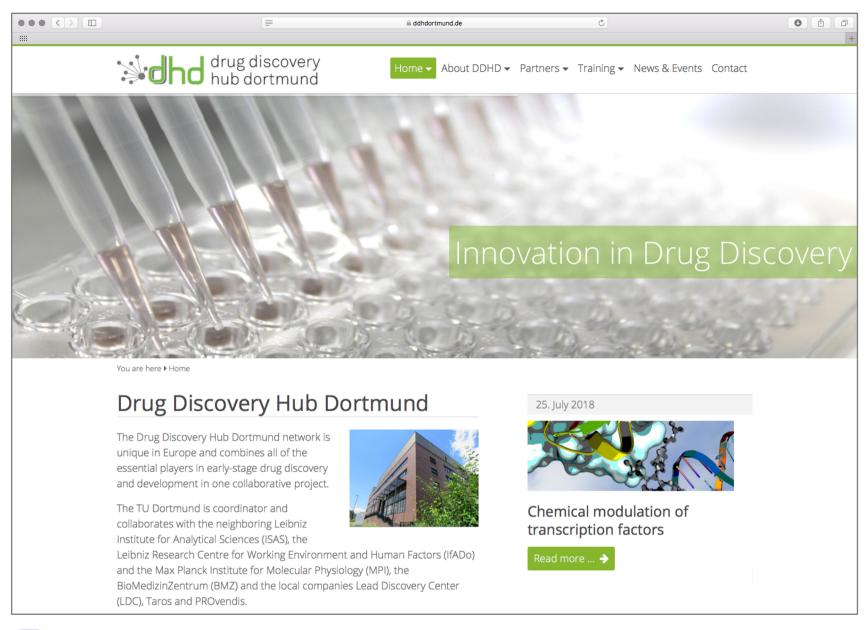
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