The New Millennium of Drug Discovery

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Drug Discovery Process



Drug Discovery Funnel



Enabling Technologies

- Genomics
- Combinatorial Chemistry
- High Throughput Screening
- Computer Assisted Drug Design
- Informatics
- Transgenic Animal Models of Disease

Genomics Strategy

- Identify new molecular targets
- Speed drug discovery
- Facilitates clinical development
- Genetics based patient selection

Combinatorial Chemistry

- A synthetic strategy
- Capable of producing large chemical libraries
- Libraries composed of diverse, non-biased structural entities
- Libraries composed of diverse structural entities based on a parent template

Size of Combinatorial Libraries

No. Synthons (Step 1) x No. Synthons (Step II x ... No. Synthons (Step n) = No. Members

	Steps	Members
20 Synthons	3	$20^3 = 8 \times 10^3$
(e.g. natural amino acids)	4	$20^4 = 1.6 \times 10^5$
	5	$20^5 = 3.2 \times 10^6$
100 Synthons	3	$100^3 = 1 \times 10^6$
	4	$100^4 = 1 \times 10^8$
	5	$100^5 = 1 \times 10^{10}$



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- Large compound libraries require dereplication of "hits" (labor intensive)
- Characterization of "hits" is possible for peptide and oligonucleotide libraries...but resulting templates are presently of limited value
- Dereplication and characterization of nonpeptide libraries is a challenge

The Molecular Paradigm



Describing Chemical Structure Information



ctive Compounds in Our Database



Dissimilarity-Based Compound Selection



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4th compound selected for screening

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Similarity-Based Compound Selection



[>]henprocoumon PNU-29342



- Competitive Inhibitor
- K_i ~ 1m M (HIV-1 and HIV-2 Proteases)
- ED₅₀~ 100 300 m M (HIV-1 infected human PBL)
- Crystal Structure in HIV-1 Protease





eptide Mimetic Protease Inhibitor



PNU-75875

- Potent enzyme inhibitor ($K_i < 1 \text{ nM}$)
- Potent antiviral in cell culture (IC₅₀ <10 nM)
- Poor pharmacokinetic properties
- Complicated synthesis



















otease Inhibitors Potently Block HIV-1

Isolate		
	AZT	PNU-140690
UJ00004	≥5	.08
UJ00007	1.5	.15
UJ00009	1.8	.32
N. Amer1	2.5	.17
N. Amer2	≥5	.17
N. Amer3	≥5	.07
N. Amer4	≥5	.15
N. Amer5	≥5	.17
N. Amer6	≥5	.12
N. Amer7	3.5	.16
Mean IC ₉₀ ± SD	>5	.15 ±.07

IC₉₀ (mM)

hibitors are not Cross-Resistant with her Protease Inhibitors



PNU-140690 Blocks Replication of Ritonavir Resistant HIV



otease Inhibitors Can be Effectively Delivered ter Oral Administration



Critical Success Factors in Drug Discovery

- Access to large number of structurally diverse compounds for screening
- Availability of High Throughput Screening (HTS) based on relevant biological targets (unlimited capacity)
- Timely access to macromolecular structural information of biological targets to facilitate Structure Based Drug Design

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"It is not the strongest of the species who survive, nor the most intelligent, but the ones most responsive to change."

-- Charles Darwin