# Challenges and Recommendations for Obtaining Chemical Structures of Industry-Provided Repurposing Candidates

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## Why old drugs? Why repurposing?

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REVIEW



## In silico repositioning of approved drugs for rare and neglected diseases

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One approach to speed up drug discovery is to examine new uses for existing approved drugs, so-called 'drug repositioning' or 'drug repurposing', which has become increasingly popular in recent years. Analysis of the literature reveals many examples of US Food and Drug Administration-approved drugs that are active against multiple targets (also termed promiscuity) that can also be used to therapeutic advantage for repositioning for other neglected and rare diseases. Using proof-of-principle examples, we suggest here that with current in silico technologies and databases of the structures and biological activities of chemical

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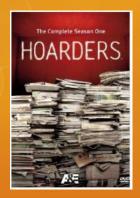
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books and has authored or pear reviewed over 100 paper and book obsparrs on nuclear magnetir resonance (NPR), pendiduke ADME methods, intermed-based obsci, rever & sourcing and disabase curation He is an active blogger and participant in the internet chamistry seawork. Dr Williams graduated with a PhD in chemistry as a NPRS spectroscopic.

- O More cost effective R&D?
- Repurposing/ repositioning -Quicker to bring to market?
- Recent focus on neglected & rare diseases
- Over 7000 diseases affecting less than 200,000
- 1000's of diseases with no treatments
- O >300 orphan drugs approved since 1983

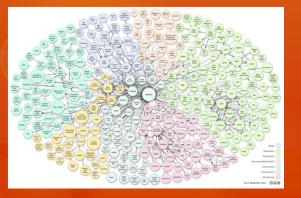
## From data hoarding to open data



(IMDB)



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Linked Open data cloud 2011 (Wikipedia)

## Pharma company data hoarding - to open data



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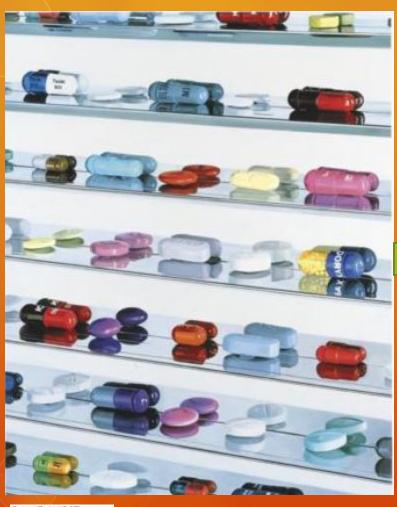
■ Tuberculosis (TB) 'compound library' to be made available to help stimulate research into

■ Investment in GSK's Tres Cantos Open Lab to be doubled with an additional £5m funding

■ Detailed data from GSK clinical trials to be made available to researchers to further

GSIK today announced new measures to further advance its commitment towards greater openness, transparency and collaboration. Speaking at a meeting hosted by the Wellcome Trust in London today, GSIK CEO Sir Andrew Witty will outline new steps to build on the encouraging signs of progress resulting from GSIK's 'open innovation' approach to R&D. designed to help develop new solutions for the world's

## "Off the Shelf R&D"



DAMIEN HIRST B.1965 **PHARMACEUTICALS**  Rare diseases need cures



Clydesdale Budweiser commercial, do we have a task for you! We have

All pharmas have assets on shelf that reached clinic

How do you become one of our Heroes for Hope?

Find new uses for these molecules

Get to the patient faster

## Finding Promiscuous Old Drugs for New Uses

Antivir Chem Chemother. 2012 Feb 28, doi: 10.3851/IMP2080. [Epub ahead of print]

Inhibition of Influenza A Virus Replication by Antagonism of a PI3K-AKT-mTOR Pathway Member Identified by Gene Trap Insertional Mutagenesis.

Murray JL, McDonald NJ, Sheng J, Shaw MW, Hodge TW, Rubin DH, O'Brien WA, Smee DF.

Invest Dermatol. 2011 Dec:131(12):2467-76. doi: 10.1038/jid.2011.300. Epub 2011 Sep 22.

Rapamycin suppresses self-renewal and vasculogenic potential of stem cells isolated from infantile hemangioma.

Greenberger S, Yuan S, Walsh LA, Boscolo E, Kang KT, Matthews B, Mulliken JB, Bischoff J.

Neuro Oncol. 2011 Sep;13(9):974-82. Epub 2011 Jul 15.

Antiparasitic mebendazole shows survival benefit in 2 preclinical models of glioblastoma multiforme.

Bai RY, Staedtke V, Aprhys CM, Gallia GL, Riggins GJ.

#### everolimus

#### 5-fluorouracil

Cancer Cell. 2011 Sep 13:20(3):384-99. doi: 10.1016/j.ccr.2011.08.013.

An integrated in vitro and in vivo highthroughput screen identifies treatment leads for ependymoma.

Atkinson JM, Shelat AA, Carcaboso AM, Kranenburg TA, Arnold LA, Boulos N, Wright K, Johnson RA, Poppleton H, Mohankumar KM, Féau C, Phoenix T, Gibson P, Zhu L, Tong Y, Eden C, Ellison DW, Priebe W, Koul D, Yung WK, Gajiar A, Stewart CF, Guy RK, Gilbertson RJ.

#### ceftriaxone

<u>J Cell Physiol.</u> 2011 Oct;226(10):2484-93. doi: 10.1002/jcp.22609.

Role of excitatory amino acid transporter-2 (EAAT2) and glutamate in neurodegeneration: opportunities for developing novel therapeutics.

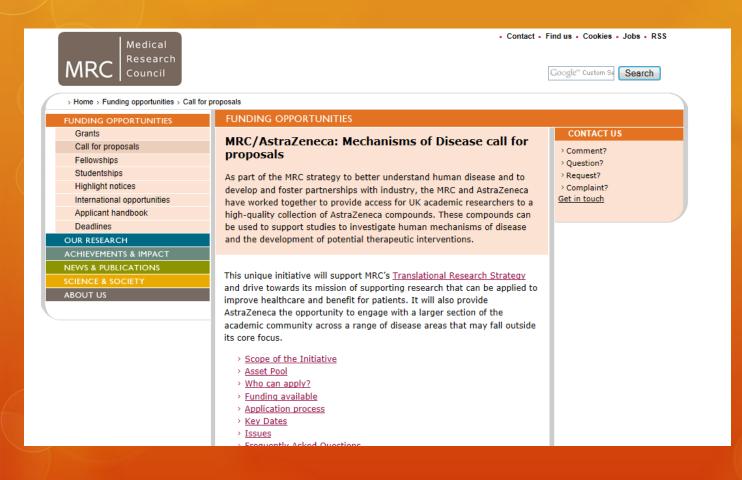
Kim K, Lee SG, Kegelman TP, Su ZZ, Das SK, Dash R, Dasgupta S, Barral PM, Hedvat M, Diaz P, Reed JC, Stebbins JL, Pellecchia M, Sarkar D, Fisher PB.

Could In silico / in vitro repositioning find leads-drugs quicker?

# Approximate small-molecule drug and proto-drug numbers

Historical development entry	~35,000
Approached regulatory entry (INNs)	~7,000
Between clinical phases	~15,000
In active trials	~1,500
FDA approved	~1,400
INNs issued per year	~150
Discontinued (post approval)	~50
New approvals per year	~15

# MRC/AstraZeneca: Mechanisms of Disease Call assets



Launched Dec 2011

http://goo.gl/R8trN

http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Calls/MoD/MRC008389

## MRC/AstraZeneca: Mechanisms of Disease Call assets

#### Full list of compounds:

Please click the AZ code for further compound information.

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#### Compound details

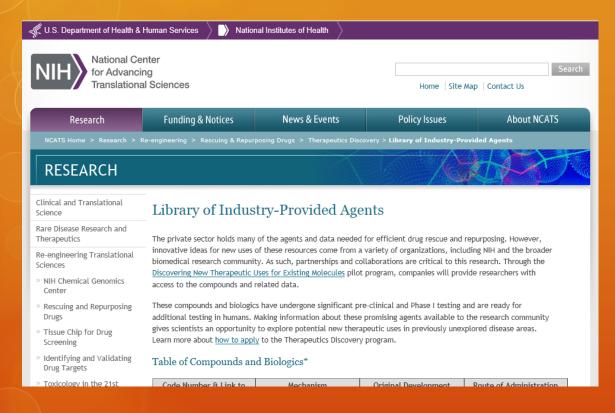
Pre- Development code	AZ code & further information	Mechanism of Action	Original development indication	Type of proposals invited
AZ10353926	AZD0530 (Saracatinib)	SRC Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor	Solid tumour	Pre- clinical & Clinical
AZ12272852	AZD1236	Matrix Metallopeptidase (MMP) 9 12 Inhibitor	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	Pre- clinical & Clinical
AZ12501796	AZD1656	Glucokinase Activator	Diabetes and Obesity	Pre- clinical & Clinical
AZ12472520	AZD2624	Neurokinin Receptor NK3 Antagonist	Schizophrenia	Pre- clinical & Clinical
AZ11941831	AZD3355	GABABR1 Receptor Agonist	Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease	Pre- clinical & Clinical

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22 molecules from AstraZeneca

### **NCATS**



May 2012 the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) launched the 'Discovering New Therapeutic Uses for Existing Molecules' program.

#### http://goo.gl/FWchw

http://www.ncats.nih.gov/research/reengineering/rescuerepurpose/therapeutic-uses/directory.html

## Library of Industry Provided Reagents

#### Table of Compounds and Biologics\*

Code Number & Link to More Information	Mechanism of Action	Original Development Indication(s)	Route of Administration Formulation Available (CNS Penetrant <sup>+</sup> )	
AVE5530 canosimibe	Acyl-coenzyme A:cholesterol O -acyltransferase (ACAT) inhibitor Cholesterol absorption inhibitor	Hypercholesterolemia	Oral	
SSR149744C celivarone	Anti-arrhythmic, Vaughan Williams Class I to IV	Maintenance of sinus rhythm in atrial fibrillation patients  Prevention of shocks and major clinical outcomes in patients with implanted cardiac defibrillator	Oral	
PF-05416266 senicapoc (ICA-17043)	Calcium-activated potassium channel blocker (KCa3.1), intermediate-conductance	Sickle cell disease  Asthma	Oral	
ABT-639	Calcium channel, voltage-gated (Cav3.2, T-type) blocker	Pain	Oral (Yes)	
CP-945598 otenabant	Cannabinoid receptor 1 (CB1) antagonist	Obesity	Oral (Yes)	
LY2828360	Cannabinoid receptor 2 (CB2) agonist	Osteoarthritis pain	Oral (Yes)	
AZD1981	Chemoattractant receptor- homologous molecule expressed on Th2 cells (CRTh2)/prostaglandin D2	Asthma Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	Oral	

Consists of 58 'parked' therapeutic agents

contributed by eight drug companies,

To be evaluated by academics as a repurposing pilot effort funded by NCATS

## No structures provided on website!

## It started with a blog!



#### Petition NCATS to release structures for library of Industry Provided Reagents



by sean

Going to stick my little neck out again. I am totally behind the idea of drug companies making their compounds available for researchers to find new uses for rare diseases. But I found out last week that NCATS had put a list of compounds and biologics on their website without releasing structures. This is absolutely nutty (by all means correct me). They release a lot of other data but no structures. If you have commercial databases you probably will be able to find the compounds after a bit of digging but WHY? I ask you.

Why might we want to see the structures? – how about using in silico tools to screen the compounds for new activities. Apparently this paper was available to the folks at NIH when they had the April 2011 roundtable..but I guess they forgot it. So by not providing the structures anyone who wants to do in silico screening is precluded from doing this for these compounds until they can spend a significant time digging them out of the literature.

We might also want to analyze their physicochemical properties to predict if the compounds even stand a chance of finding other activities, or targets, for example lots of work on similarity analysis seems to be going on nowadays.

So Please! I call on everyone to suggest, petition, tweet, blog, whatever to NCATS (#NCATS) that if they do not make the compounds available I am sure other ways will be found to make them accessible. This might just help the rare and neglected disease community besides a lucky few people who get grants to do yet more in vitro and in vivo testing. Wake up – in silico is cheaper and faster and just might find something valuable..but only if structures are provided.

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There is an expanding amount of interest directed at the repurposing and repositioning of drugs, as well as how in silico methods can assist these endeavors. Recent repurposing project tendering calls by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (USA) and the Medical Research Council (UK) have included compound information and pharmacological data. However, none of the internal company development code names were assigned to chemical structures in the official documentation. This not only abrogates in silico analysis to support repurposing but consequently necessitates data gathering and curation to assign structures. Here, we describe the approaches, results and major challenges associated with this.

#### Introduction

The recent eighth birthday of PubChem and the passing of its 100 million submissions mad might lead scientists to take for granted the large number of public compound databases that are all less than a decade old nuduing PubChem [1.2]. ChemSpider [3-6]c. ChEMBL [7]. ebolecules [8], DrugBank [9] and many other [10,11]. We can now even find molecules extracted from patents using resources such as SurchemOpen [12] and PubChem which now contains over nine million patent-extracted structures from IBM [13]. CRUPDB [14] and Thomson Reuters [15].

We are currently seeing a shift toward drug repositioning or academics as a repurposing pilot effort funded by NCATS [29,30]

algorithmic input is implicit in many of these computational approaches, for example in structure similarity and structure-disease relationship construction [24–27]. The provision of sets of FDAapproved drugs or interesting clinical compounds in a format ready for virtual screening [28] reactly asis these efforts.

In May 2012 the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) Jaunched the 'Discovering New Therapeutic Uses for Existing Molecules' program. To date, this consists of 58 'parked' therapeutic agents, contributed by eight drug companies, which will be evaluated by contributed by a programmer pulse effort funded by NCATS [38].

http://goo.gl/uTswV

Southan et al., DDT, 18: 58-70 (2013)

## Pooling resources

Tuesday, 10 July 2012

#### NCATS repurposing candiates, names-to-structures

24 of August: There is now a follow-up post; NCATS repurposing compounds in PubChem: Pastructures.

29 July: there are some updates, comments, and new IDs described at the bottom of this pos resolved to CIDs is now 30 out of 56. Checking has revealed source ambiguity for one record. that preceded this one but picks up interesting and different angles (petition-ncats-to-release-

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For the newly announced Discovering New Therapeutic Uses for Existing Molecules initiative a Accelerating Translational Science (NCATS) eight companies have agreed to make 58 agents (56 small-molecules plus one antibody and one plasmid). These have undergone pre-clinical a open for applications from academic groups to explore new mechanisms and therapeutic opposeems like a good thing I feel no need to add to the punditry on this subject that includes the repurposing programmes get lift off".

However, I will pick up on the important aspect of blinding of the name-to-structure (n>s) link to be equable many companies do publish papers on clinical candidates wherein this link is mad essentially ad hoc process by which of several routes an n>s linkage may transfer to the major structures have usually been exemplified in published patents some companies persist in extered name for the drug candidate. There is some background on the first few slides of this prodiscussed this in a a recent article on dug name mapping in clinicaltrials.org. The issues arounded the following:

- In the NCATS context discovering new therapeutic uses for existing molecules is difficult v
- Not being able to do any chemoinformatics, including virtual screening, open tox resource make proposals for taking compounds forward.
- Even if IP holders for these structures disclose them for applicants under CDA this still co to public surfacing (e.g. no external database searches?).
- It seems increasingly anachronistic that clinical candidates are allowed to stay blinded ric
- 5) Both journals and clinical trials databases are complicit in not mandating n>s for publicatio

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#### Collaborations to get the NCATS Library of Industry provided reagents

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repurposing

by sean

Its seems a while since I blogged on the absolutely bizarre posting of 58 molecules as the 'library of industry provided reagents' to be used as a starting point for repurposing — without posting structures. Since my last Blog I have become aware of at least 3 specific groups trying to collate the molecules, Tudor Oprea and collaborators at UNM and elsewhere...Chris Lipinski and Chris Southan. At the recent ACS in Philly. Chris Lipinski presented his results and I thank him for sharing the data and molecules (he included the Oprea results)...

Chris Lipinski was able to find 36 small molecules and 2 biologics usng CAS SciFinder, Thomson Reuters Integrity, various web postings

Tudor Oprea et al. was able to find 41 small molecules and 2 biologics using US Patents database (IBM), Google, publications

Chris Southan described his approach on his blog and found 30 compounds and put them in PubChem

We have looked at the molecules Chris Lipinski found and could not find a significant difference in a few molecular properties to differentiate those discontinued and those still in clinical trials.

What has not been done so far is look at overlap across all 3 groups above. How can we bring all these efforts together? Are there other efforts to do the same out there? e.g. have NCATS tried to do this?

But the question still resonates WHY?

Why do these 3 groups 'have to' collate the molecules?

Why could the NCATS initiative have not posted the molecules on the website or linked to them in PubChem in the first place (would have taken no effort for each company to provide a structure)?

Why did they get groups to propose repurposing the molecules without disclosing molecule structures?

Why is computational analysis not at the forefront of the repurposing efforts before spending experimental resources?

Why oh why did someone not think of this, or did they?

Its not like people have not proposed how to do this kind of thing before.

http://goo.gl/FW6Bl

http://goo.gl/NXPVs

#### Searching for one member of the NCATS list

## JNJ-39393406, using a standard Google search, provides >1000 hits (some are highlighted here)

About 1,090 results (0.19 seconds)

#### [PDF] Janssen Research & Development, LLC JNJ-39393406

www.ncats.nih.gov/files/JNJ-39393406.pdf

File Format: PDF/Adobe Acrobat - Quick View

JNJ-39393406 is a positive allosteric modulator at the nicotinic α7 receptor. ... 17-fold), indicating that JNJ-39393406 increases both the potency and efficacy of ...

#### The Effect of JNJ-39393406 on Event Related Potentials in Stable ...

clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01137799

Jun 3, 2010 – Plasma concentrations of JNJ-39393406 (PK blood samples) [ Time Frame: ... JNJ-39393406 10mg nanosuspension (sort of liquid formulation) ...

#### Schizophrenia Research Forum: Drugs In Clinical Trials - JNJ-39393...

www.schizophreniaforum.org/res/drc/detail.asp?id=312 Share

Important Notice: The Forum does not endorse any medical product or therapy. ALL medications and supplements should be taken ONLY under the supervision ...

#### EvaluatePharma - JNJ-39393406 - Worldwide - Overview

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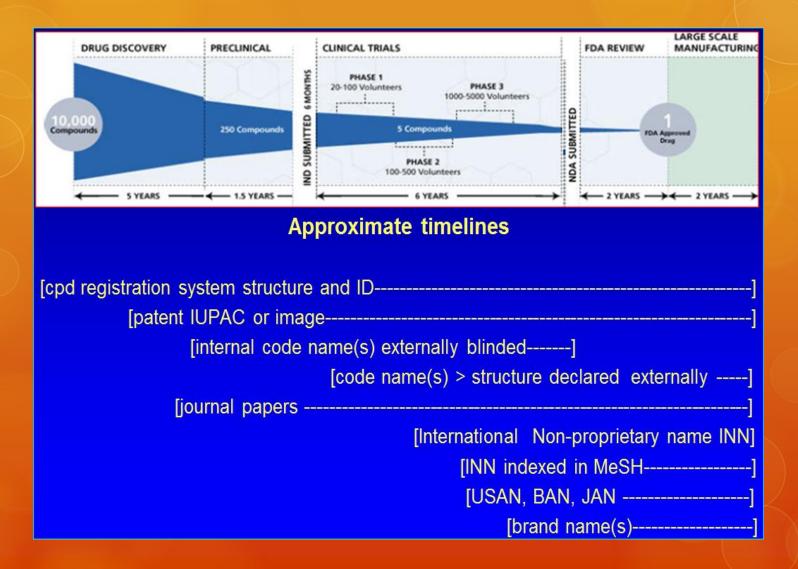
Product profile for JNJ-39393406. Includes latest news and historic worldwide sales.

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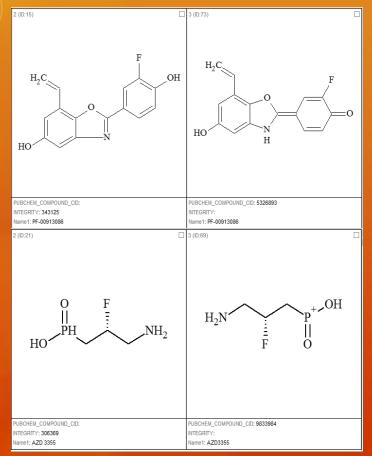
## Patterns of information disclosures



#### Different forms of compounds

provided by the analyses of Southan and Lipinski (protonation state and tautomerization).

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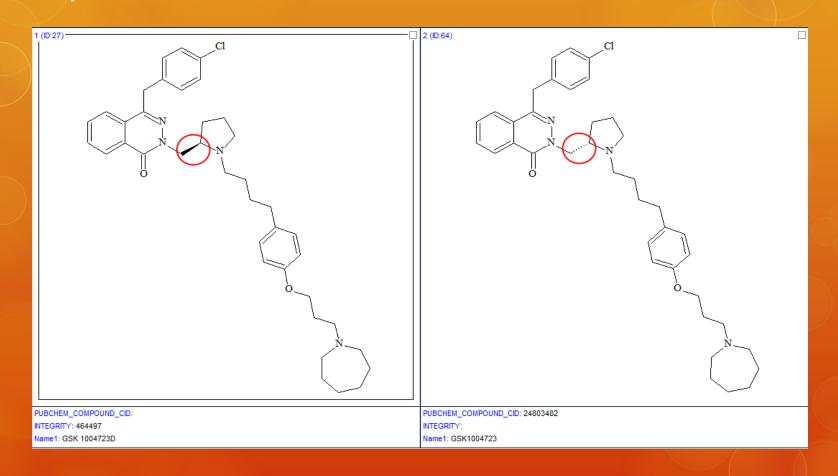


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### Single stereocenter inversion difference

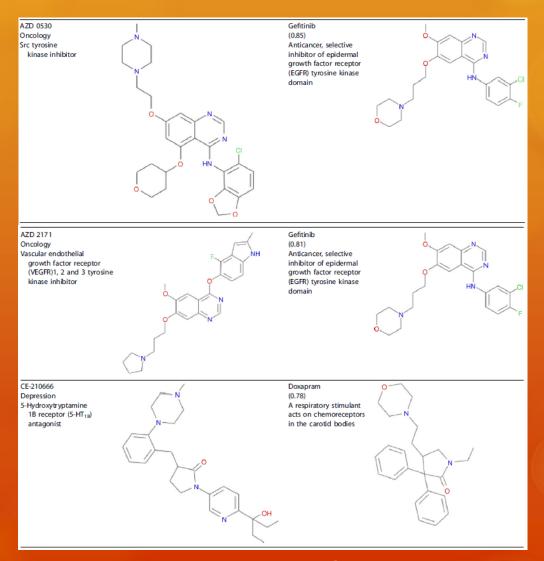
## detected during the analyses of Southan and Lipinski for GSK1004723.



## Repurposing by similarity to known drugs

NCATS molecules with si	imilarity to approved drugs using molecule	s from a public database	e [28].
NCATS ID Target and mechanism information [87]	NCATS structure	Closest structure in FDA drugs set (Tanimoto similarity using MDL keys) Target and mechanism from Wikipedia	FDA drug structure
ZD4054 Oncology, pulmonary artery hypertension Endothelin receptor A (ET <sub>A</sub> ) antagonist	N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	Sulfadoxine (0.85) Antimalarial Sulfadoxine competitively inhibits dihydropteroate synthase, interfering with folate synthesis	H <sub>N</sub> N H <sub>N</sub> N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N
GSK 1004723D Allergic rhinitis Histamine H1/H3 receptor antagonist		Nefazodone (0.81) Antidepressant targets 5-HT <sub>2A</sub> receptors and other GPCRs	

## Repurposing by similarity to known drugs



#### Summary of NCATS and MRC results (CL = Chris Lipinski, CS = Chris Southan). The aggregate collaborative result for the NCATS set was 41. Of these, 37 had PubChem CID assignments plus four SMILES with no exact match in PubChem.

Classification	Count
NCATS: listed reagents	58
NCATS: biologics	2
NCATS: small molecules	56
Out of 56: INNs and/or USANS (and code names)	15
Out of 56: code-names-only (no INN)	41
Out of 56: code names in ChemSpider	8
Out of 56: CL found	36
Out of 56: CS found	37
Out of 56: CS or CL	41
Out of 56:CL but not CS	4
Out of 56:CS but not CL	10
Out of 56:CS and CL	30
From 41 NCATS code-names-only: PubChem matches	3
From 41 NCATS structures: PubChem CIDs	37
From 41 NCATS structures: SMILES-only	4
NCATS code names still blinded	15
MRC-AZ list	22
MRC AZD codes	21
MRC AZD codes: with INNs	3
MRC AZD codes: in NCATS	7
MRC AZD codes: mapped to CIDs	12
MRC AZD codes: still blinded	10
MRC + NCATS: structures	46
MRC + NCATS: ChemSpider CS IDs	37
MRC + NCATS: PubChem CIDs	42
MRC + NCATS 42 CIDs: active in bioAssays (ChEMBL)	20
MRC + NCATS 42 CIDs: 'same connectivity' isomer expansion	139
MRC + NCATS 42 CIDs; vendor SIDs	15
MRC + NCATS 42 CIDs: SureChem patent matches	42

# Cutting to the chase

Several months led to structures

12 of 22 MRC cpds

41 of 56 NCATS cpds

Also ran predictions with TB and malaria Bayesian models (data on request)

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## Making molecules public



#### NCATS Repurposing – paper in press and molecules tweeted

collaborative science and computers, databases, Open Data, Uncategorized

by sean

From past blogs I have detailed The NCATS library of industry Provided reagents.

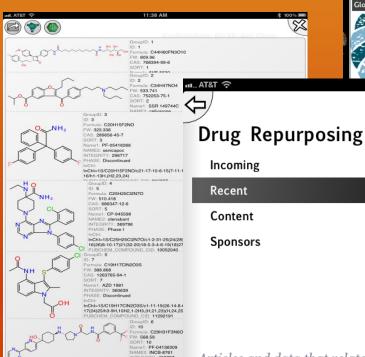
Through the heroic collaborative efforts of Dr. Chris Southan and Dr. Antony Williams we now have the structures for most of the NCATS and MRC molecules described in a paper in press. In addition the molecules sourced to date have just been tweeted by myself @collabchem with the hash tag #ODDT so you can go and use them for analysis.

Big thanks to Dr. Alex Clark with helping to get them out through mobile apps... I tweeted from his App MMDS. A historical moment?

#### Drew molecules in MMDS app

Tweeted them with #drugrepurposing #oddt

Visible and downloadable in Open Drug **Discovery Teams** Mobile app (free)

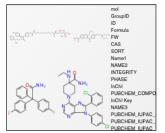


Chagas Disease Drug Repurposing Giant Axonal Neuropathy

> @collabchem: Bio <-&gt; Chem: Backstory on NCATS, MRC structures

paper (link) #ODDT

http://cdsouthan.blogspot.ca/2012/12/ba...



@aclarkxyz: RT @collabchem: (link) #drugrepurposing #ODDT This

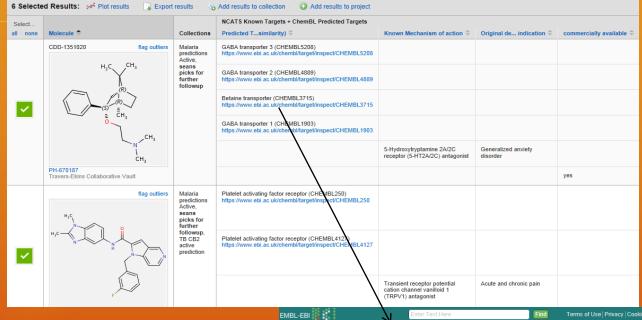
is the #NCATS and #MRC compounds curated for our DDT paper

Articles and data that relate to the use of known drugs for previously unknown purposes.

http://molsync.com/share/?ds=38

Mol Informatics, 31: 585-597, 2012

# Adding links to most similar targets in CHEMBL using CDD



Data currently in a private vault

Potential target inference by ligand similarity

Will make public

Validation



## Challenges

Despite the comprehensive interrogation of data sources, some representations remain equivocal

Organizations allocating the company codes have the primary provenance for the fidelity of the relationship between database electronic structure representations and their own results in vitro, in vivo and in the clinic.

Avoid duplication of effort by others

Companies interested in verifying or correcting our assignments, or even surfacing de novo their hitherto blinded mappings, are welcome to contact us.

### Recommendations

Authors to ensure their drafted PubMed abstract encapsulates the code name-to-structure mapping by having the code name and IUPAC juxtaposed in the abstract text (in the title is even better)

Inclusion in the abstract of the Human Genome Organization (HUGO) Gene Nomenclature Committee (HGNC) gene symbol for the primary target (or other major protein database identifier for non-human targets)

Before resource-intensive experimental testing it would therefore be valuable to run a battery of in silico methods to predict, prospectively, potential new targets and new uses and reduce offtarget or safety risks

Provide repurposing opportunities that were not envisaged in the initial proposal calls.

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- application
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- Steve Carney & Reviewers at DDT
- O Mike Travers
- O Barry Bunin

### Disclaimer

We accept no responsibility for the correctness of the structures

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**Using Bayesian Models**"

April 9<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Room 353

**PAPER ID: 21524** 

PAPER TITLE: "Navigating between patents, papers, abstracts and databases using public sources and

tools"

April 9th 3.50pm Room 350

**PAPER ID: 13358** 

PAPER TITLE: "TB Mobile: Appifying Data on Anti-tuberculosis Molecule Targets"

April 10th 8.30am Room 357

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PAPER TITLE: "Challenges and recommendations for obtaining chemical structures of industry-provided

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