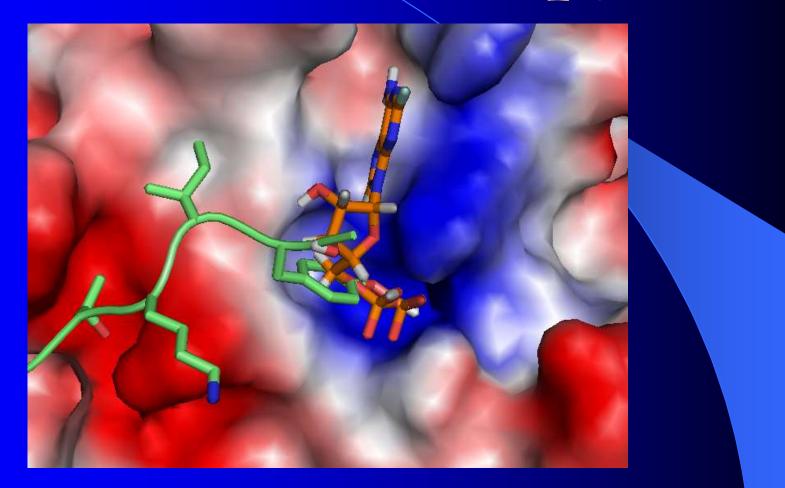
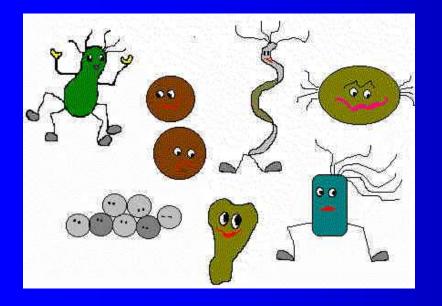
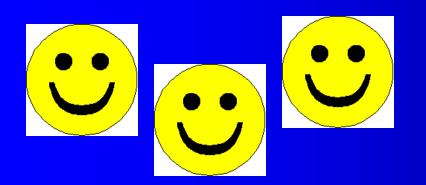
Immune Therapy

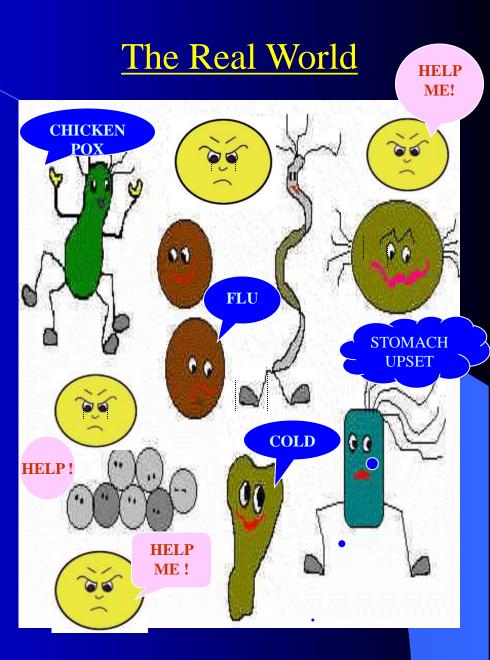


Hans Bluyssen, 07-11-2018

The Perfect World









Small pox





Influenza

Herpes



Immune System

The Latin term 'IMMUNIS" means EXEMPT, referring to protection against foreign agents.

DEFINITION: - The integrated body system of organs, tissues, cells & cell products that differentiates self from non – self & neutralizes potentially pathogenic organisms. (The American Heritage Stedman's Medical Dictionary)

Errors in this recognition lead to autoimmune diseases, like type 1 diabetes, arthritis.

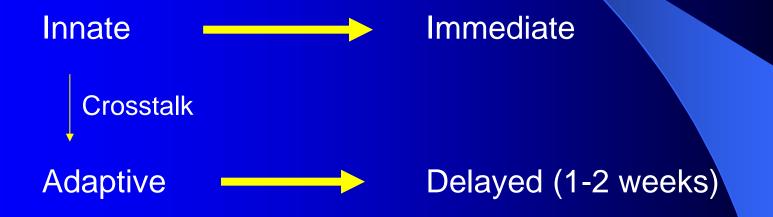


Timeframe?





What happens when a virus infects a host?



Innate (nonspecific) defense

first line of immune defense, rapid response
responds to any infection,
recognizes characteristics common to microbial invaders,
dictates the adaptive response

The innate immune responses -are present from birth -non-specific -do not become more efficient over time

Components of Innate Immunity

cellular:
phagocytes (neutrophils, eosinophils, monocytes/macrophages)
NK cells
mast cells, basophils

Macrophage

Basophil

humoral:

complement (antibodies, phagocytosis, <u>membrane attack)</u>

- anti-microbial proteins
- interferons, TNF, other cytokines

The adaptive (specific) immune response

Differentiates "self" from "nonself", tailored to the particular invader

slower than innate system

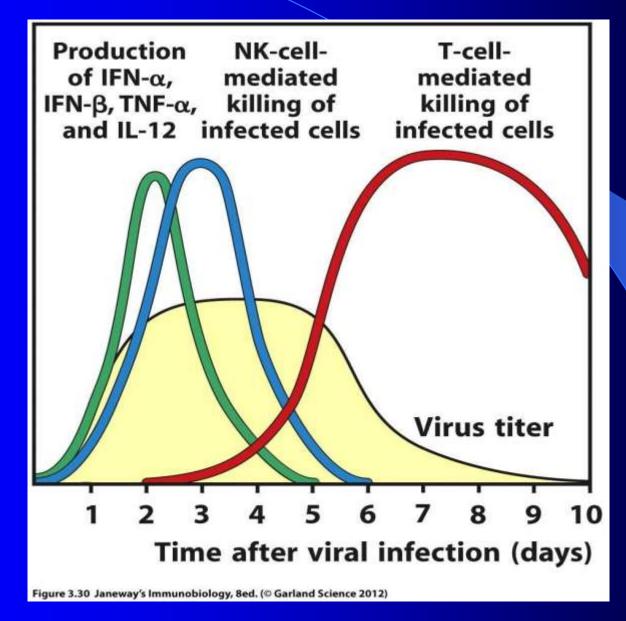
acquired after exposure
 Possibility of amplification (clonal expansion)
 Has 'memory'; subsequent infection by the same agent are met with a robust and highly specific response that stops the infection

Components of the adaptive immune response

Humoral response
 Consists of B-lymphocytes
 Interaction of a specific receptor on precursor
 lymphocytes with antigens promotes differentiation into antibody secreting cells (plasma cells).
 Cell-mediated response
 Consists of T-lymphocytes
 Cytotoxic T cells (Tc cells) and T-helper cells (Th cells) are the key effectors of this response.



Time Course for Induction of Antiviral Response



NDC 0004-0800-85

Tamiflu[®] (oseltamivir phosphate) Capsules

75 mg

Each capsule contains oseltamivir phosphate equivalent to 75 mg oseltamivir (free base).

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10 Cansules

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Vaccine



Antiviral



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Recognition of viral infection

How does a cell know it's infected and what can it do about it?

Toll Is Required for Antifungal Response in Drosophila

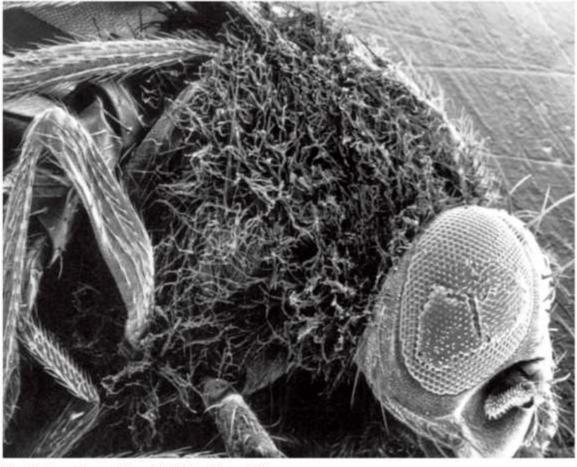


Figure 3.8 Janeway's Immunobiology, 8ed. (© Garland Science 2012)



Jules Hoffmann provided the first evidence that Toll receptors mediate immune defense and received Nobel Prize in 2011

How are pathogens recognized? i.e. what turns on innate responses?

letters to nature

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Recognition of double-stranded RNA and activation of NF-KB by Toll-like receptor 3

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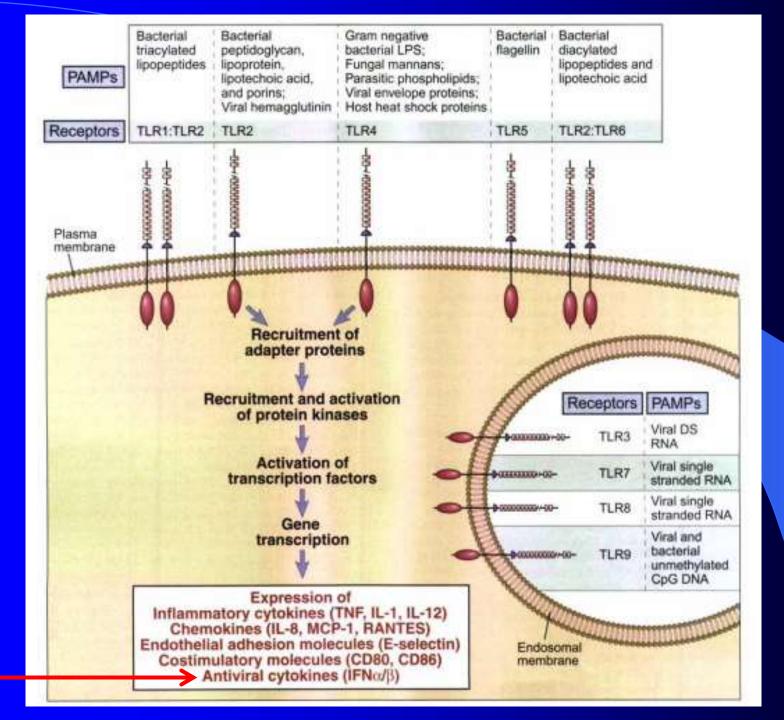
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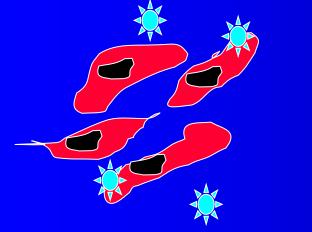
Toll-like receptors (TLRs)

- pattern recognition receptors recognize pathogen associated molecular patterns (PAMPs)
- Can identify a foreign invader (virus, bacterial, etc) via a conserved microbial product and initiate the innate response
- 13 identified in mammals



Isaac and Lindeman's Discovery (1957)

Cells plus heat-inactivated Influenza virus



Incubate Overnight

Discard cells and transfer supernatant onto new cells

> Incubate Overnight then add live virus NO INFECTION! PROTECTION!

Interferon

"Interferons are protein components of animal cells which are synthesized and excreted under a variety of stimuli and make other cells of the same species incapable of replicating virus".

DeSomer and Cocito 1968

Interferons

Type I IFNs: IFN-α (12 sub-types) and IFN-β are induced by viral infection of any cell type

Type II IFN:
 IFN-γ
 is induced by NK cells and macrophages and when T helper lymphocytes are stimulated to replicate and divide after binding a foreign antigen

Type III IFN: IFN-λ1, IFN-λ2 and IFN-λ3

What induces Type I IFNs?

Something in viruses

 Influenza virus - heat and UV treated
 DNA viruses inactivated normal

dsRNA is best activator of IFN genes

IFN is induced by many other substances

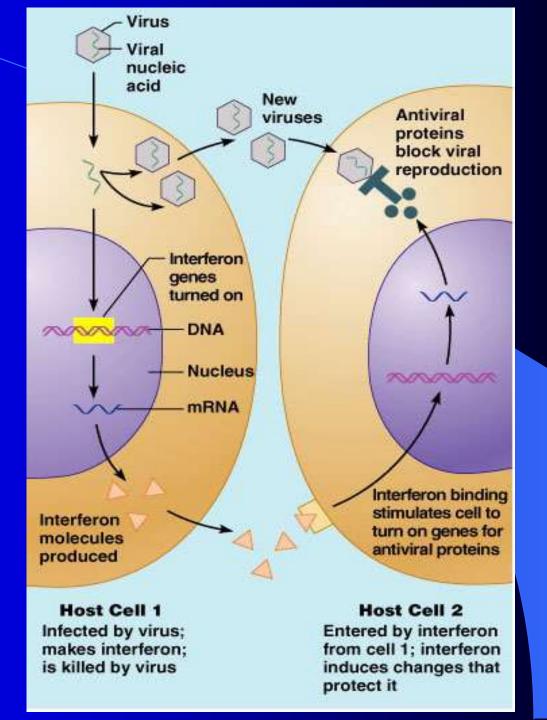
- viruses DNA (active) and RNA (active and inactive)
- bacteria (esp. gram-negative)
- live/killed mycoplasma
- protozoa
- nucleic acids esp. dsRNA

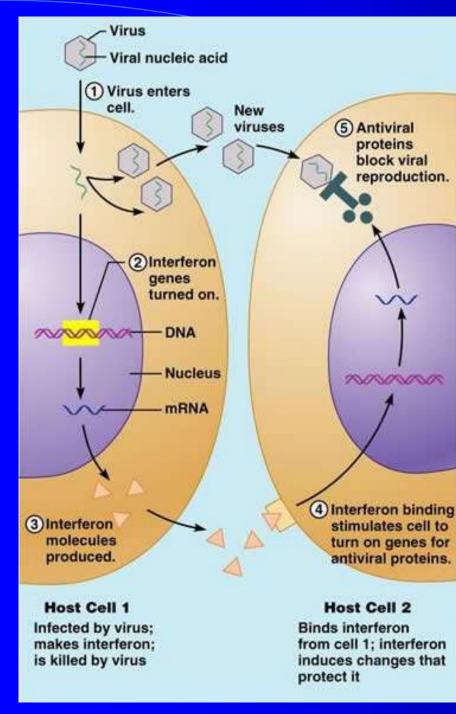
Toll like receptors CPRR

Type I Interferons

- IFN is induced by accumulation of double stranded RNA (dsRNA).
- IFN induces gene expression at the transcriptional level after binding to specific cell surface receptors.
- A cell that is bound to IFN and responds to it is in an antiviral state.
- IFN induces expression of more than 300 genes, products of many of these genes possess broad spectrum antiviral activity.
- Both viral and cellular protein synthesis stops in IFN treated cells.
- They lead to cell death by apoptosis or programmed cells death, limiting cell to cell spread of virus.
- Production of large amounts if IFN causes common symptoms such as fever, chills, nausea, etc.

Interferons Battle Virus Infection





Type I IFN Production & action

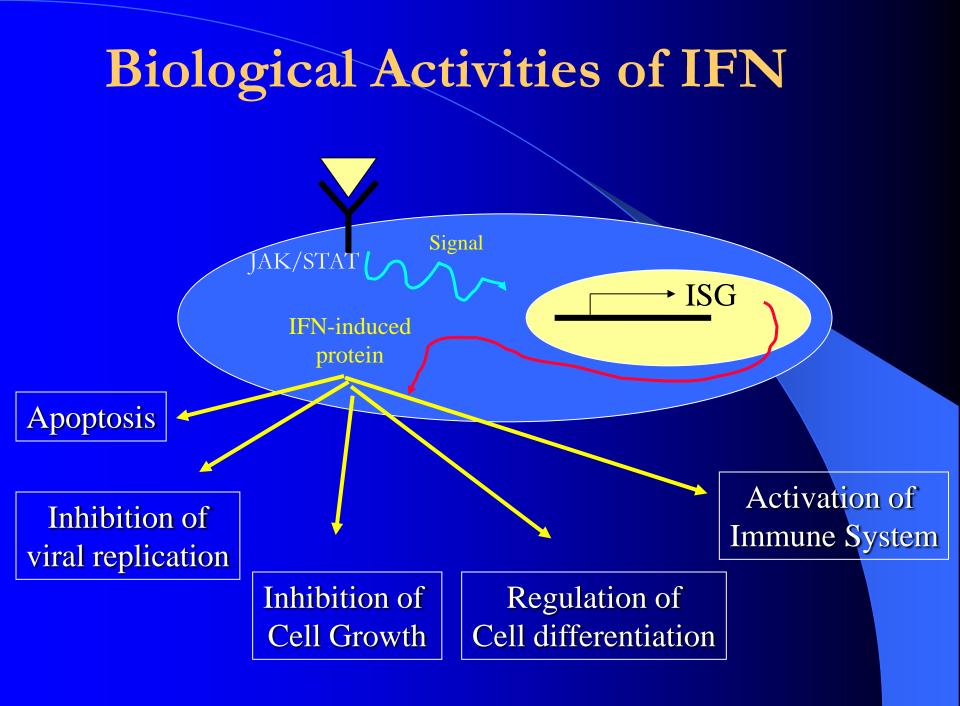
Inhibition viral replication

IFN

Inhibition cell growth

Activation immune system

Anti-viral State Adaptive immune response



Virus Sensitivity to IFNs

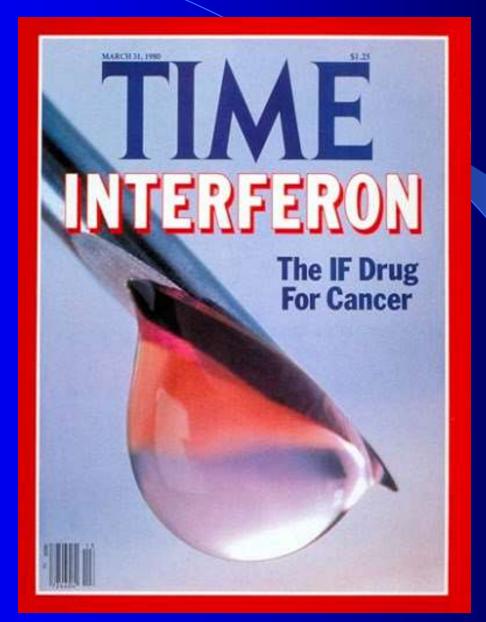
Small RNA viruses - picornaviruses

Large RNA viruses - Flu, rotovirus

Small DNA viruses - papillomavirus

Large DNA viruses - Herpes, poxvirus

1980: IFN "Golden Bullet"



Clinical Use of IFNs

Viral Infections

- Hepatitis B and C
- HPV warts
- RSV

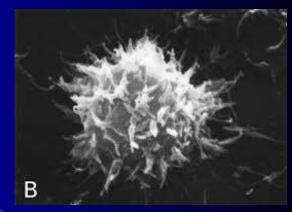


Cancer

- Hairy cell Leukemia (90% effective)
- Follicular lymphoma
- cervical (HPV)
- basal cell cancer
 (80-90%)
- Kaposi's sarcoma (HHV type 8)

Other conditions - chronic granulomatous disease (IFN-γ)
 - multiple sclerosis

- inflammatory bowel diease



IFN Therapy

Before

IFN therapy



Human papillomavirus warts

Treatment of human papillomavirus with peg-interferon alfa-2b and ribavirin

Figure 1. Right foot lesions before treatment.

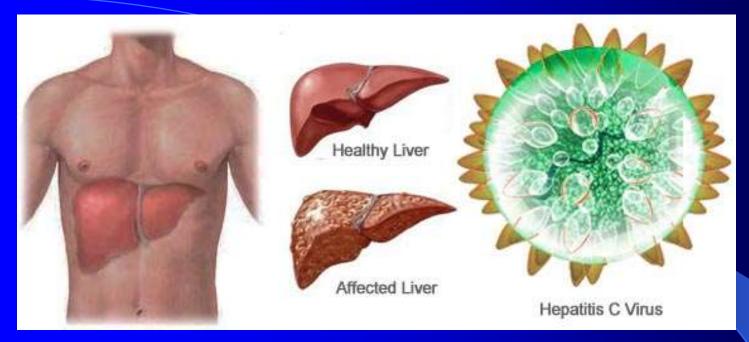


Before

Figure 2. Right foot without lesions seven months after treatment with peg-interferon alfa-2b and ribavirin.



After



HCV infection Treatment

Therapy	Trade name (manufacturer)
•Interferon alfa-2b	•Intron A (Schering-Plough)
•Interferon alfa-2a	•Roferon (Roche)
•Interferon alfacon-1	•Infergen (?Amgen)
•Interferon alfa-2b plus Ribavirin	•Rebetron (Schering-Plough)
•Pegylated Interferon alfa-2a	•Pegasys (Roche)
•Pegylated Interferon alfa-2b	•PEG-Intron (Schering-Plough)

Inhaled interferon beta therapy shows promise in COVID-19 trial

SNG001 diminished the risk of COVID-19 patients developing severe symptoms, reduced breathlessness and improved recovery rates.

By Hannah Balfour (European Pharmaceutical Review) 20 July 2020 No comments yet





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Inhaled interferon beta therapy shows promise in COVID-19 trial

Synairgen, a company based in Southampton, UK, has announced positive results from a clinical trial of SNG001 in hospitalised COVID-19 patients. SNG001 is an inhaled formulation of interferon beta.

According to the study, the risk of developing severe COVID-19 symptoms that required ventilation or caused death during the treatment period of 16 days was reduced by 79 percent for patients receiving SNG001 compared to those who received placebo.

The company also reported that patients who received SNG001 were more than twice as likely to recover within the course of the treatment period compared to those receiving placebo. The measure of breathlessness was "markedly reduced" in those treated with the drug compared to those in the control arm.

IMMUNOTHERAPY

Treatment of the disease by Inducing, Enhancing or Suppressing the Immune System.

Active Immunotherapy:

-It stimulates the body's own immune system to fight the disease.

Passive Immunotherapy:

-It does not rely on the body to attack the disease, instead it uses the immune system components (such as antibodies) created outside the body.

ANTIBODIES

POLYCLONAL

Derived from different B Lymphocyte cell lines

Batch to Batch variation affecting Ab reactivity & titre

NOT Powerful tools for clinical diagnostic tests

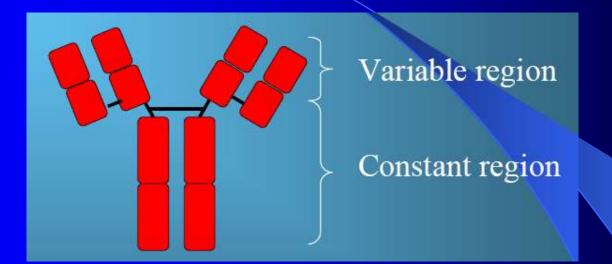
MONOCLONAL

Derived from a single B cell clone

mAb offer Reproducible, Predictable & Potentially inexhaustible supply of Ab with exquisite specificity

Enable the development of secure immunoassay systems & Therapeutical strategies

Structure of an Antibody

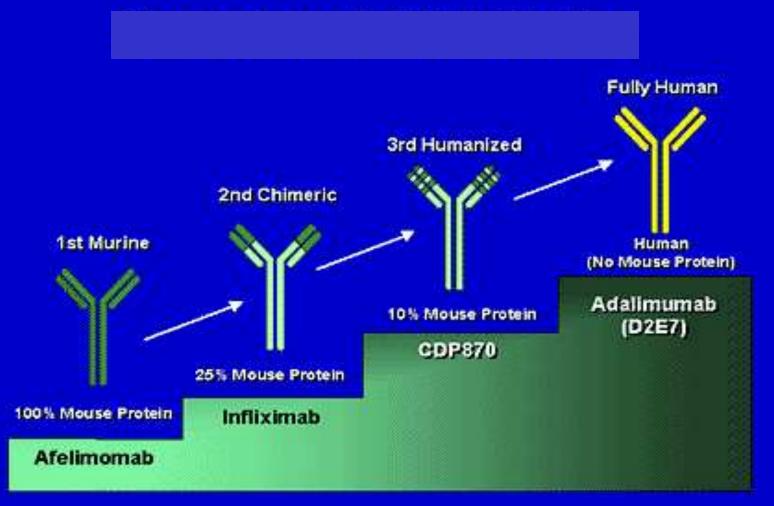


 Three globular regions of the protein form a Y-shape
 Region of the protein at the tip of the arms is variable and the remainder of the protein is constant
 The two antigen-binding sites are at the tips of the arms
 Composed of two types of protein chain: heavy chains and light chains

mAb designed for Immunotherapy

- A. <u>Murine source mAbs</u> with excellent affinities and specificities. Clinical efficacy compromised by HAMA (human anti murine antibody) response, which lead to allergic or immune complex hypersensitivities.
- B. <u>Chimeric mAbs</u>: chimers combine the human constant regions with the intact rodent variable regions. Affinity and specificity unchanged. Also cause human anti-chimeric antibody response.
- C. <u>Humanized mAbs</u>: contain only the complementarity determining regions (CDRs) of the rodent variable region grafted onto human variable region framework.

EVOLUTION OF MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY





U.S. Food and Drug Administration

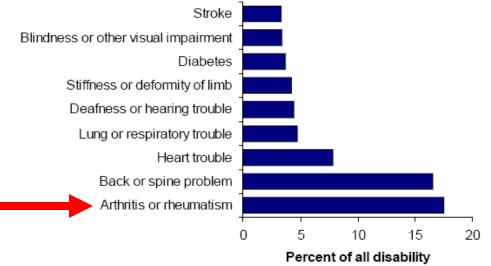


Company Name	Name of Product ⁽¹⁾	Indications	Date of FDA Approval	Antibody Type ⁽²⁾
Ortho Biotech	Orthoclone-OKT®	Organ Transplant Rejection	1986	М
J&J/Eli Lilly	ReoPro®	Acute Cardiac Conditions	1994	С
BiogenIdec/Genentech/Roche	Rituxan®	Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	1997	С
BiogenIdec	Zevalin™	Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	2002	М
PDLI	Zenapax®	Acute Transplant Rejection	1997	Н
MedImmune/Abbott	Synagis®	Viral Respiratory Disease	1998	Н
Genentech/Roche	Herceptin® Avastin ®	Breast Cancer Colorectal Cancer	1998 2004	H H
J & J	Remicade®	Crohn's, Rheumatoid Arthritis	1998	С
Novartis	Simulect®	Acute Transplant Rejection	1998	С
Wyeth	Mylotarg [™]	Acute Myleoid Leukemia	2000	Н
Schering /ILEX Oncology	Campath ®	Chronic Lymphocytic	2001	н
Abbott/CAT	Humira [™]	Leukemia Rheumatoid Arthritis	2002	PD
Novartis/Genentech/Tanox	Xolair®	Asthma	2003	Н
Genentech/Xoma	Raptiva™	Psoriasis	2003	Н
Corixa/GlaxoSmithKline	Bexxar®	Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	2003	М
BMS/ImClone Systems	Erbitux ™	Colorectal Cancer	2004	С

Rheumatoid Arthritis



Figure 3: Main cause of disability of civilian non-institutionalized people age 18 and over, %, 1999



Source: CDC. Prevalence of disabilities and associated health conditions among

adults---United States, 1999. MMWR 2001;50:120--5.

Rheumatic Disease Data for the United States

An estimated 40 million people in the United States have arthritis or other rheumatic conditions 1 in 6 people in the US have arthritis

By the year 2020, this number is expected to reach 59 million

Rheumatic diseases are the leading cause of disability among adults age 65 and older



Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)

Common human autoimmune disease
 Chronic inflammation of the joints and infiltration by blood-derived cells
 Progressive destruction of cartilage and bone

 invasion by cellular synovial tissue
 cytokine induction of destructive enzymes,

matrix metalloproteinases (MMP)

Prognosis of RA

Long-term prognosis: poor

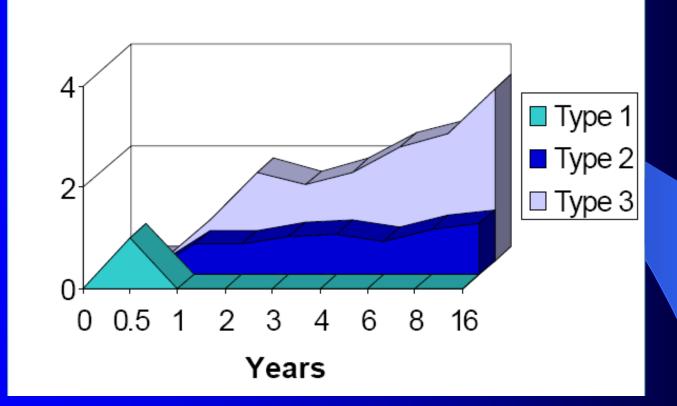
- 80% of patients are disabled after 20 years
- life expectancy is reduced by 3-18 years

 Disease modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD) like methotrexate or steroids

- limited efficacy and many side effects
- do not improve long-term prognosis

Efforts to develop safer and more effective treatments

Clinical Course of RA



Type 1 = Self-limited—5% to 20% Type 2 = Minimally progressive—5% to 20% Type 3 = Progressive—60% to 90%

RA Progression

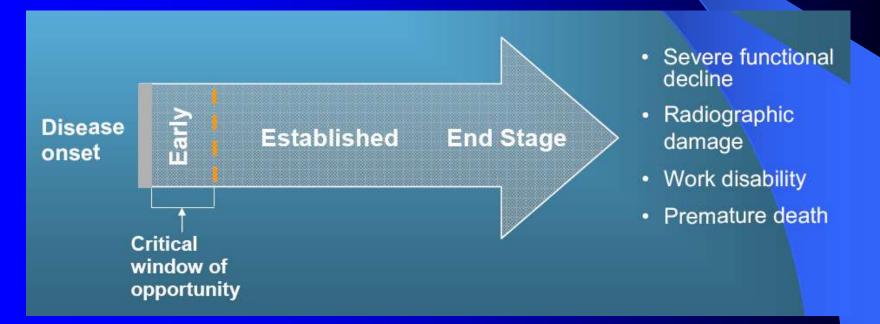


Early RA Intermediate Late Inflammation Disability Severity (arbitrary units) Radiographs © ACR 5 10 15 25 30 0 20 **Duration of Disease (years)**

Radiographic Monitoring

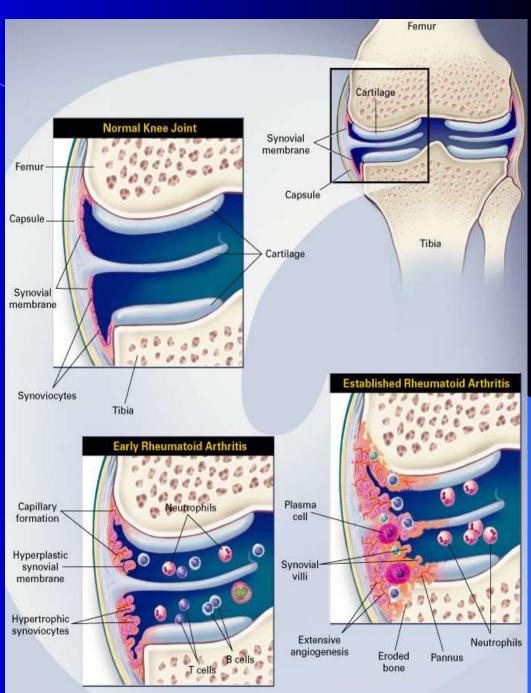
Critical Window for Treating RA

 Radiographic progression occurs early and continues over the lifetime of a patient
 70% of patients have radiographic damage within the first 3 years

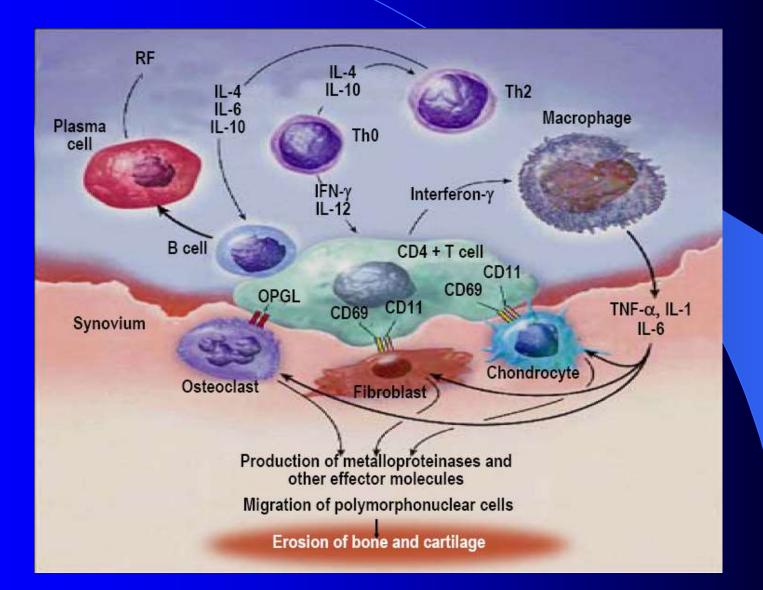


Rheumatoid Arthritis

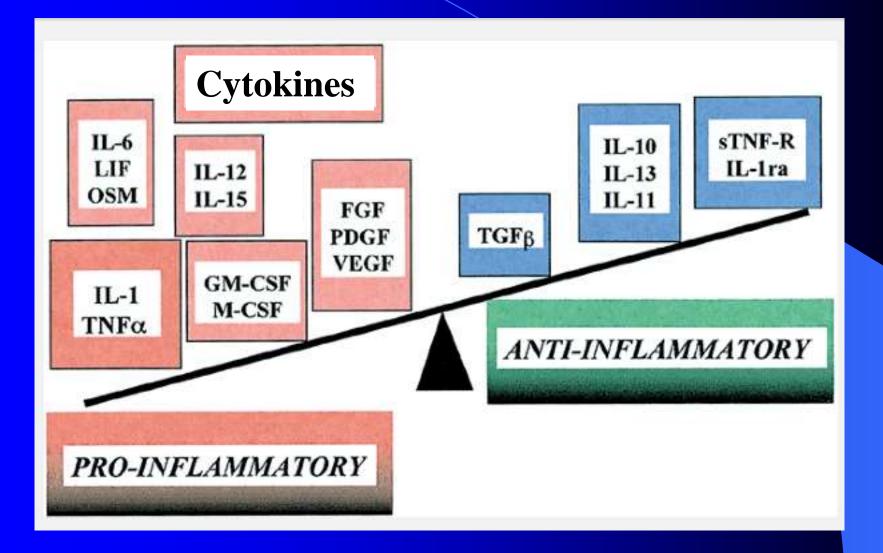
- hyperplasia of synovial tissue
- ✓ Neovascularization
- chronic inflammatory disease of the joints
- accumulation of large numbers of leukocytes within the inflamed synovium
- ✓ cartilage and bone damage



Cytokine Signaling Pathways in RA



Role of Cytokines in RA

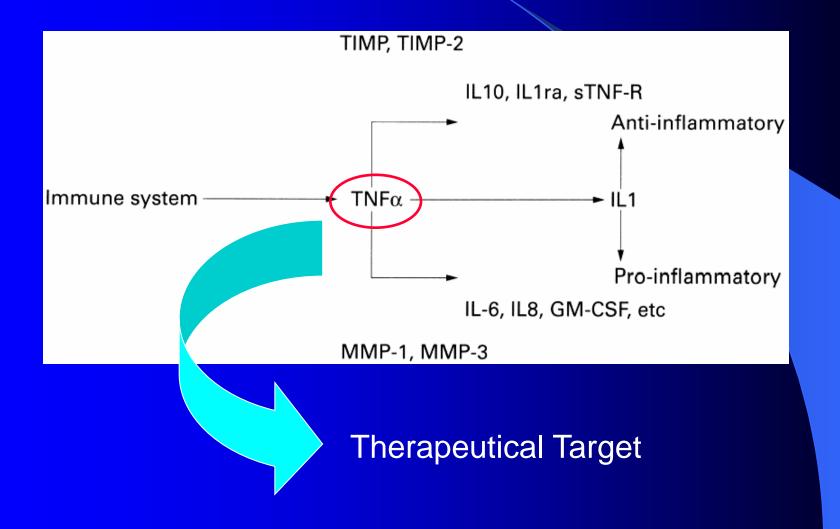


Cytokine Sources, Targets, Levels and Damage

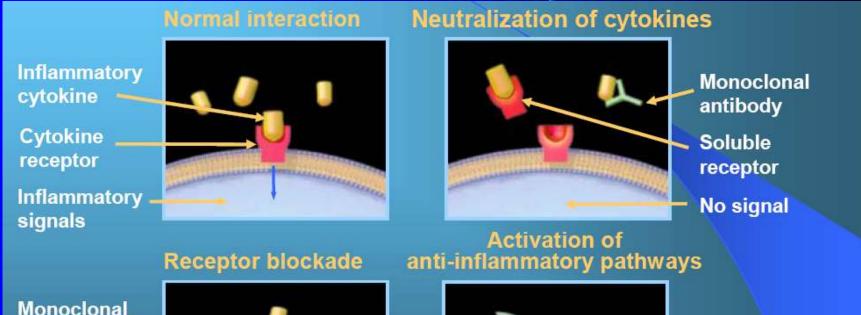
Cytokine	Source	Target	Abundance	Effect on Inflammation or Tissue Damage
TNF	М	Multiple	+++	+++
IL-1β	M	Multiple	+++	+++
IL-6	M, F	Multiple	++	++
IL-8	Multiple	Neutrophils	++	++
IL-10	M, T	Т	++	-
IL-12	M	Т	+	++
IL-15	F, M	Т	+	++
IL-2	Т	Т	+/-	+
IL-17	Т	F	+	++
IFN-γ	Т	Multiple	+	++
TGF-β	Multiple	T	++	-
GM-CSF	М, Т	Multiple	++	++

* TNF indicates tumor necrosis factor; IL, interleukin; IFN, interferon; TGF, transforming growth factor; GM-CSF, granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor; M, monocyte/macrophage; F, fibroblast; T, T lymphocyte; –, inhibitory effect; +, low abundance/mild effect; ++, moderate abundance/moderate effect; and +++, high abundance/high effect.

Role of Cytokines in RA (continued)

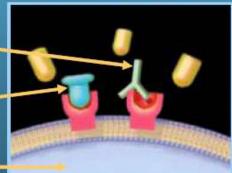


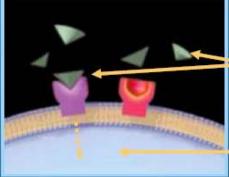
Strategies for Inhibition of Cytokine Action (Current Drug Strategies)



antibody Receptor antagonist

No signal –

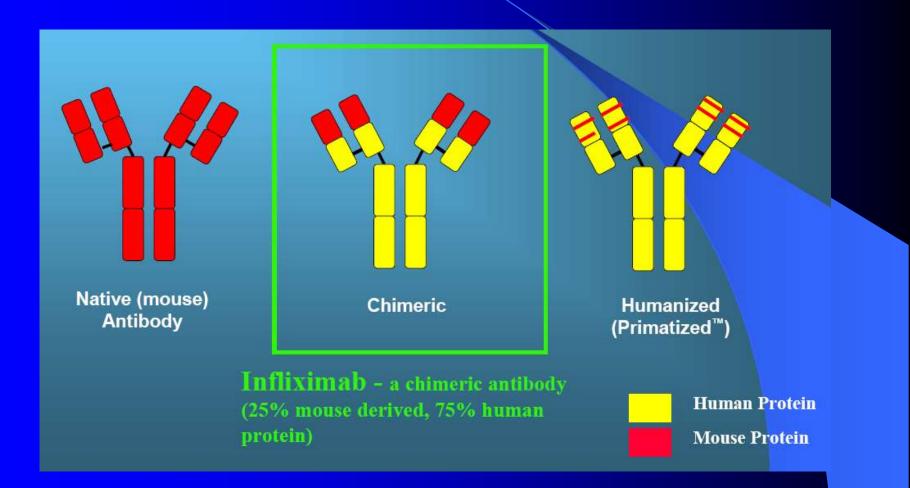




Anti-inflammatory cytokine

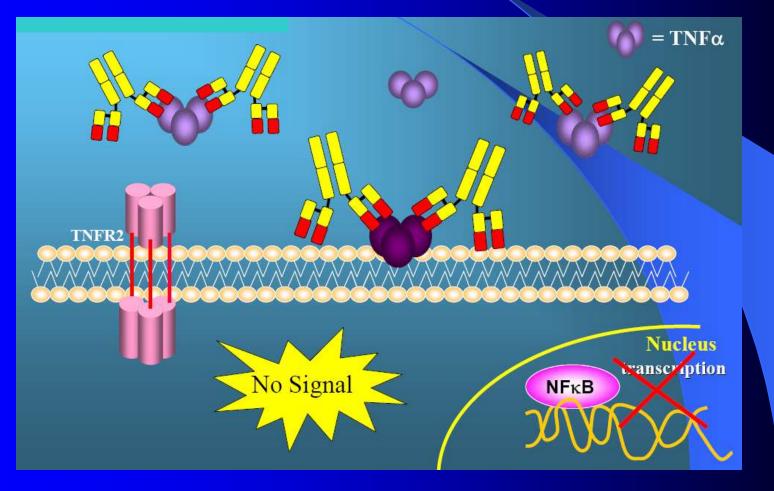
Suppression of inflammatory cytokines

Structure of Infliximab (Remicade®)



Infliximab: Mechanism of Action

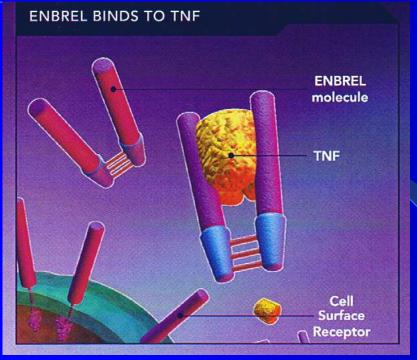
Binds and neutralizes both soluble and membrane bound TNFα -inhibits further activity



Safety and Side Effects of Infliximab Use

- Most common: infusion reactions (itching, nausea), headache & abdominal pain.
- Increased risk of serious infection due to immunosuppression
- Upper respiratory tract infections (tuberculosis)
- Increased risk of non-Hodgkins lymphoma
- ✓ Lupus
- Immunogenicity: patient develops HAMA (human antimouse antibodies) towards Infliximab

Currently Available TNF Inhibitors



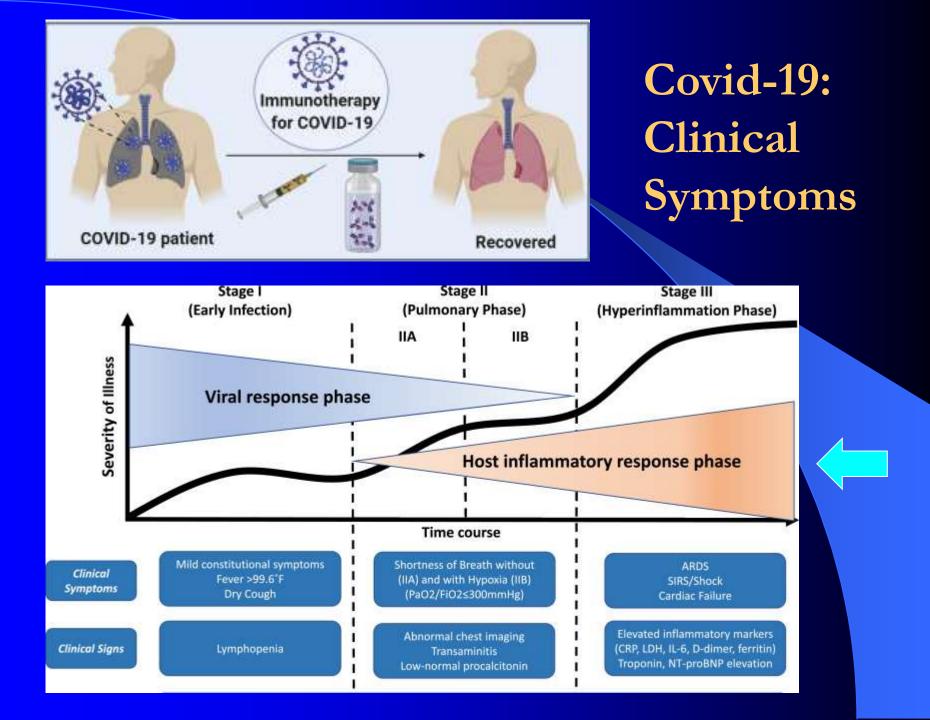
- Etanercept: Soluble receptor
- Adalimumab: Human MAb
- Infliximab: Murine/human MAb



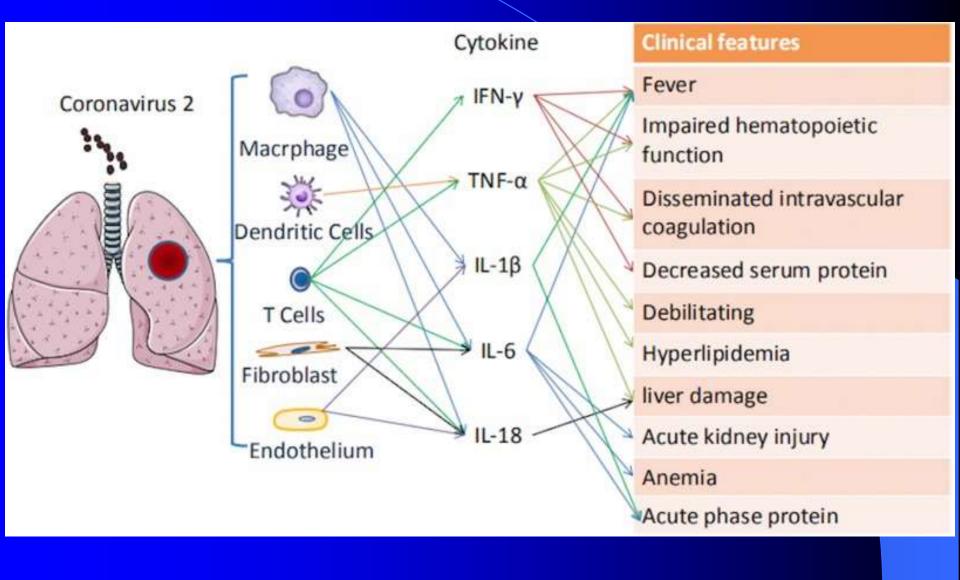
Other Uses for Anti-TNF_{\alpha}

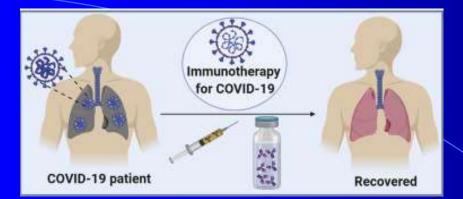
Autoimmunity	Infectious Agents	Tumours	Other
Crohn's Disease	HIV infection	Angiogenesis	Asthma
Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus	Septic shock	Ovarian cancer	Graft Versus Host Disease (GVHD)
Multiple Schlerosis	Hepatitis C	Lymphoma	Glomerulonephritis
Rheumatoid Arthritis			Pancreatitis

* Conditions associated with overproduction of TNFα*



Covid-19: Inflammatory Cytokines





Covid-19: Immune Therapy

Targeting specific inflammatory molecules & pathways IL-1β, IL-6, TNF-α, GM-CSF,...

Passive immunotherapy

- Convalescent plasma therapy
- Hyperimmune globulin therapy
- Neutralizing monoclonal antibody therapy



Immunomodulatory therapy Intravenous immunoglobulin

Treg targeted therapies?

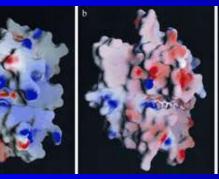
Cellular immunotherapy NK cell therapy

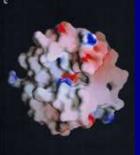
Small Molecule Anti-TNFa Agents in Development

Class of Inhibitor	Product	Company	Clinical Status
p38 Kinase	BIRB796	Boehringer Ingelheim	Phase 2
TACE	BMS-561392	Bristol Myers	Phase 2
Thalomid	Thalidomide	Celgene	Phase 3
Rationally Designed L-amino acid peptide	RDP58	Sangstat Medical	Phase 2



Crystal structure of the catalytic domain of human tumor necrosis factor- -converting enzyme





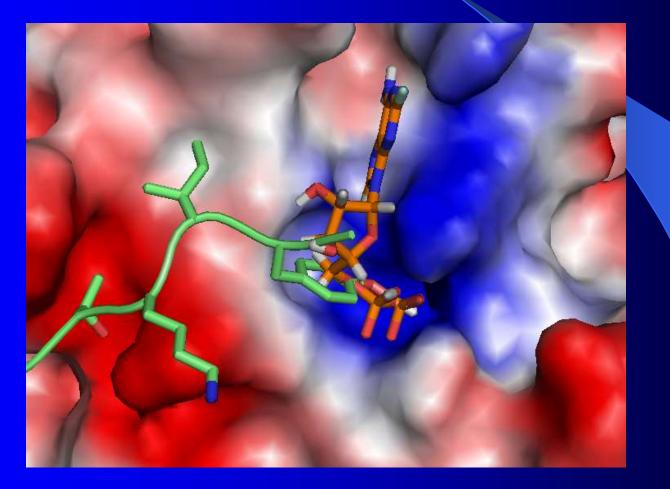
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Small Molecule Approaches to Anti-TNF-α Therapy

Potential Advantages of Small-Molecule, Oral TNF-α Inhibitors:

- Convenient, non-injectable with greater patient compliance
- Small molecule might facilitate tissue penetration
- Possibility for once a day dosing
- ✓ Non-immunogenic
- Easier manufacturing and lower cost
- Potential use in combination with other anti-inflammatory therapies.

Targeting STAT3 as a novel strategy to treat cancer

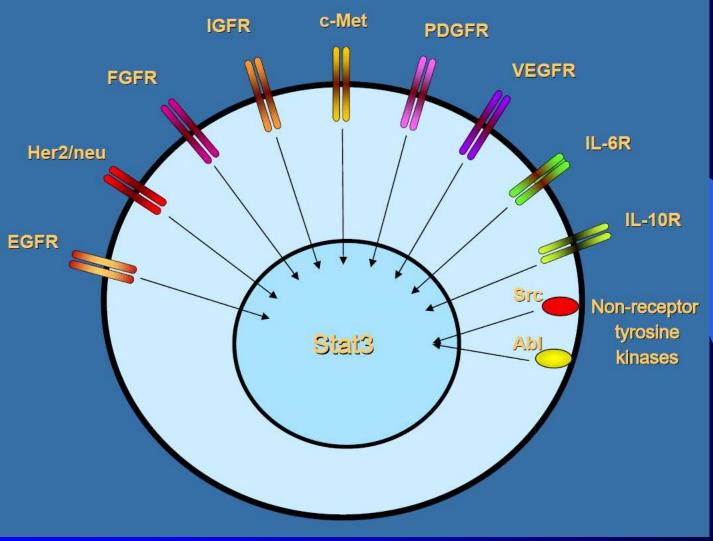


STAT3: A target for many human cancers 50-90% STAT3 activation in:

Solid Tumors	
Prostate cancer	STAT3
Non-small Cell Lung cancer	STAT3
Breast cancer	STAT3, STAT5
Head and Neck cancer	STAT3
Melanoma	STAT3
Ovarian cancer	STAT3
Pancreatic cancer	STAT3
Glioma	STAT3
Stomach Cancer	STAT3
Cervical Cancer	STAT3
Blood Tumors	and the second
Multiple Myeloma	STAT3
Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML)	STAT3, STAT5
Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML)	STAT5
Burkitt's Lymphoma	STAT3
Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma	STAT3
Cutaneous T cell Lymphoma	STAT3

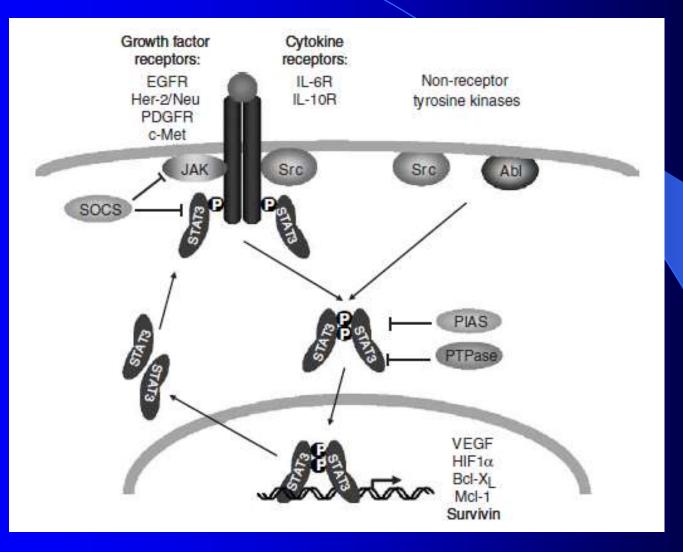
Hua Yu - Marcin Kortylewski et al., 2007

STAT3: Point of convergence in oncogenic signaling



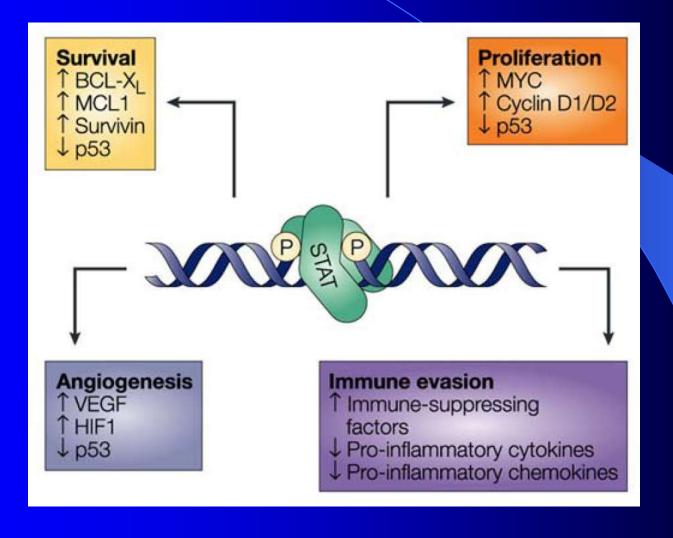
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STAT3 activation in Cancer



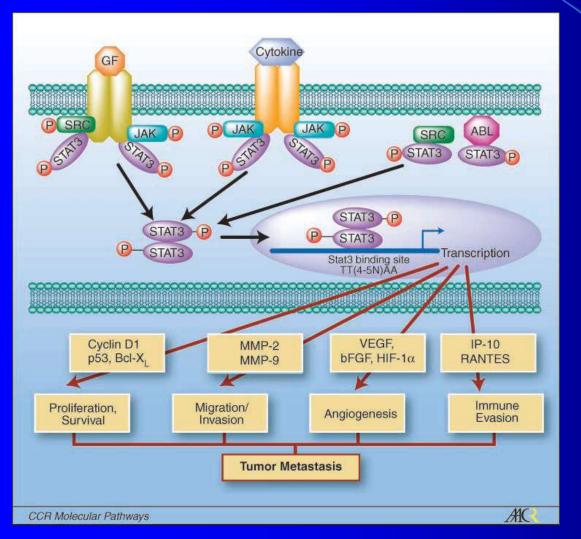
Kortylewski M. and Yu H., 2007

Multiple roles of STAT3 activation in tumor cells



Yu et al., 2007

Role of STAT3 in Oncogenesis & Tumor Metastasis



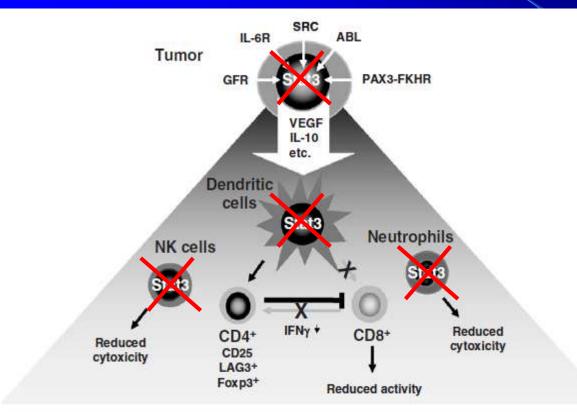
STAT3: a novel multi-functional protein involved in

tumor development tumor progression tumor-induced immuno suppression metastasis

in different types of cancer.

STAT3 in Cancer

Solid Tumors



- Small molecule inhibitors compounds phosphopeptides peptidomimetics

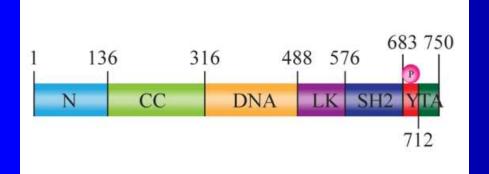
- Gene therapy DN-STAT3 SOCS3

- RNAi + targeting vectors

- Combination therapy Immune therapy

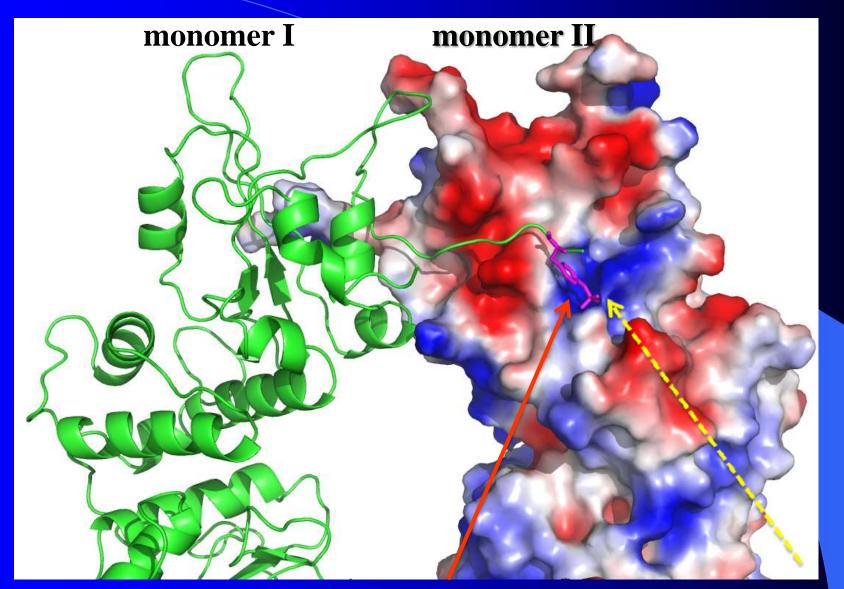
Inhibition of tumor development + progression

STAT activation and dimerization



pSTAT1-pSTAT1 homodimer

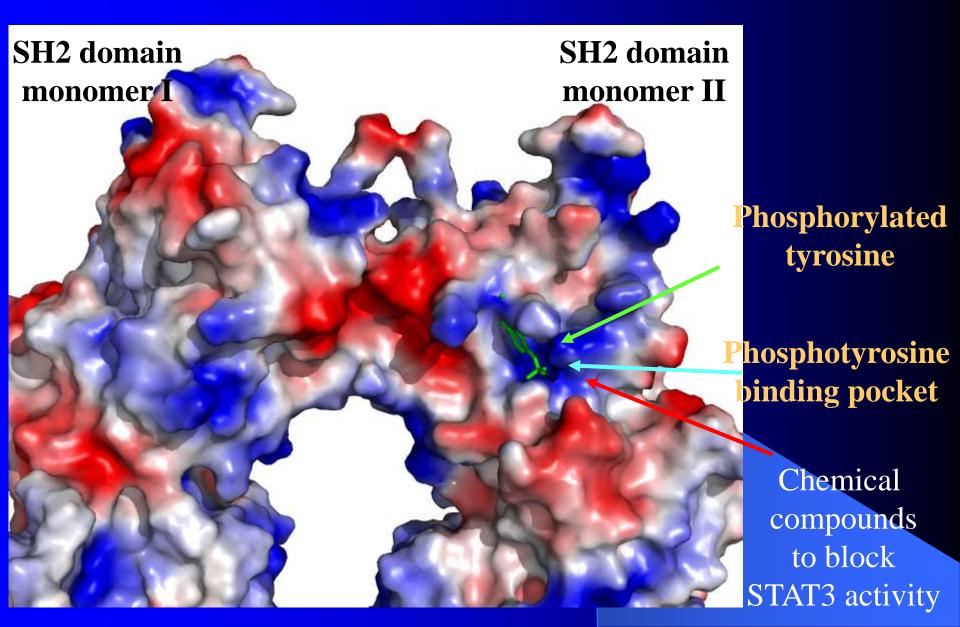




pTyr binding pocket in SH2 domain

Phosphorylated tyrosine

Structural information STAT3

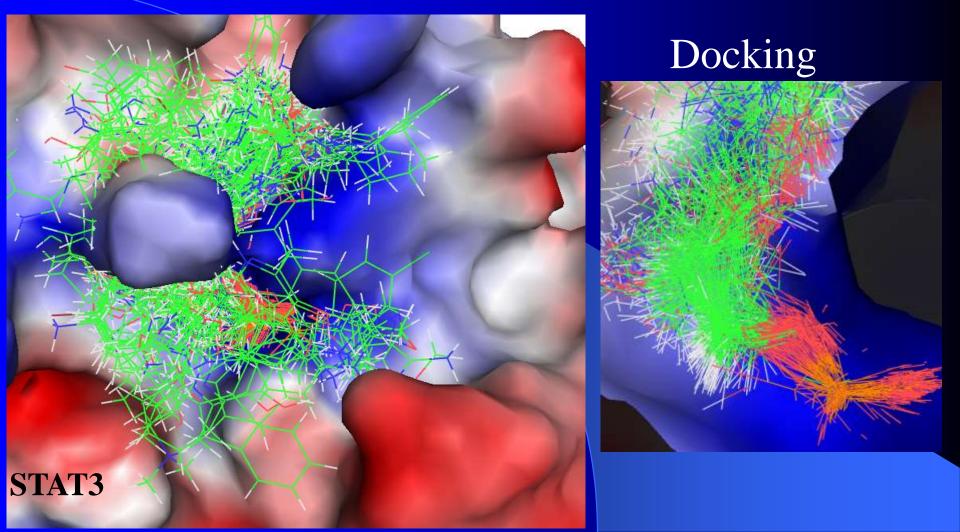


Screening Compound Libraries

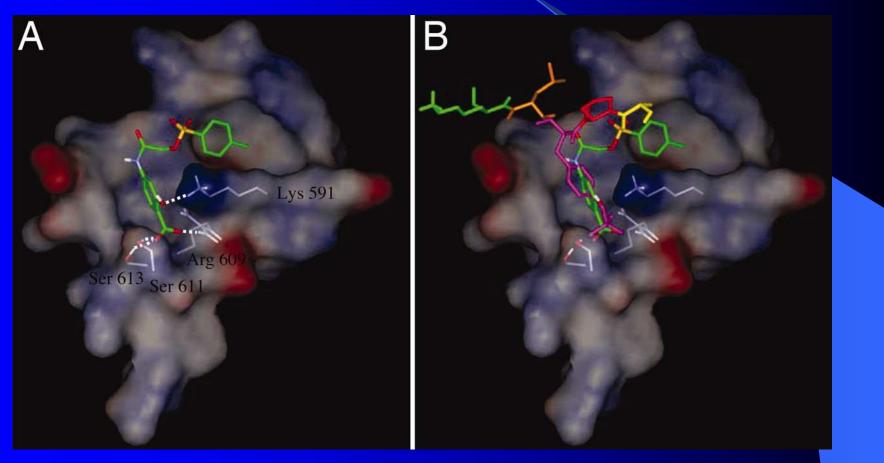
 Synthesize chemical compound library biological selection screening

 Structural modeling + Virtual Screening virtual selection screening biological selection subscreening

Application of computational modelling in virtual screening to identify STAT3 inhibitory compounds from a chemical database

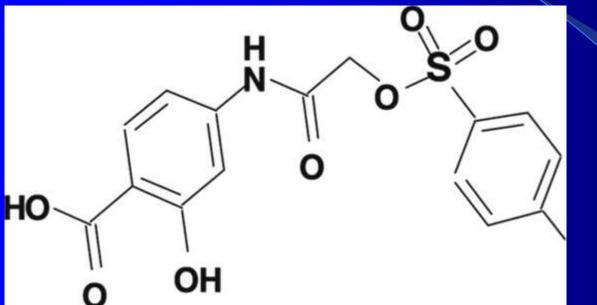


Application of computational modeling in virtual screening to identify the compound S3I-201 from a chemical database



Siddiquee K. et.al. PNAS 2007;104:7391-7396

STAT3 inhibitory compound



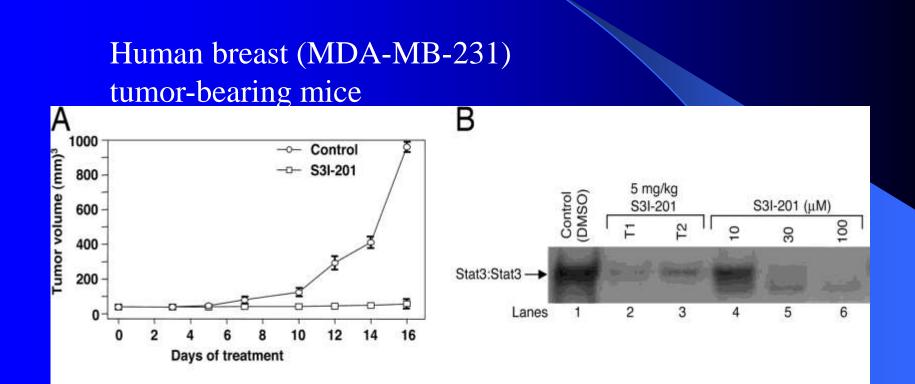
Dimerization

DNA binding

NSC 74859 (S3I-201)

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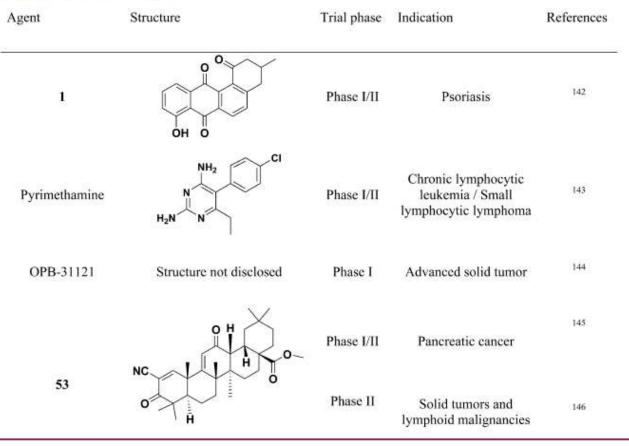
In vivo Tumor growth inhibition by S3I-201



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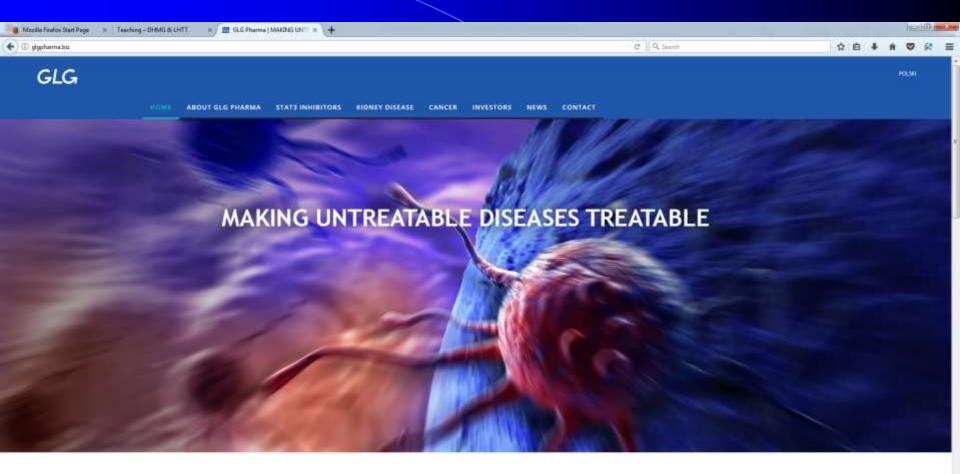
STAT3 inhibitors in clinical trials

Table 9. Stat3 Inhibitors in Clinical Trials



Debnath et al., 2012





STAT3 INHIBITORS

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GLG Pharma's therapies are based on unique small molecules and formulations that inhibit dysfunctional STAT3



STAT3 Mediated Diseases Result from Uncontrolled STAT3 Activation

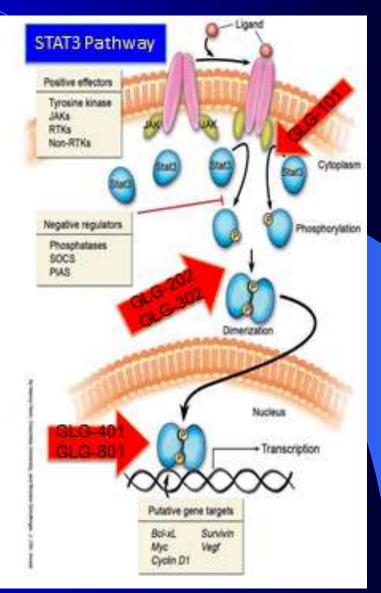
Activation of STAT3 PROTEIN is essential for

- cell growth
- division
- apoptosis

Normal cell: activation is switched on/off by positive effectors & negative regulators

Diseased cell: switch stays on, process occurs constantly at high levels, keeping cells growing & dividing uncontrollably

Diseases: Kidney disease, cancer, psoriasis



GLG Pharma: Pipeline

There are currently 12 STAT3 inhibitors in the GLG Pharma pipeline.

Phase II clinical trials are currently underway with GLG-801 for chronic lymphatic leukemia (CLL). It is anticipated that Phase II studies will be completed in 2016 and Phase III clinical trials will begin in 2017 in the United States, Poland, Germany and France.

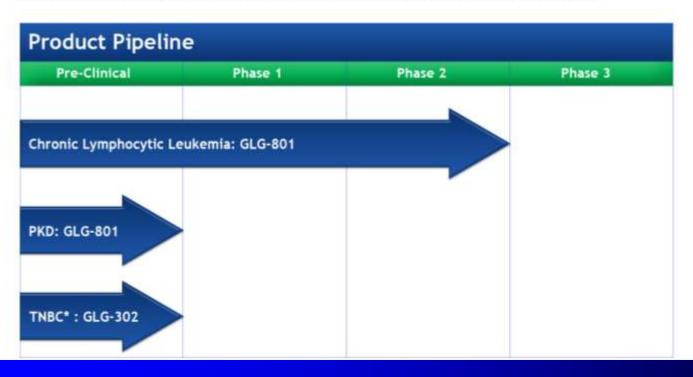
Pre-clinical work on GLG-801 has been completed for polycystic kidney disease and Phase I clinical trials are planned for 2016.

Pre-clinical work on GLG-302 for the treatment of triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) has been completed. Phase I clinical trials are planned for. 2016.

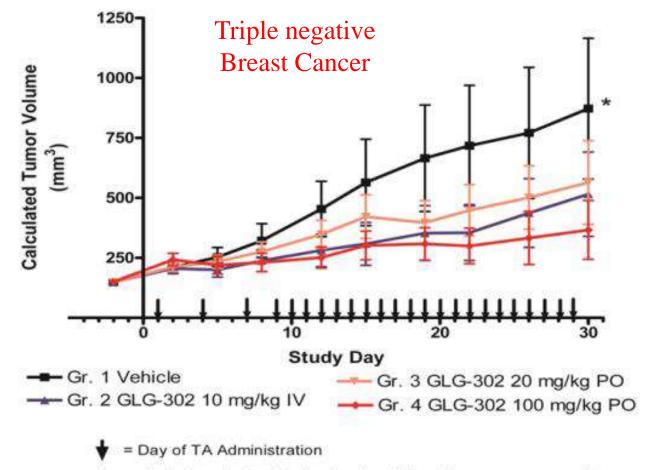
A number of toxicity studies are being completed for several indications

A unique diagnostic tool has been developed to identify promising candidates for STAT3 inhibitor therapy and monitor patient's progress.

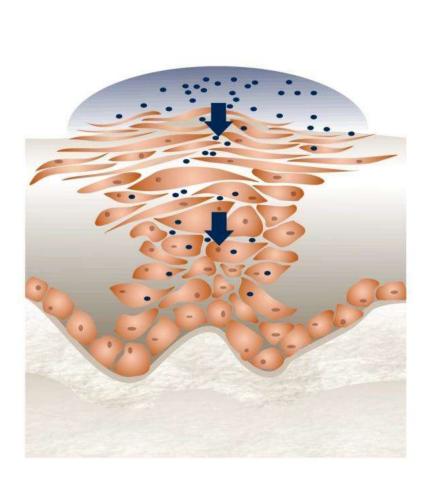
Because there is no current effective treatment for these diseases, regulatory approval processes should be accelerated

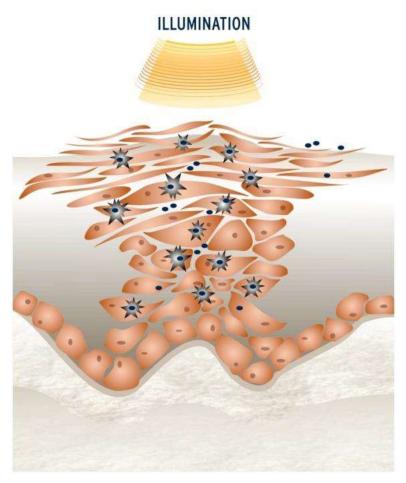


0711-GLG-011 (BTS 11175-02) MDA-MB-231 Xenograft Study Examining GLG-302, IV or PO vs Vehicle Group Average of Individual Calculated Tumor Volume



 n = 9, single animal euthanized on Day 26 (post tumor measurement), per protocol and IACUC, due to excessive tumor size (> 2000 mm3; actual 2577 mm3), animal data was carried forward for analysis





Actinic keratosis Squamous cancer Treatment

7 day follow-up visit



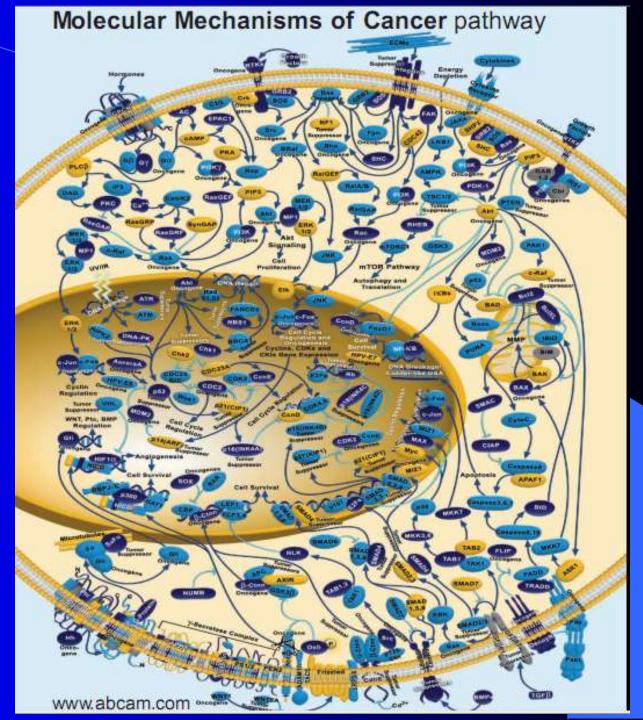
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US 2007/0191490 Al	Feb. 2007	Filed	Withacnistin Compounds for the Treatment of Cancer GLG - 101
11/701,722			
WO 2008/070697 A2	Jun. 2008	Filed	STAT3 Inhibitor Having Anti-Cancer Activity and Associated Methods - GLG-202
12/517,453			
European Patent No. 2120958	Mar. 2013	Issued	
Patent No. 7,960,434	Jun. 2011	Issued	Small Molecule Inhibitors of STAT3 with Anti-tumor – GLG- 302 and analogs
61/551,737	Oct. 2011	Filed	A Novel Platinum Compound That Inhibits Constitutive STAT3 Signaling and Induces Cell Cycle Arrest and Apoptosis of Malignant Cells – GLG-401
Patent No. 8,445,517	Mar. 2013	Issued	STAT Modulators - GLG-801 and others
61/533,379	Sept. 2011	Filed	Method and Compositions for Reducing Ischemic Stroke- Induced Damage to Neural Cells - GLG-302
Patent No. 8,133,692	Mar. 2012	Issued	Methods of predicting responsiveness to chemotherapeutic agents and selecting treatments - Diagnostic

CURRENT CORPORATE (see disclaimer) REVENUE PROJECTIONS

- GLG-801 + Diagnostic for CLL and ADPKD \$728MM 3-5 years
- GLG-302 + Diagnostic for CLL and ADPKD \$4.5 BB 4-8 Years

Inhibiting Signaling Pathways as a novel strategy to treat

Cancer & Inflammatory Diseases



Pipeline: administration method and molecule type, 2007

