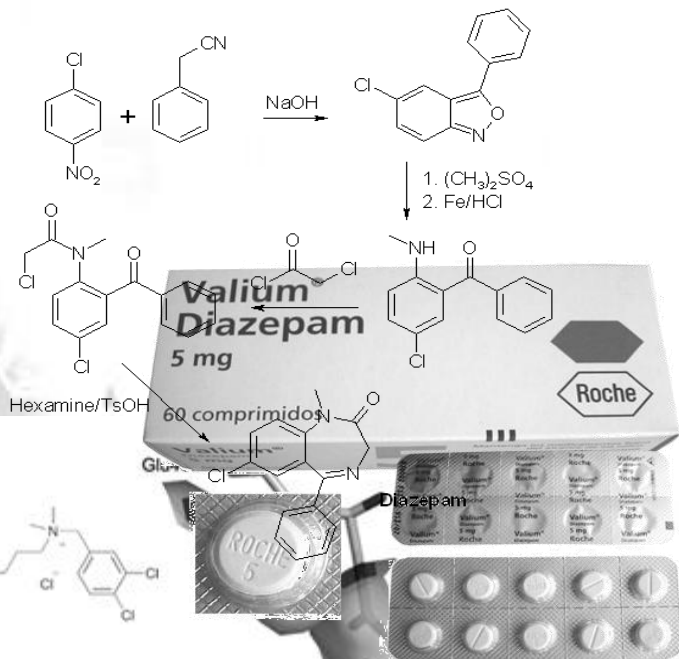
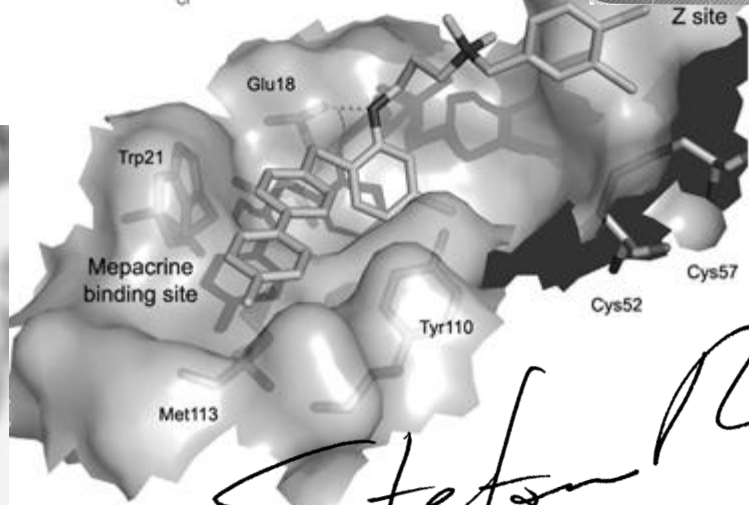
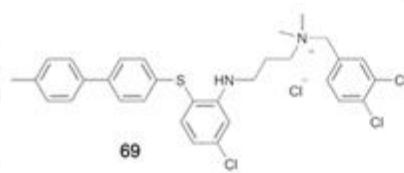


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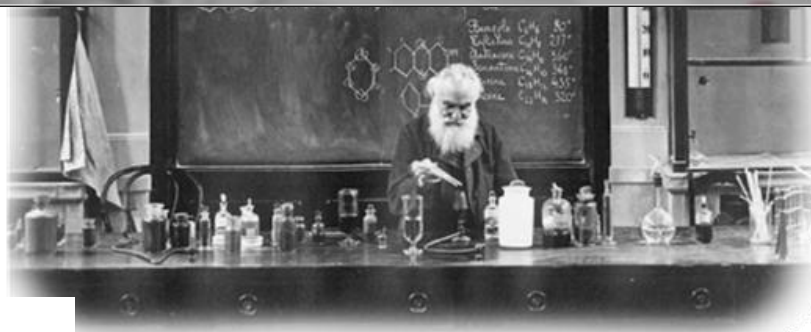
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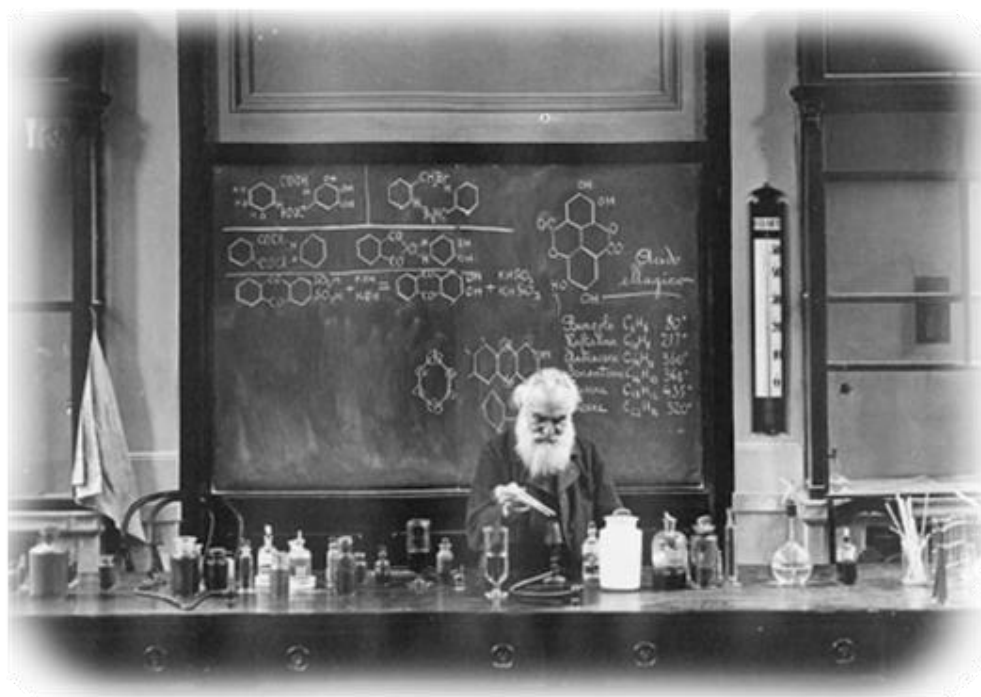
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## Obiettivi del percorso formativo:

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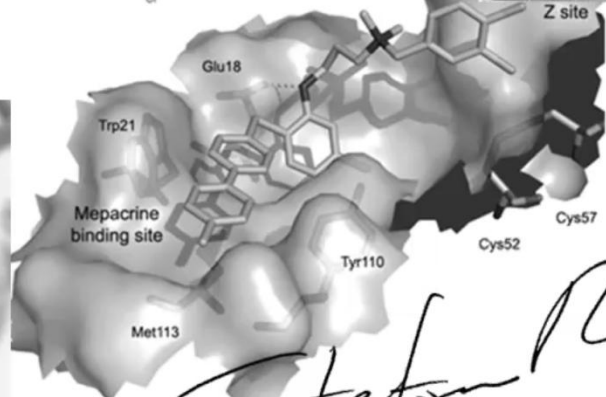
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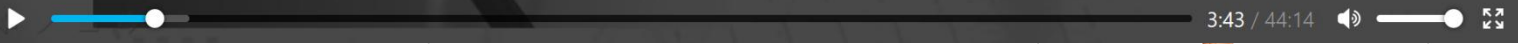
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# Menù (turistico) del *trimestre* di CF

## **Parte prima: generale**

***Farmaco e dintorni: dal concetto di entità chimica a quello di farmaco***

## **Parte seconda: casi di studio**





# Are you ready to start?

*good luck!*



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PENSI DELL'S  
MARZO?



CHE PER NOI MASCHI,  
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# how can we define a drug?



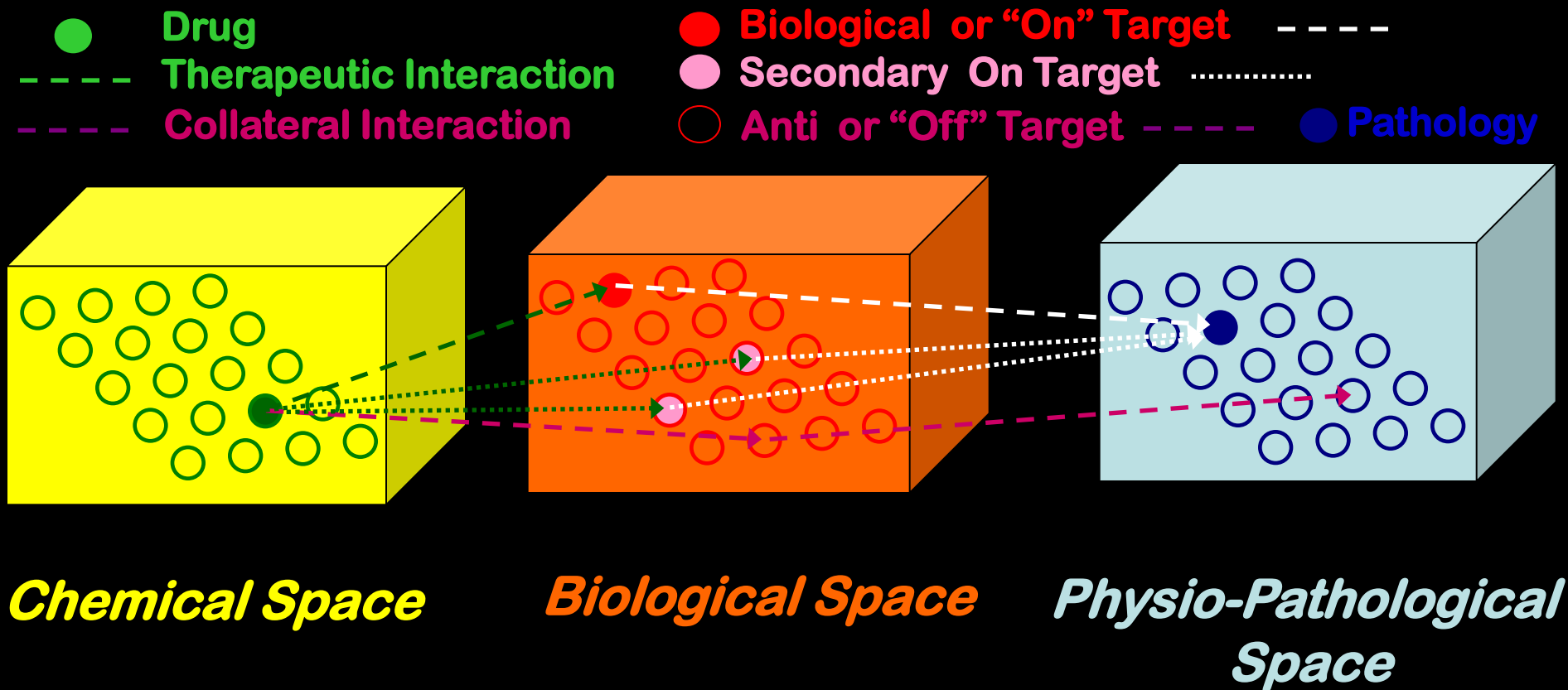
***Infantile Hemangioma***



***Propranolol***



# How we can schematize our definition?





## Summarizing:

### Biological or “On” Target:

*is a receptor, enzyme, or other cellular target that, when affected by a drug, causes the desired therapeutical effect.*

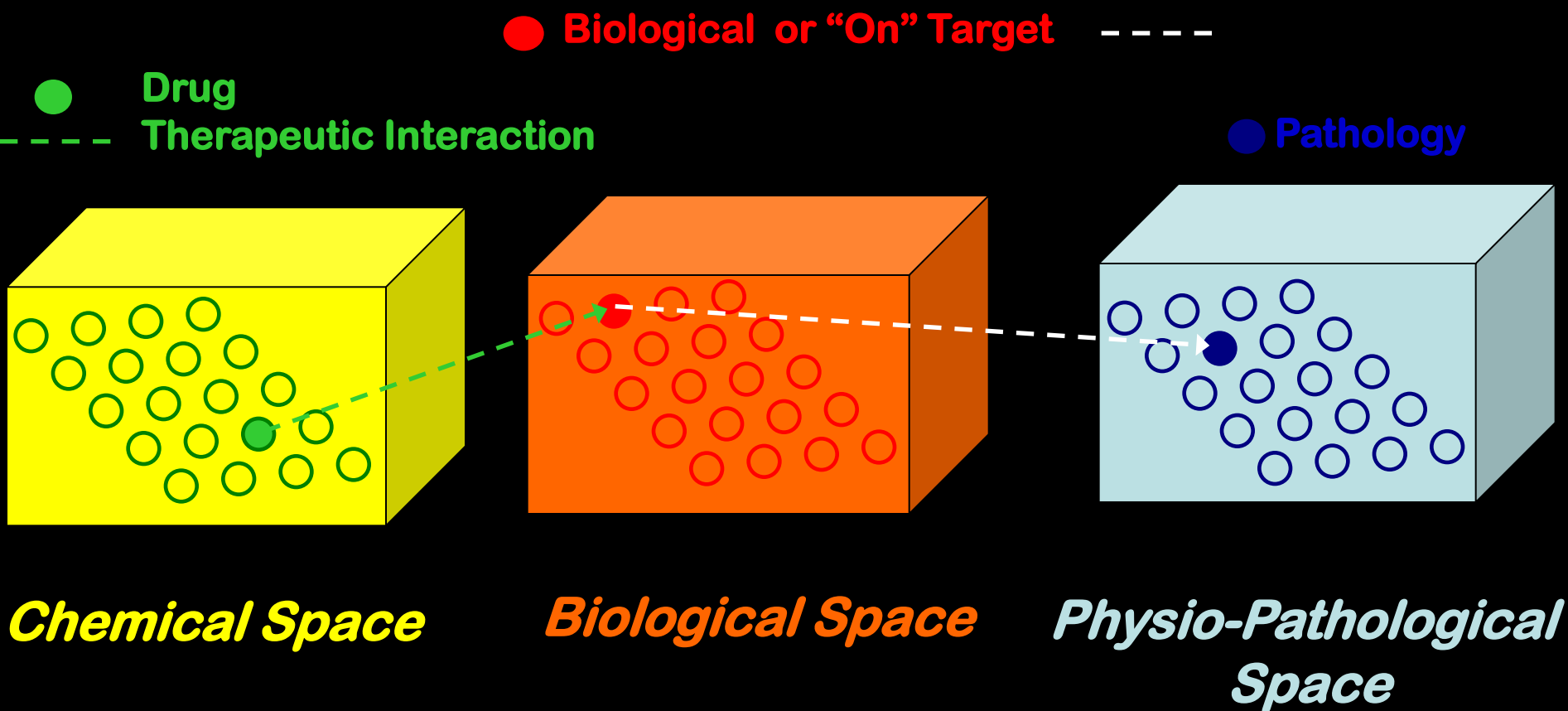


### Anti or “Off” Target:

*is a receptor, enzyme, or other cellular target that, when affected by a drug, causes undesirable side-effects.*



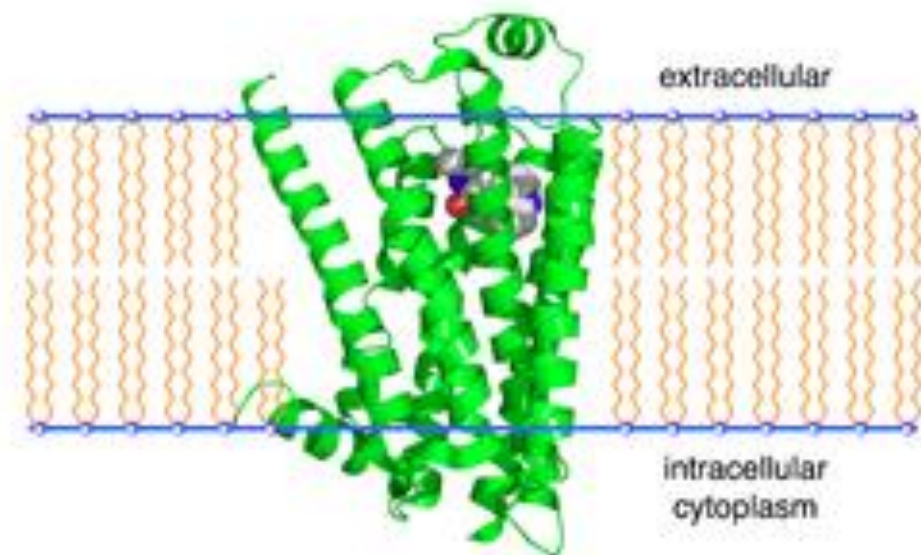
For a long long time we have considered as true this egoistic stoichiometry... 1 : 1 : 1



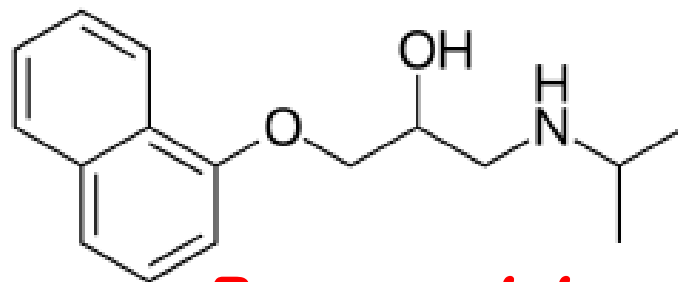
# Choose the best solution:



*Infantile Hemangioma*



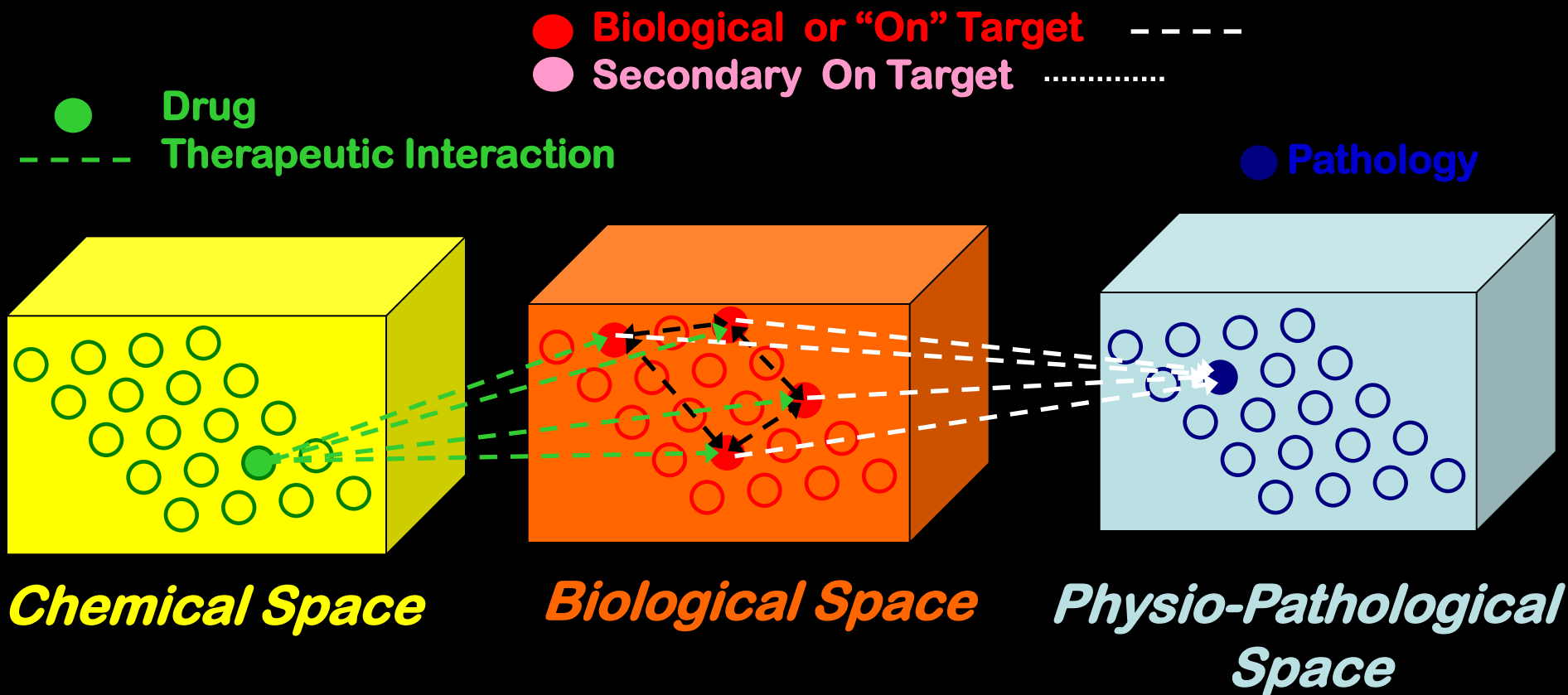
*Beta adrenergic receptors*



*Propranolol*



Now we have to change our mind: from *single-target* to *multi-targets* changing the stoichiometry to 1 : N : 1

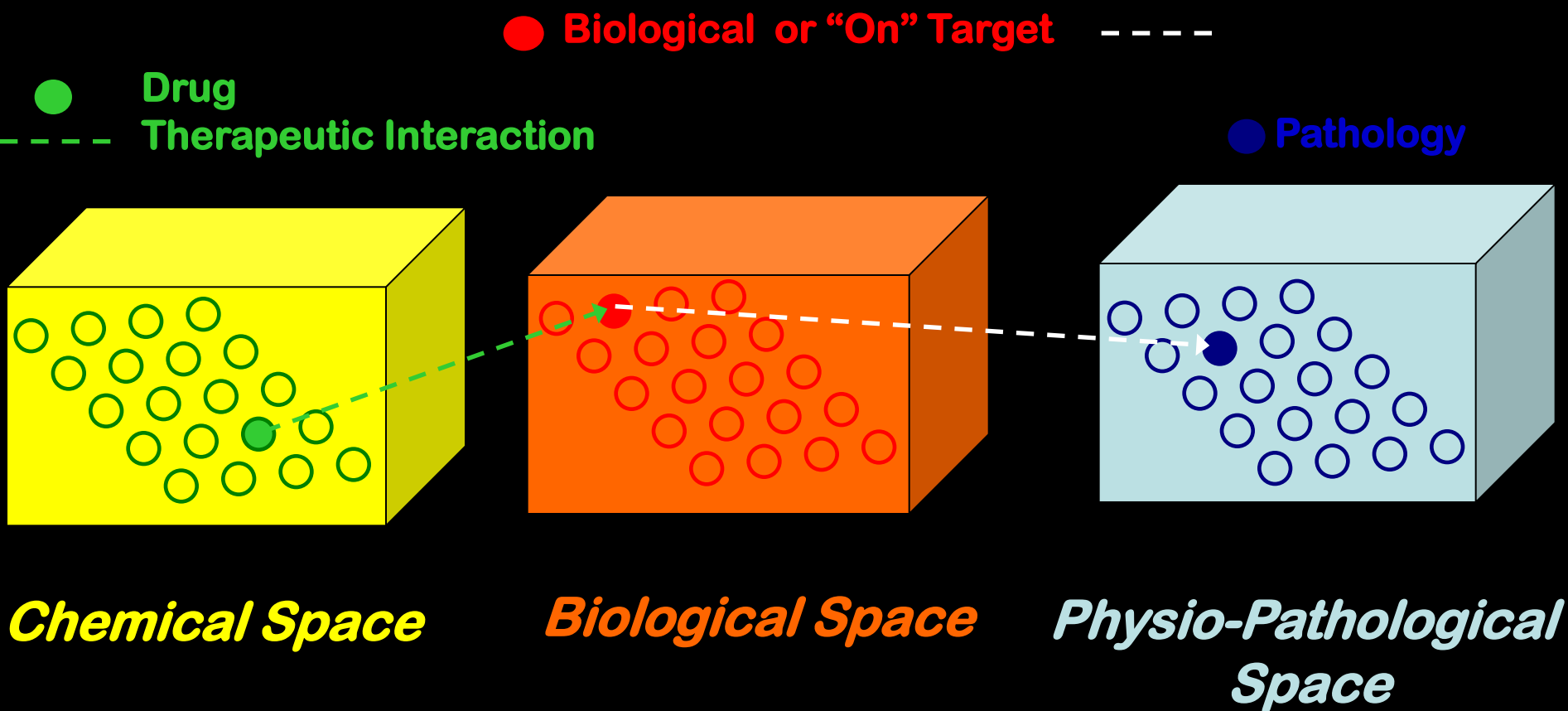


This is the era of *multi-target pharmacology*





As medicinal chemists we often reduce the complexity of drug's concept in this way:



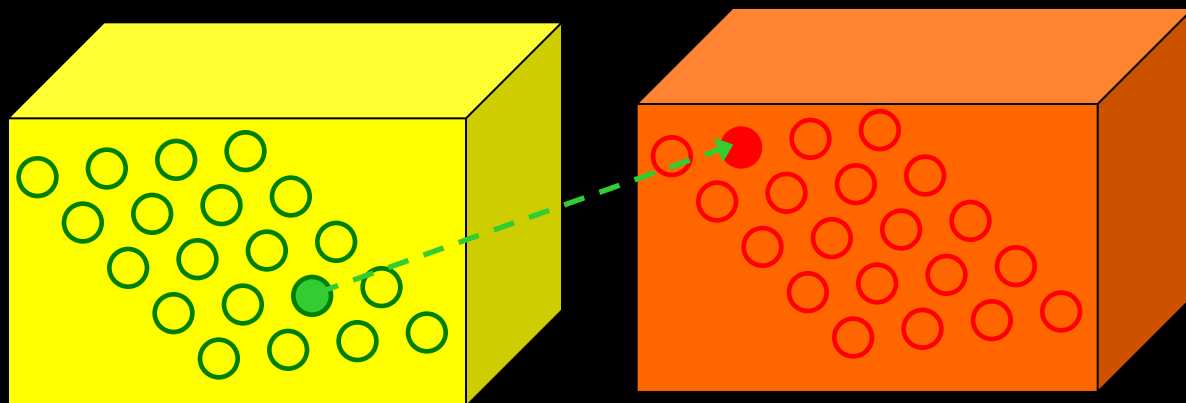


And very very often as medicinal chemists we pretend to oversimplify the complexity of drug's concept in this way:

● Biological or "On" Target

● Drug

--- Therapeutic Interaction

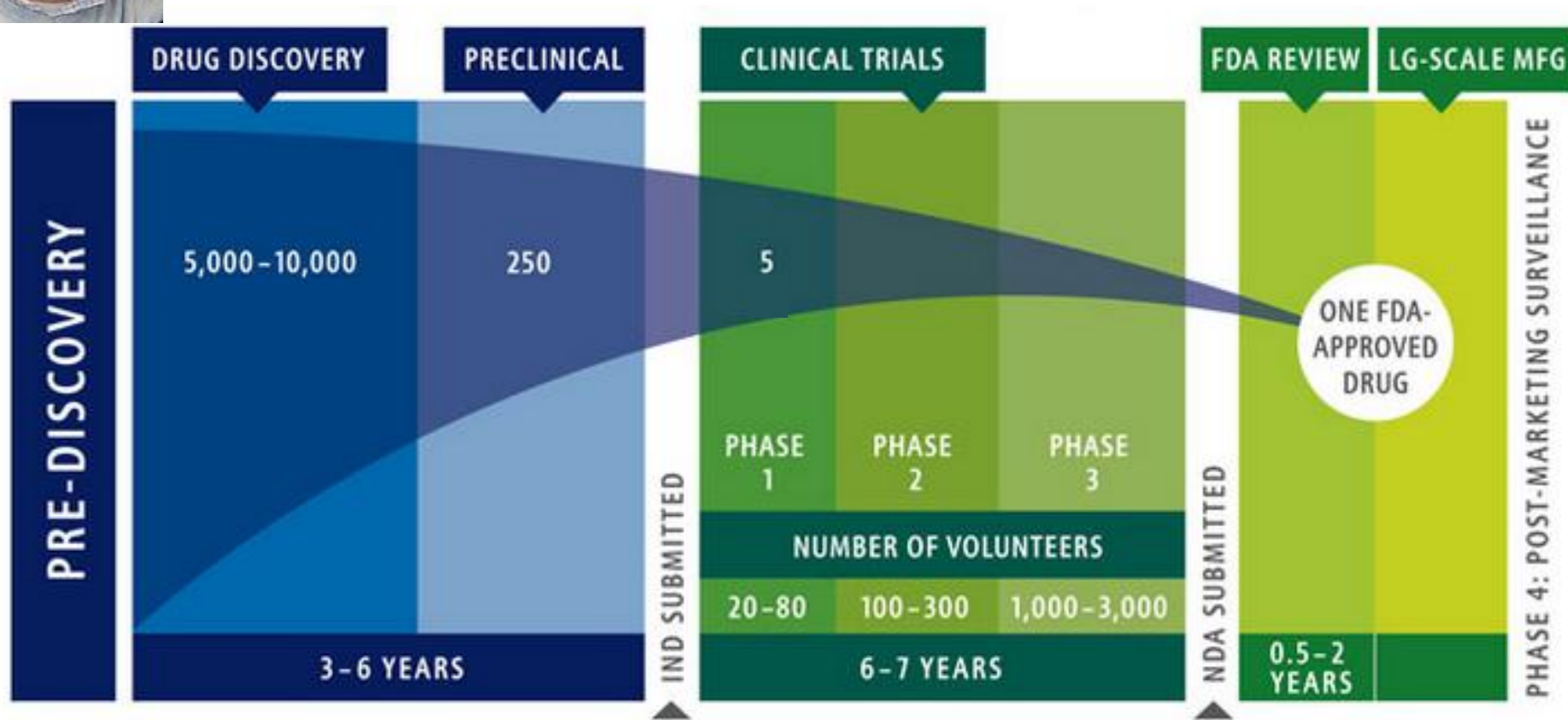


*Chemical Space*

*Biological Space*



# the long history of the birth of a drug...

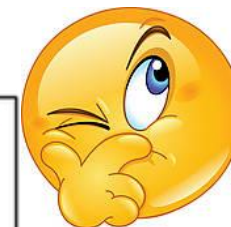
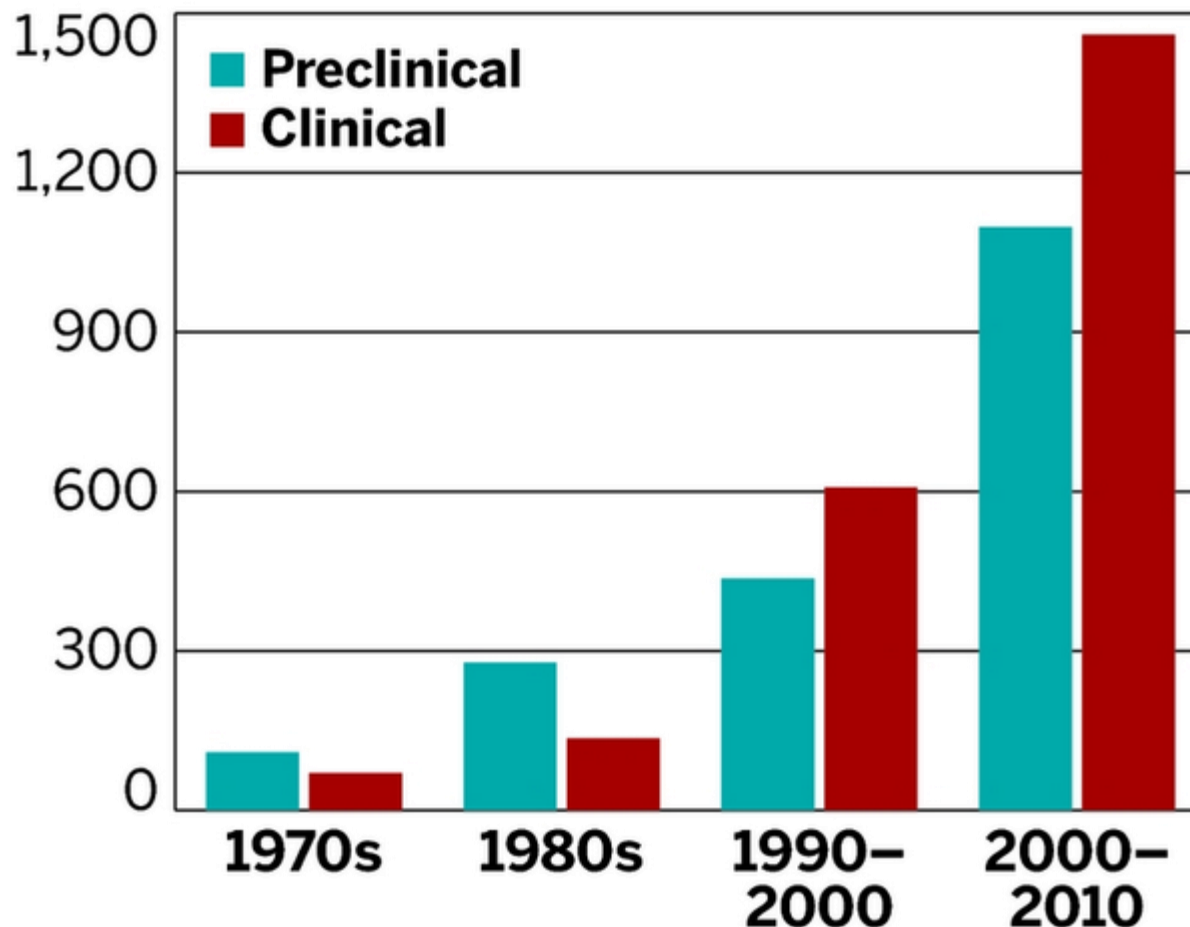


***Bringing a new drug to market can take 8-14 years and costs between \$500 and \$1000 million... or even more!!***



# Some details about costs:

Cost, \$ millions





The cost of developing a new drug has skyrocketed since the 1970s. *Source: Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development.*



## ***Some details about costs:***

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***You understand why it is so attractive to the pharmaceutical industry?***



## ***Some details about costs:***

***this is something nobody says!!!***

***The easiest way to see the cost of this time is to examine the opportunity investors lose by committing their money into the pharmaceutical research process as opposed to other possible investments. The alternative investment opportunity could be putting their money in a start-up internet company; perhaps the alternative investment opportunity is putting their money in a less risky asset such as an electric utility; or, perhaps both. If we use the broader market as the potential alternative investment opportunity, then it is possible to quantify the lost investment opportunity that potential investors forgo by investing their money in the risky pharmaceutical research process. Between 1964 and 2013 the average annual return of the S&P 500 was 9.9 percent. Investors, consequently, can earn a return of 9.9 percent on their money if they just invest in the market instead of investing their savings into the pharmaceutical research process.***

<b>Initial Investment</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<i>Annual growth in investment over R&amp;D timeframe</i>	
Year 1	\$109.89
Year 2	\$120.76
Year 3	\$132.71
Year 4	\$145.84
Year 5	\$160.27
Year 6	\$176.12
Year 7	\$193.55
Year 8	\$212.69
Year 9	\$233.73
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>\$256.86</b>
Year 11	\$282.27
Year 12	\$310.19
Year 13	\$340.88
Year 14	\$374.60
<b>Year 15</b>	<b>\$411.65</b>



# Drug discovery statistics:

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## 2020 FDA drug approvals

The FDA approved 53 novel drugs in 2020, the second highest count in over 20 years.

[Asher Mullard](#)



Despite the disruptions caused by COVID-19, the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) approved 53 novel therapeutics in 2020. This is the second highest total ever, falling just short of 2018's all-time high of 59, and tying with the 1996 approval cohort (Fig. 1).

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# Houston, we've had a problem here!

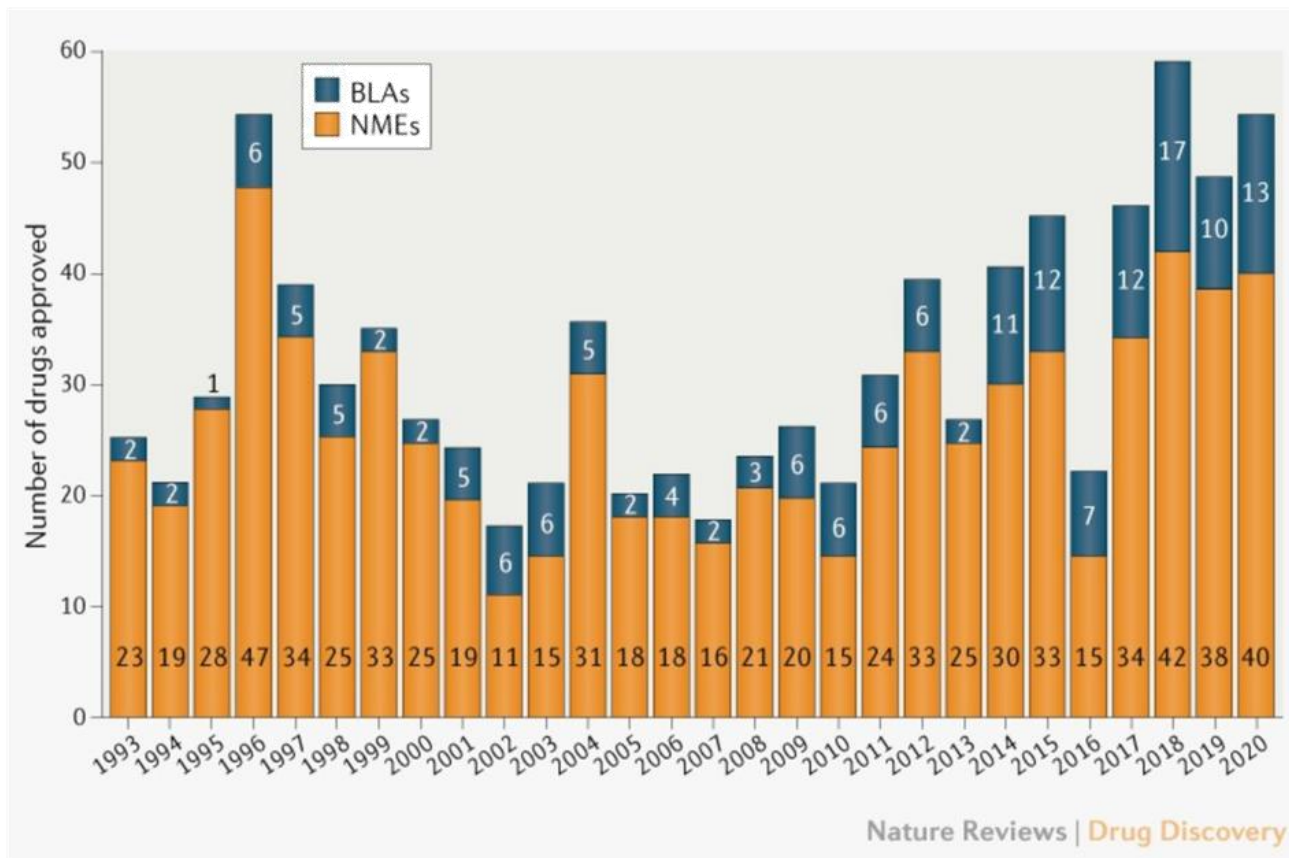


Fig. 1 | **Novel FDA approvals since 1993.** Annual numbers of new molecular entities (NMEs) and biologics license applications (BLAs) approved by the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER). See Table 1 for new approvals in 2020. Approvals by the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), for products such as vaccines and gene therapies, are not included in this drug count (see Table 2). Source: FDA.

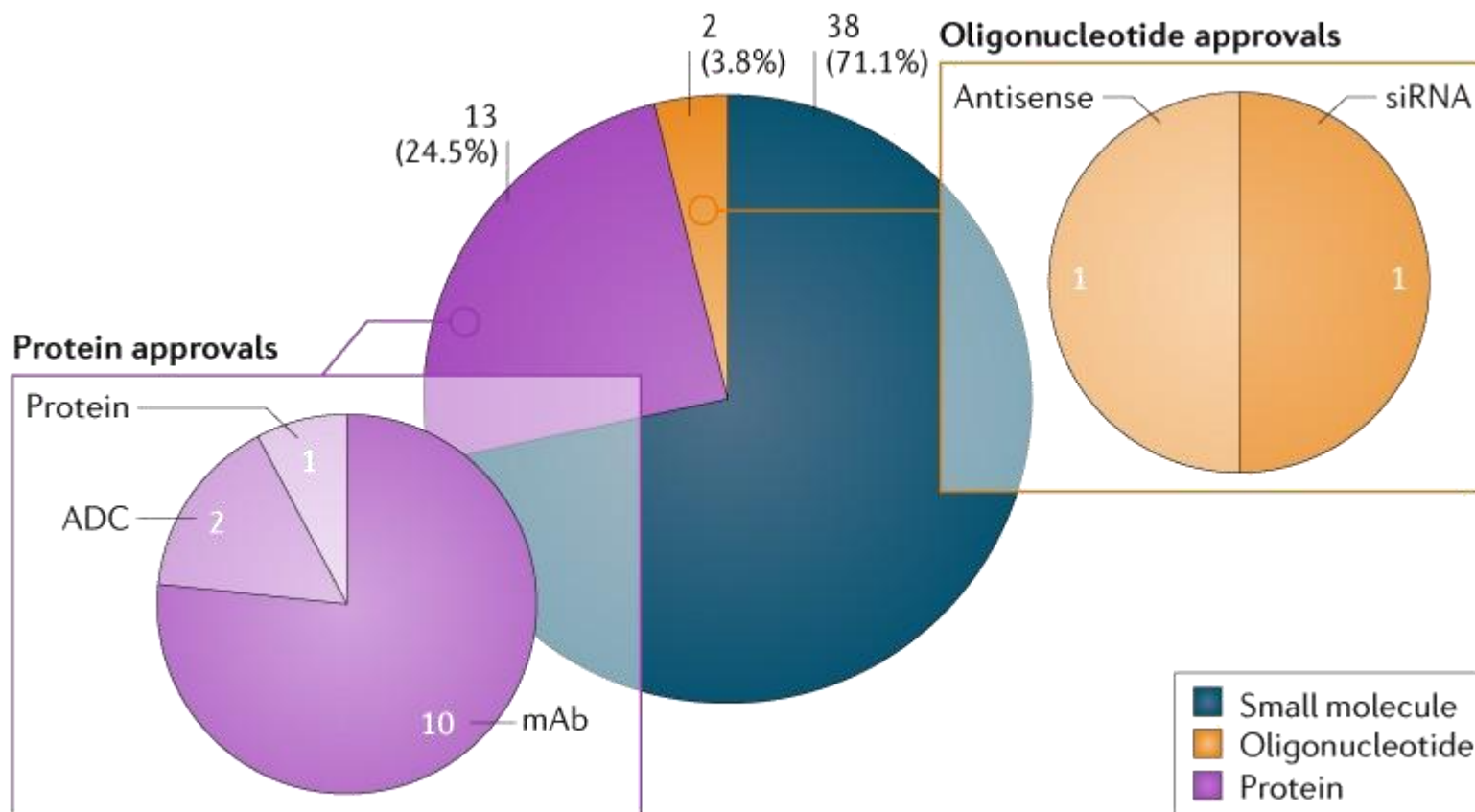
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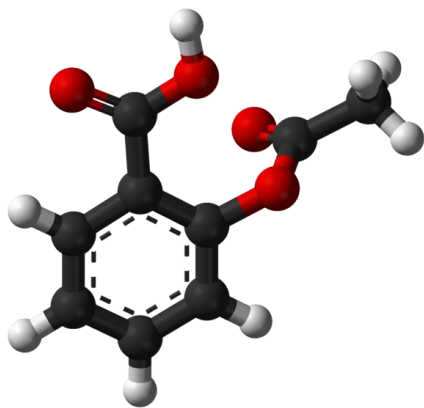


# A very general introduction:

## Vintage drugs

### ASPIRINE

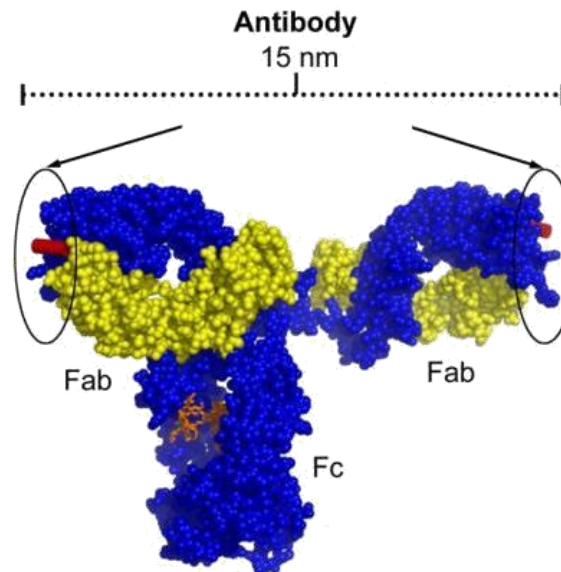
1. small molecule
2. 180 Da
3. 21 atoms
4. usually not immunogenic
5. usually chemically stable



## New age (biotech) drugs

### MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY (mAb)

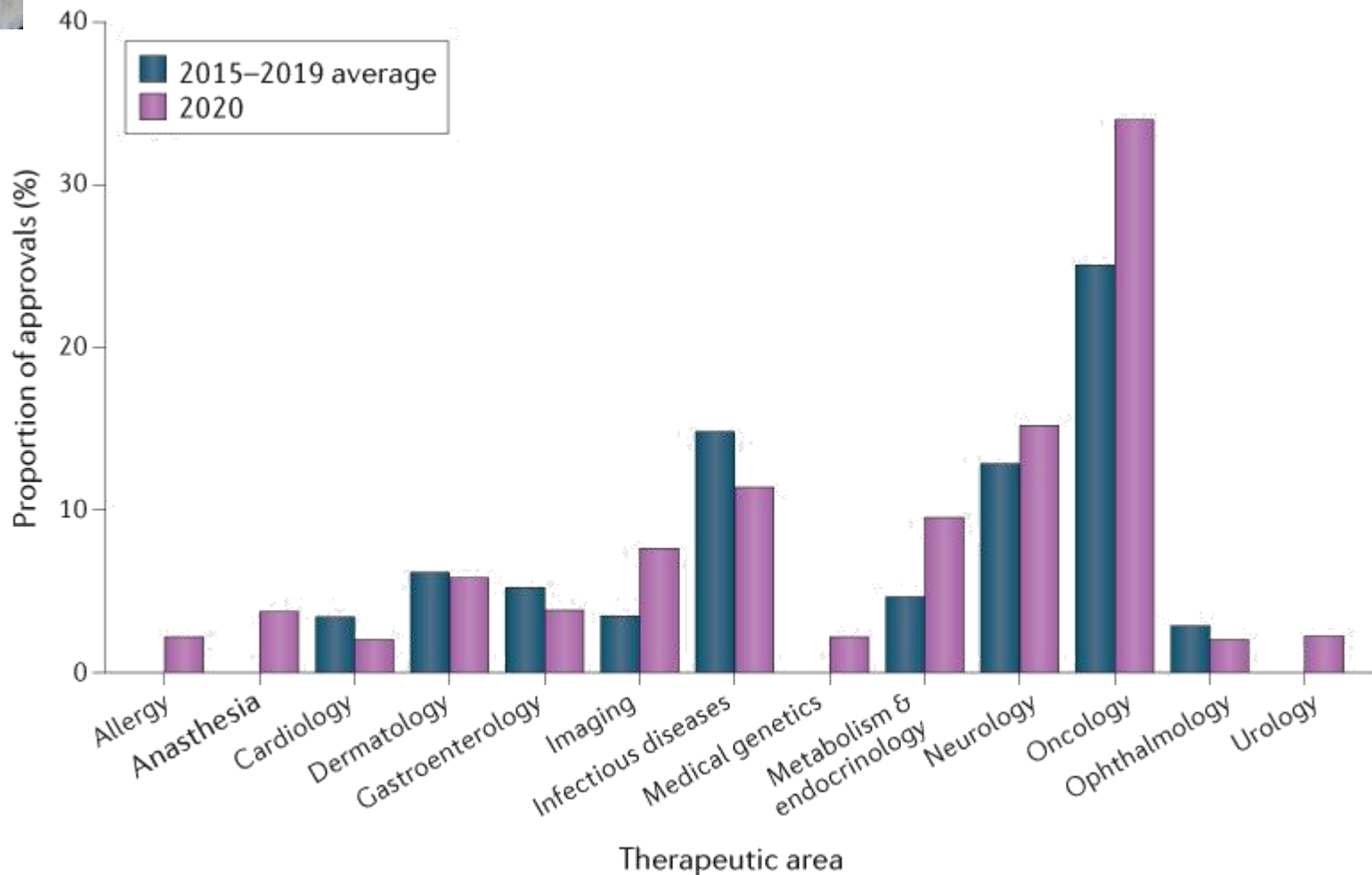
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2. 150'000 Da
3. 20'000 atoms
4. usually immunogenic
5. usually chemically instable





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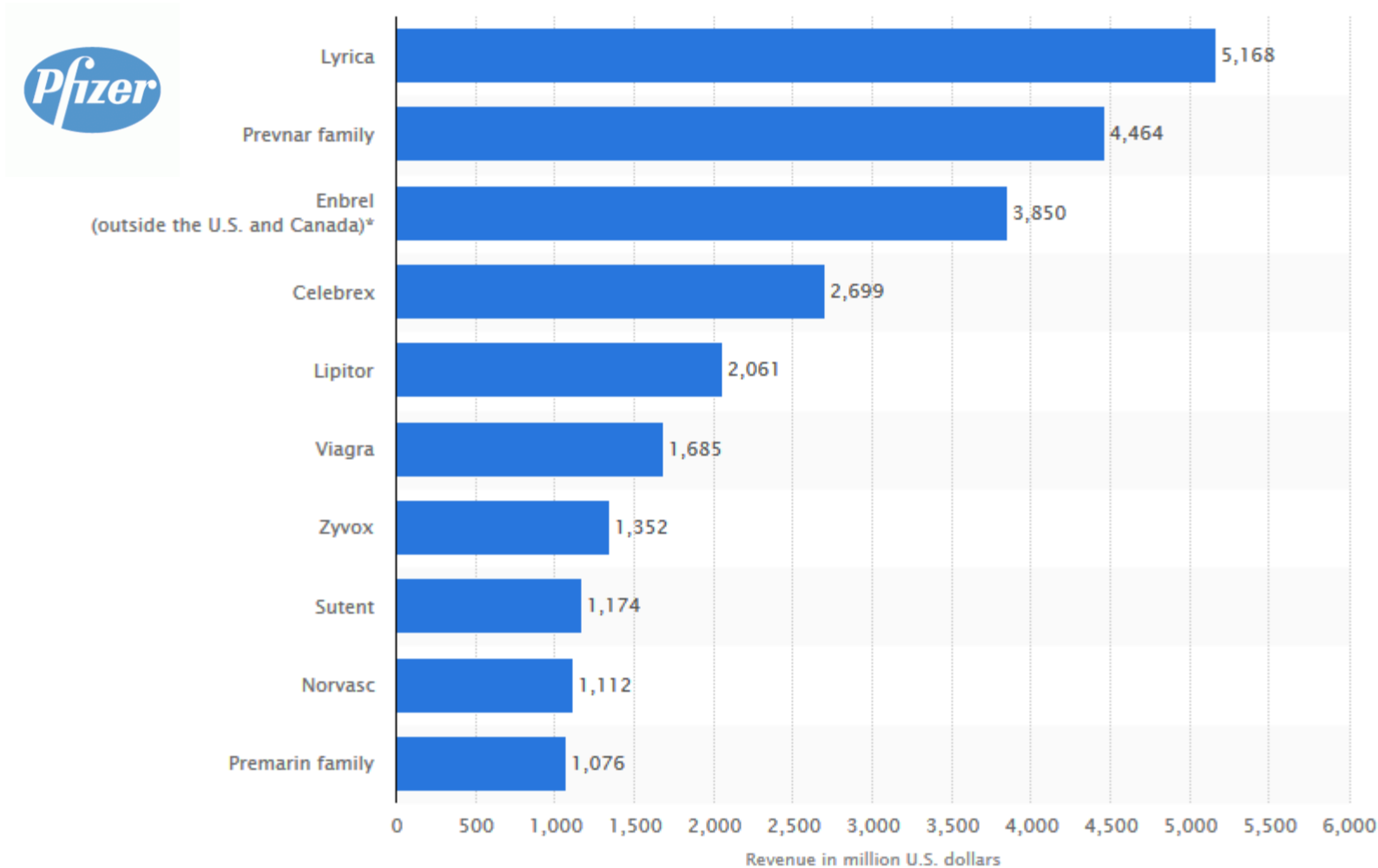


**A blockbuster is:**



# A blockbuster is a drug with more than \$1 billion per year in sales.

*Pfizer's top 10 products based on revenue in 2014 (in million U.S. dollars)*



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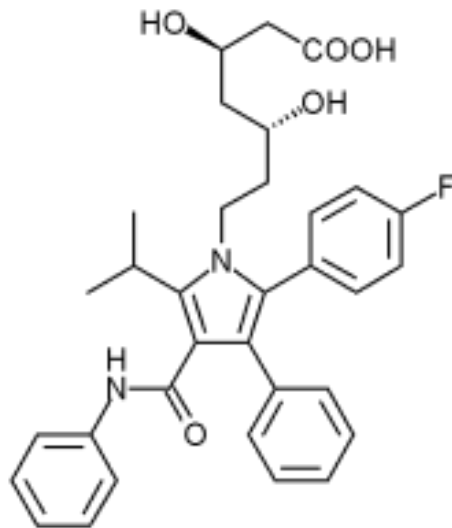
***US sales in 2011:***  
**\$9.6 billion**

***What does it do:***

**Lipitor (*atorvastatin*) lowers LDLs or "bad cholesterol", reducing the risk of heart attack and stroke. Like all statins, atorvastatin works by inhibiting HMG-CoA reductase, an enzyme found in the liver that plays a role in producing cholesterol.**

***Important dates:***

**Approved December, 1996. US patent expired November, 2011.**

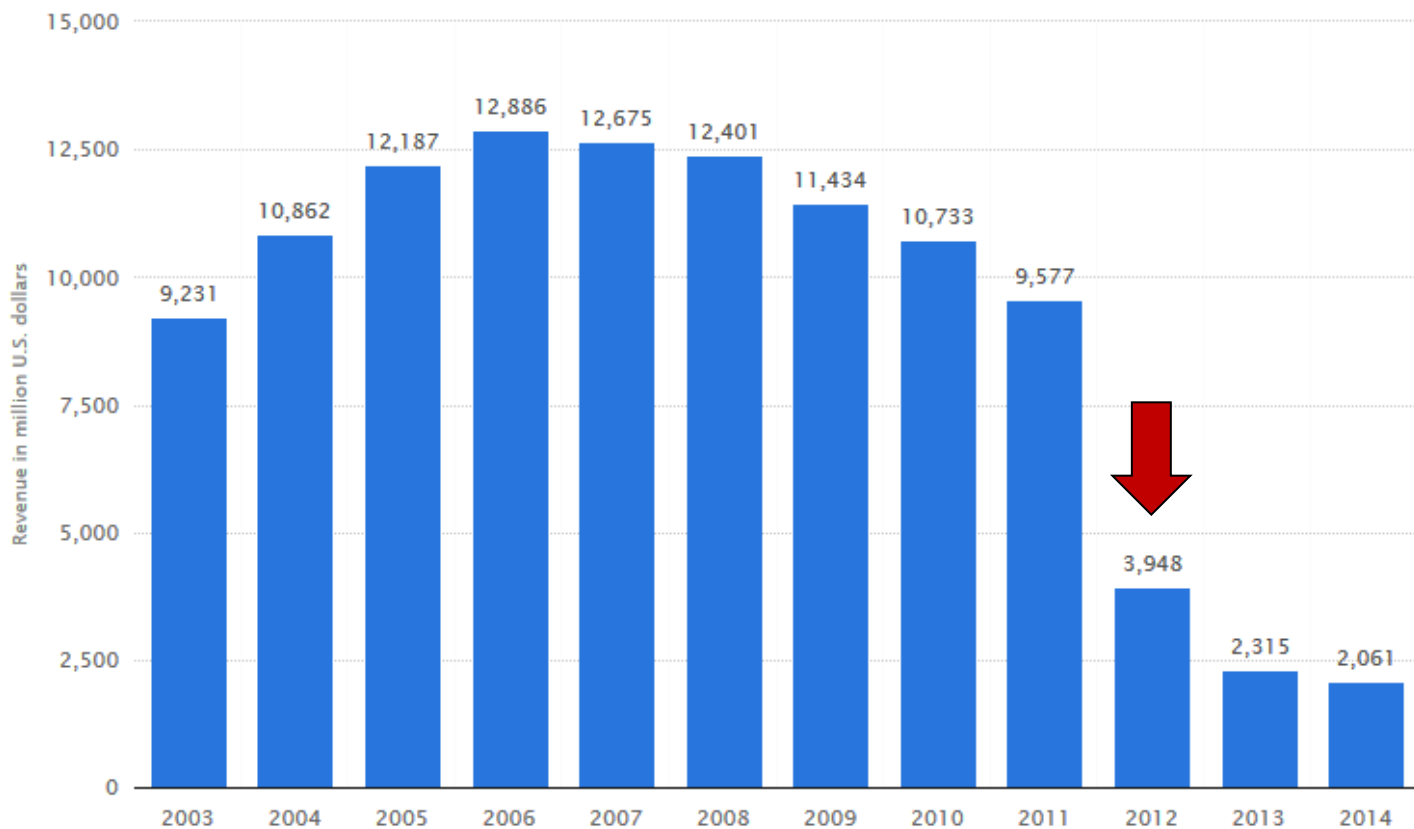


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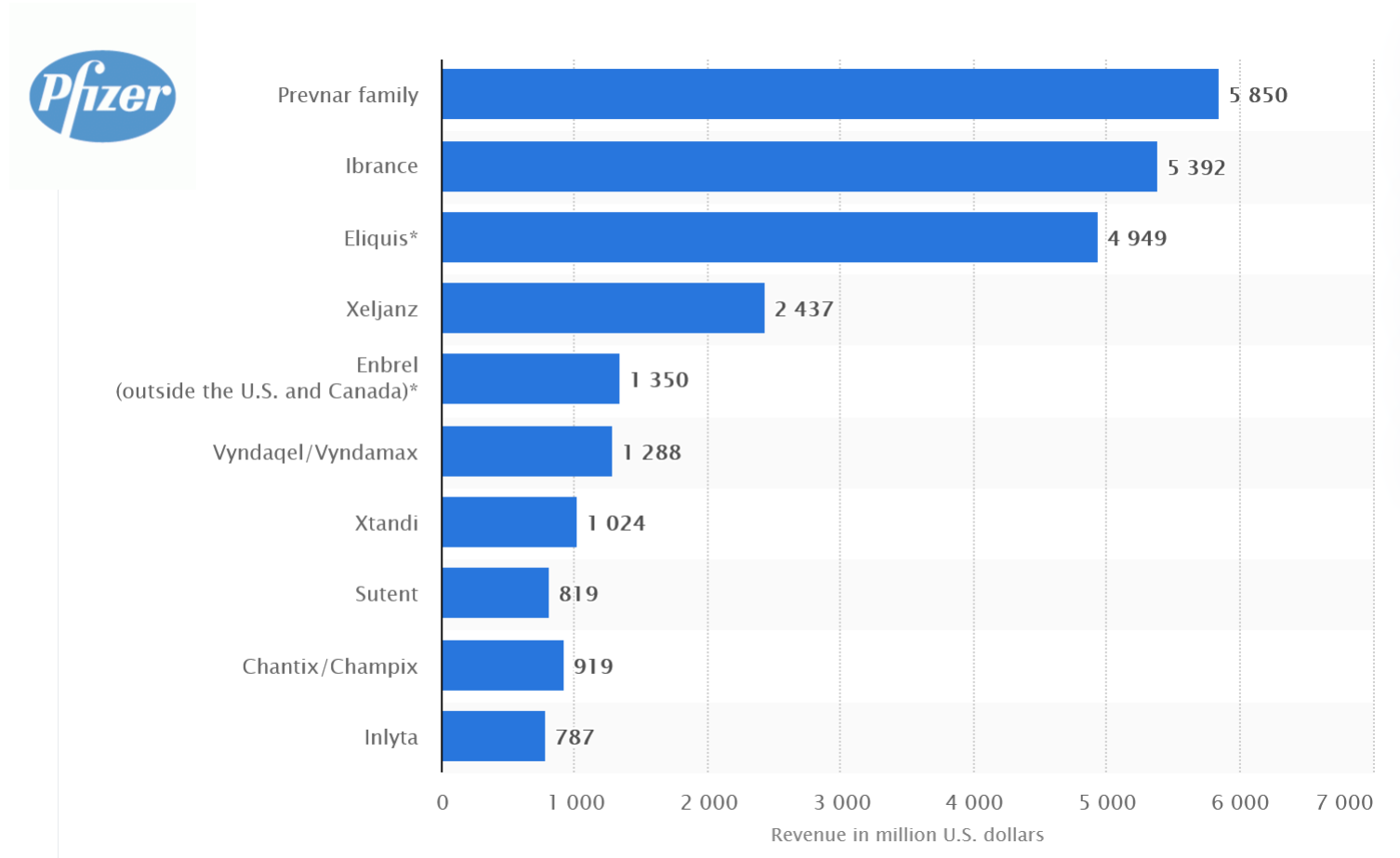
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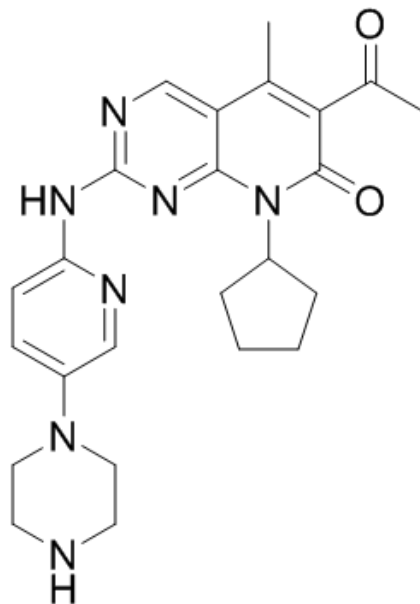
<https://www.statista.com/statistics/253788/pfizers-top-products-based-on-revenues/>



**A blockbuster is a drug with more than \$1 billion per year in sales.**

***Company:***  
**Pfizer**

***US sales in 2020:***  
**\$5.4 billion**



***What does it do:***

Palbociclib, (Ibrance) is a medication for the treatment of HR-positive and HER2-negative breast cancer. It is a selective inhibitor of the cyclin-dependent kinases CDK4 and CDK6. Palbociclib was the first CDK4/6 inhibitor to be approved as a cancer therapy.

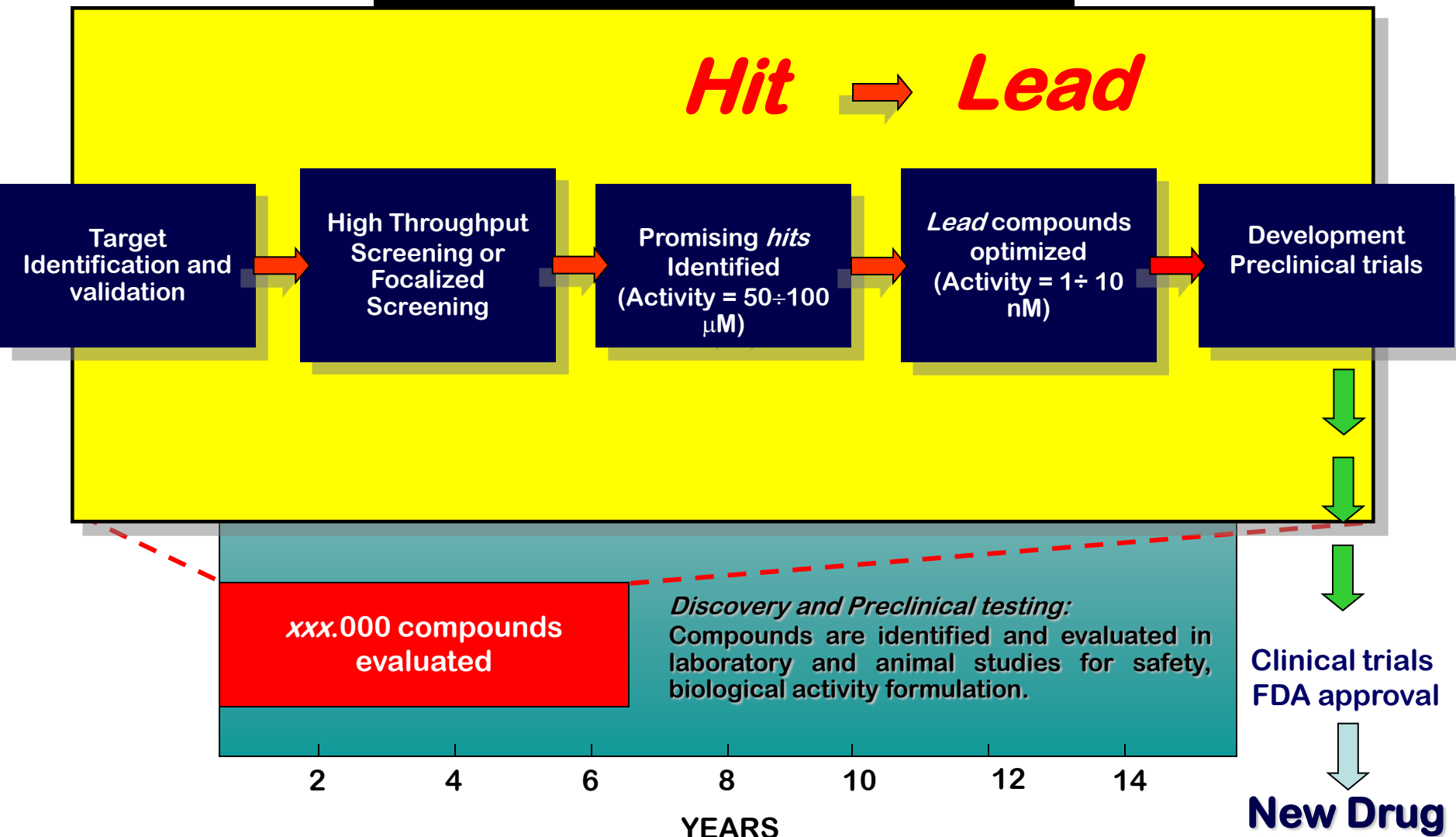
***Important dates:***

**Approved February, 2015. US patent expired January, 2023.**

# The “right” road to drug discovery?

## Drug Discovery Pathway Y2K

*Hit* → *Lead*





# *Hit to lead ...*

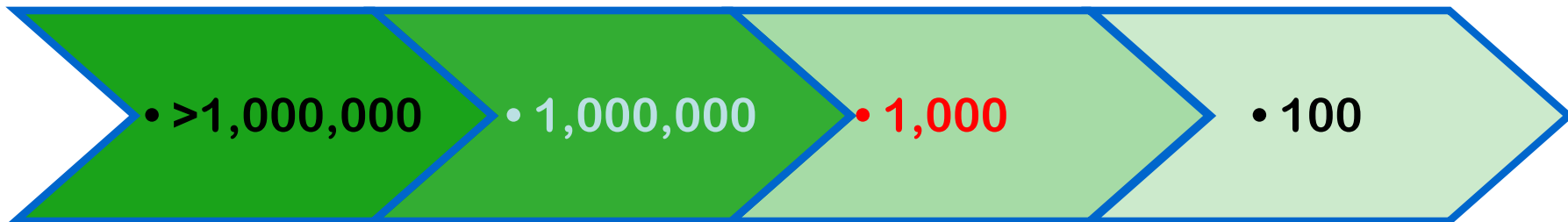
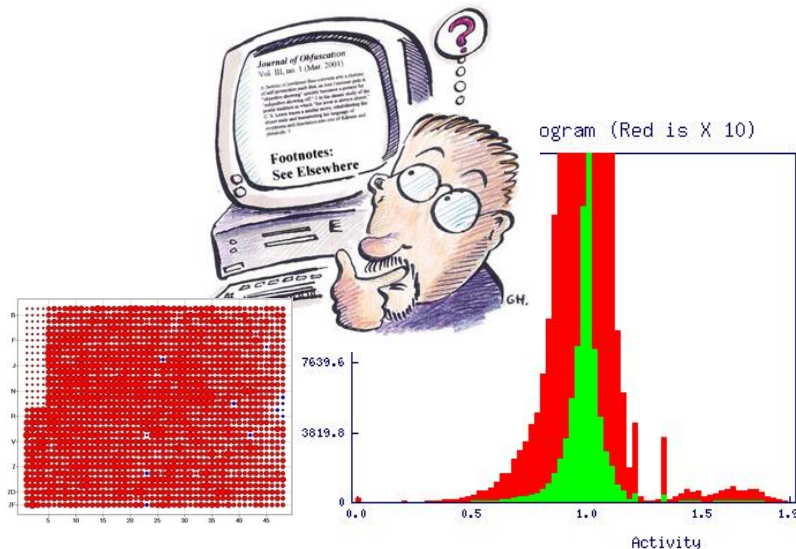
- **hits**
  - active in assay
  - defined and confirmed structures
  - drug-like potential

HTS hits from this database typically show micromolar activity with a median “pPotency” of 6. The median molecular mass and lipophilicity (logP) was 359 Da and 3.8, respectively.





# the “*hit-to-lead* paradigm”: clear the xxx.000:1 ratio?



• *Initial HTS campaign*

• *Quality control*

• *Primary hit selection*

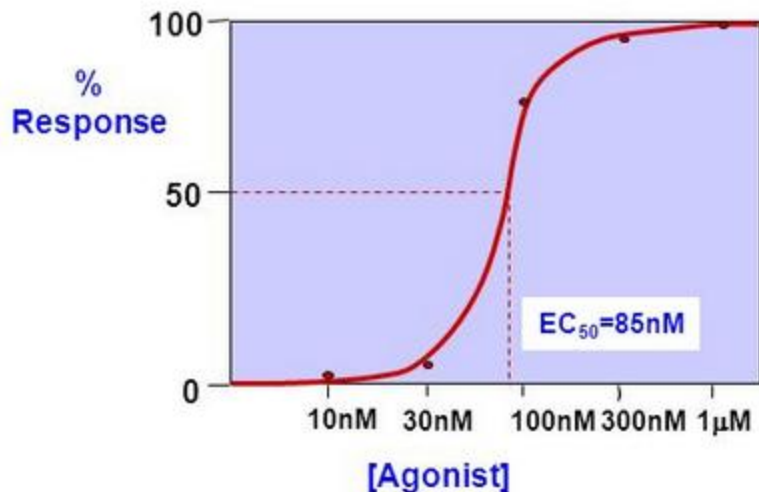
• *Hit validation*

Bleicher *et al.* (2003) *Nat. Rev. Drug Discov.*, 2, 369



# when potency is a good potency?

## Dose-Response Curves



Enzyme Inhibitors (competitive):

Measure inhibition at differing concentrations of 'drug'.

IC<sub>50</sub> - The inhibitor concentration that causes a 50% reduction in intrinsic enzyme activity

$$pIC_{50} = -\log_{10}(IC_{50})$$

$$IC_{50} \ 1\mu M = pIC_{50} \ 6.0$$

$$IC_{50} \ 1nM = pIC_{50} \ 9.0$$

Agonists: Measure % Response vs Agonist concentration

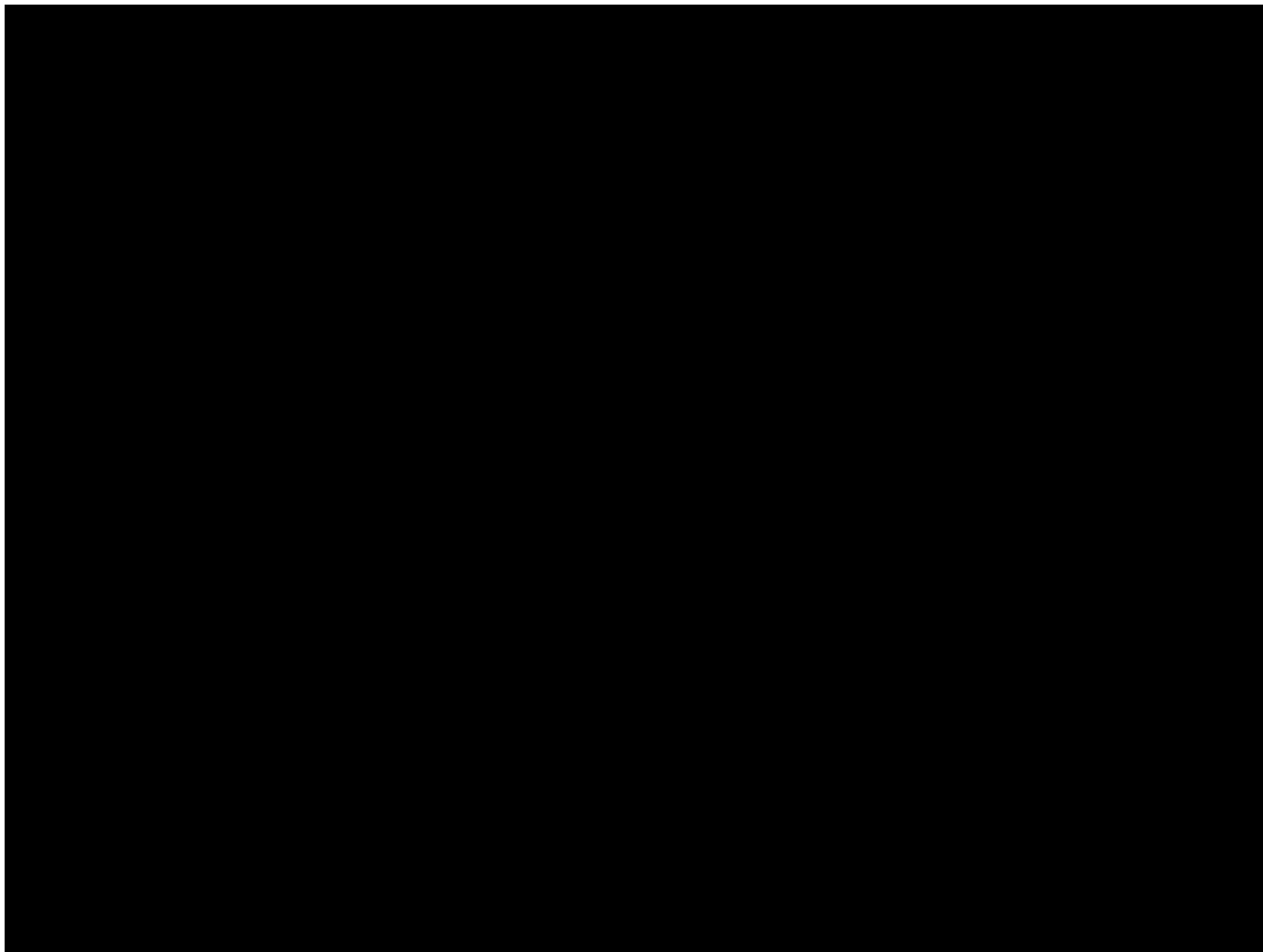
EC<sub>50</sub> - The agonist concentration that causes 50% of the maximum response.  $pEC_{50} = -\log_{10}(EC_{50})$

Antagonists: Situation more complex. Antagonists displace the agonist dose-response curve rightwards – most accurate measure of potency ( $pA_2$ ) requires measurement of agonist binding at multiple concentrations of antagonist

For a drug, typically target affinity values of  $pIC_{50} \geq 8$  (<10 nM concentration)



# Screening automation @DSF





# Do you remember costs?

## *Experiment Typical Cost per Compound (€)*

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**... if we could suggest that chemical compounds could be more hits than other !!!**



# *Hit to lead ...*

- **leads**

- potency established
- selectivity/specificity
- Mechanism of action (MOA) established
- *in vivo* efficacy
- ADME/Tox
- pharmaceutically acceptable







# I don't have to add anything !!!

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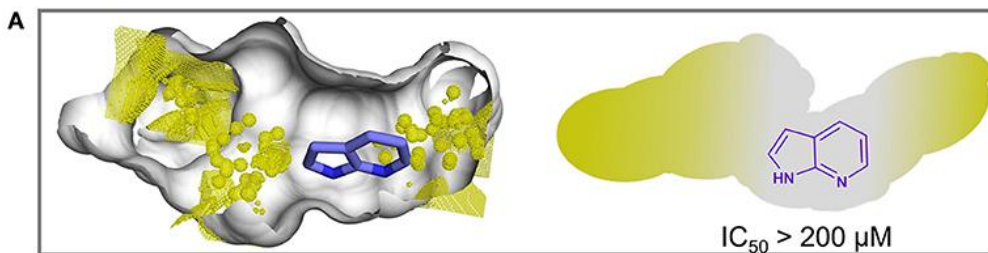
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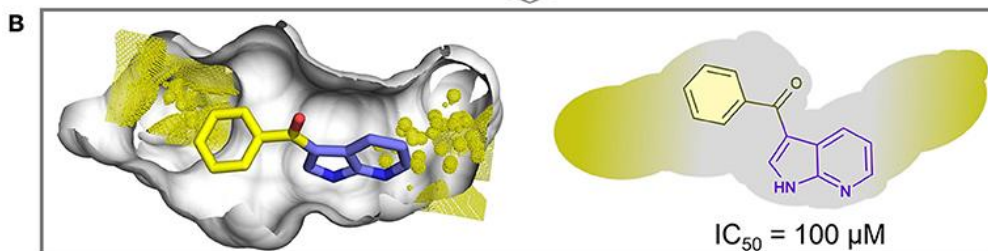
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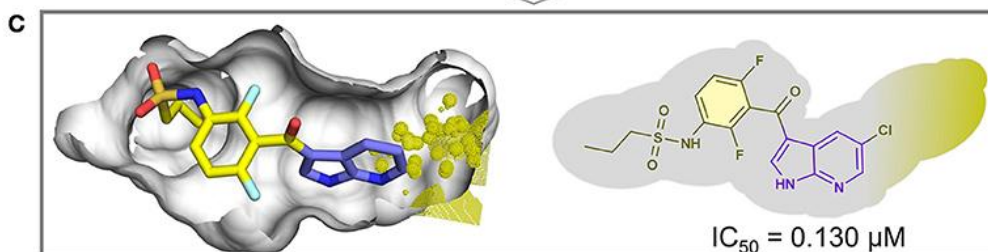
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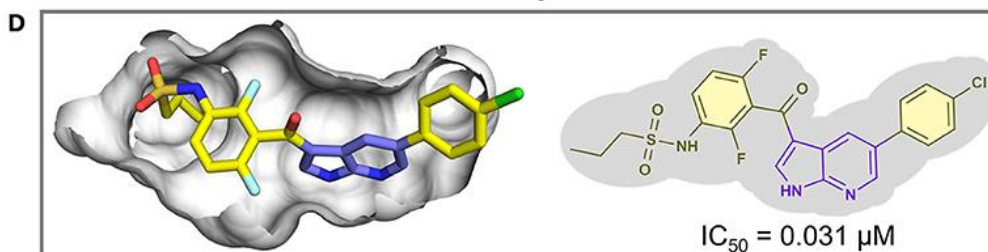
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**$PM = 222.25; \log P = 2.79$**



**$PM = 413.83; \log P = 3.88$**

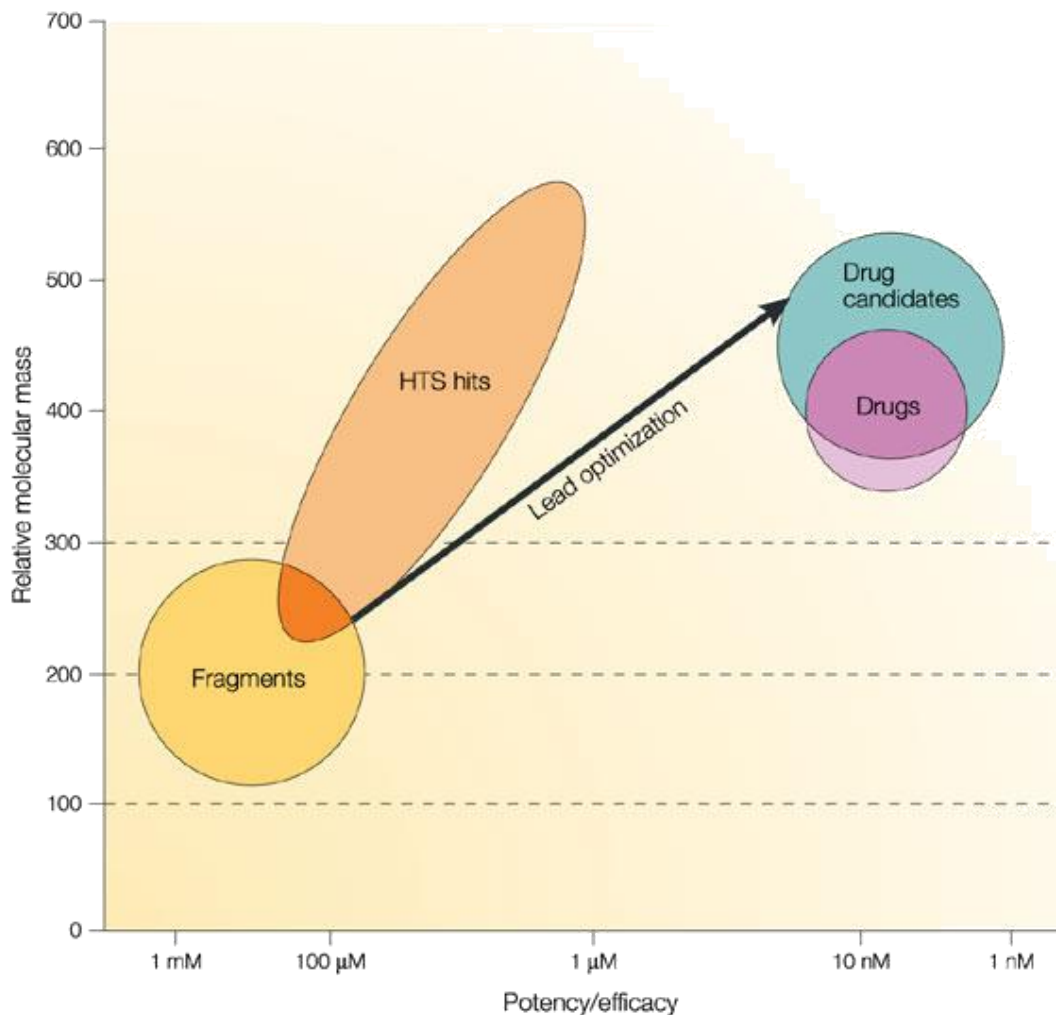


**$PM = 489.93; \log P = 5.54$**

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