

Learnings from AstraZeneca's Open Innovation Program

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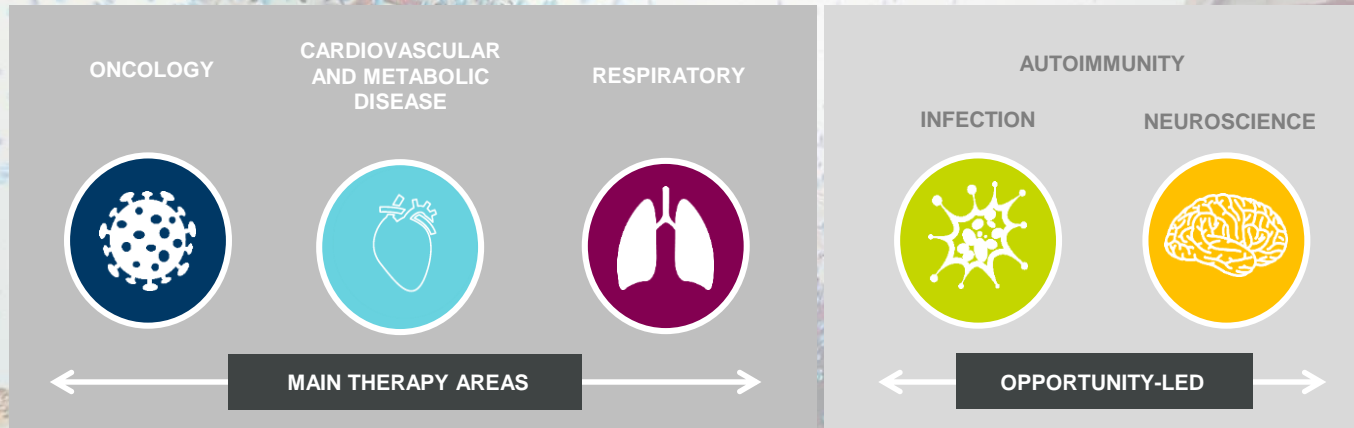
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A graphic featuring a dark blue background filled with numerous glowing, translucent blue spheres of varying sizes, resembling bubbles or cells. A bright light source in the upper right corner creates a lens flare effect, illuminating the scene. The text 'openinnovation' is overlaid on the left side in a white, sans-serif font, with 'open' in blue and 'innovation' in white.

openinnovation

Advancing research together

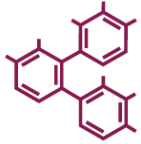
We focus on a deeper understanding of disease biology and mechanisms across three main therapy areas



Rationale for Open Collaboration

Benefits to external collaborator and AstraZeneca

AstraZeneca



Compounds



Facilities



Drug Discovery Knowledge



External Scientists



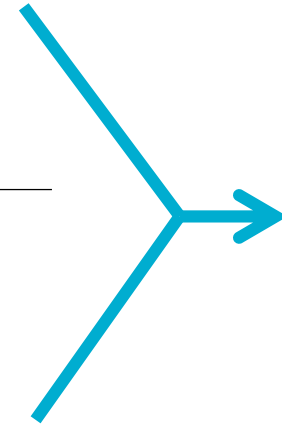
Disease Knowledge



Patients / subpopulations



Technology



**Questions
that
otherwise
could not be
asked**



Open Innovation – Delivery



Clinical Compound Bank

Access **18** of our patient-ready compounds with evidence of human target coverage and manageable tolerability.



Delivered:

- **30** ISS clinical validation studies
- **26** externally funded; **5** completed

Disease indication agnostic

Preclinical Toolbox

Access **44** of our compounds with optimised pharmacological properties for preclinical research to study pathways and mechanisms of disease biology.



Delivered:

- **150+** projects approved

Primarily in AZ main therapy areas, but focusing on novel science



Target Innovation

Have a novel target idea or assay for a drug discovery project? Our diverse High Throughput Screening (HTS) compound library may help you advance or validate your idea.



Delivered:

- **62** projects on-going/complete

**Provides access to 250k compounds
Now aligned to AZ R&D focus areas**

Open Innovation – Delivery

New Molecule Profiling

Explore the properties and therapeutic potential of your novel compounds by leveraging our cheminformatic and screening technologies.



Delivered:

- **30,000** natural product compounds added to AZ's HTS library

Challenges

Offer and be rewarded for your innovative ideas and research expertise to help overcome difficult R&D barriers.



Delivered:

- 17 challenges run
- 2 collaborations delivered solutions

Data Library

Access preclinical data sets on our early development compounds for data mining and research purposes. to enhance understanding of translation to human efficacy and safety.



Launched June 2017

- Preclinical safety data
- Oncology combinations data



Clinical Compound Bank

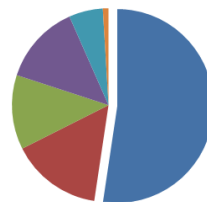


MRC Collaboration For Translational Research

'Mechanisms of disease' 2011



- 22 AstraZeneca compounds initially available for clinical studies
- >100 clinical and pre-clinical proposals from 37 UK institutions
- Proposals submitted on all compounds & across a broad span of disease areas
- MRC funded >\$10M
- >15 collaborative proposals funded across multiple disease areas



- New Opportunities
- Neuroscience
- Resp. & Inflamm.
- Oncology
- Cardio & Gastro
- Infection



To investigate mechanisms of disease and the development of potential therapeutic interventions

Clinical Compound Bank

How does it work?

18 compounds currently available for clinical studies

44 compounds currently available for pre-clinical studies

| Compound | Mechanism of action | Originating therapeutic area | Proposal type | CNS Penetrant |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| AZD4017 | ① 11-beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase type 1 (11 β -HSD1) inhibitor | Metabolic Disease | Clinical & Preclinical | Low |
| AZD5069 | ① Chemokine (C-X-C motif) receptor 2 (CXCR2) antagonist | Inflammation | Clinical & Preclinical | Unknown |
| AZD5213 | ① Histamine receptor 3 (H3) antagonist (inverse agonist) | CNS | Clinical & Preclinical | Yes |
| AZD5904 | ① Myeloperoxidase (MPO) inhibitor | Inflammation | Clinical & Preclinical | Low |
| AZD7325 | ① Gamma-aminobutyric acid receptor A alpha 2 & 3 (GABA α 2,3) positive modulator | CNS | Clinical & Preclinical | Yes |
| AZD9150 | ① Signal transducer and activator of transcription 3 (STAT3) antisense | Oncology | Clinical & Preclinical | Low |
| AZD9668 | ① Neutrophil elastase (NE) inhibitor | Inflammation | Clinical & Preclinical | Low |
| AZD9977 | ① Non-steroidal mineralocorticoid receptor (MR) modulator | Cardiovascular | Clinical & Pre-clinical | Unknown |
| Lesogaberan (AZD3355) | ① Gamma-aminobutyric acid receptor B (GABA β) agonist | GI | Clinical & Preclinical | Low |
| Saracatinib (AZD0530) | ① Src tyrosine kinase family inhibitor | Oncology | Clinical & Preclinical | Yes |



Preclinical pharmacology

AZD5213 is potent (K_i 0.5nM; dissociation K_B 0.2nM), competitive, rapidly reversible, functional antagonist (inverse agonist; IC₅₀ of 3nM) at the human H₃ receptor. It occupies H₃ receptors with an *in vivo* pK_i of 8.5, 8.3 and 8.4 (free concentration in brain) for rat, mouse and NHP, respectively. AZD5213 was tested against a broad panel of 335 other receptors and enzymes at 10 μ M without significant activity (>50% inhibition) for any. *In vivo*, it triggers the release of histamine as well as the neurotransmitters acetylcholine, dopamine and norepinephrine in rat prefrontal cortex following dosing or 0.33mg/kg, po and increased tele-methylhistamine in the CSF of cynomolgus monkeys at 0.1mg/kg, po. At similar dose levels, AZD5213 has been shown to reverse scopolamine-induced memory deficit, increase novel object recognition, and reverse neuropathic in various rodent models.

Safety and tolerability

AZD5213 has been administered orally to healthy volunteers in single doses up to 80mg and multiple doses up to 18mg QD for 10 days. The most frequent and dosing limiting adverse effects were sleep disorder, night sweats, and decreased quantity as well as quality of sleep. Other common AEs include mild to moderate nausea and headache.

Preclinical studies of up to 6 months duration have been performed.

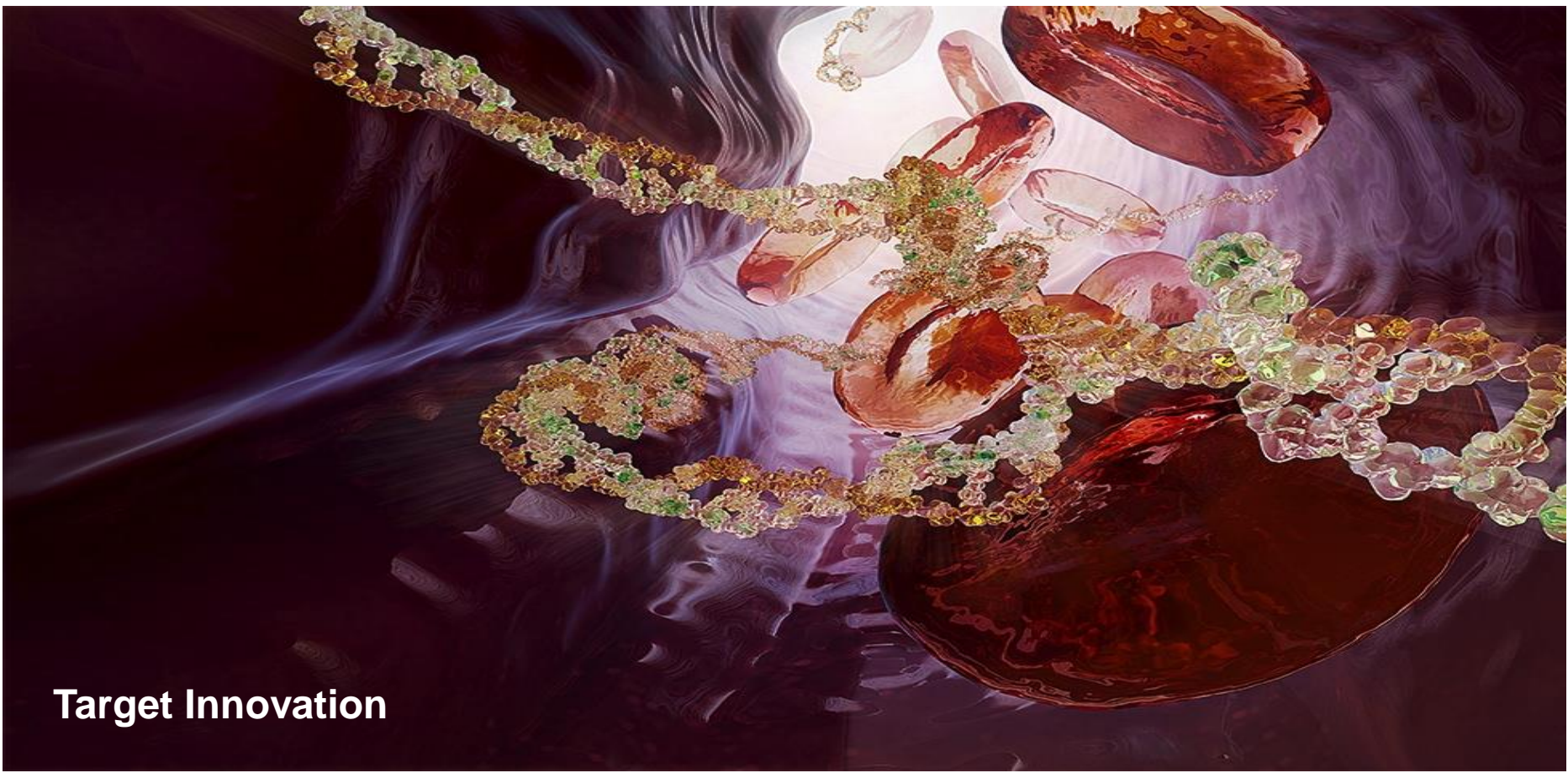
Clinical pharmacology

AZD5213 was rapidly absorbed (T_{max} of 0.7-2.0 hrs) after oral administration with an overall terminal t_{1/2} of 5-7 hours. *In vitro* studies show a low risk for DDIs. PET studies demonstrated saturable, concentration-dependent occupancy of H₃ receptors with an estimated K_{i,pl} of 1.14nM. Receptor occupancy of ~50% was achieved at a dose of 0.1mg.

Suitable for and exclusions

Preclinical reproductive data are available and have not identified any specific risks. Women of child-bearing potential using highly effective contraception can be included.

Indications and dosing regimen should consider the potential for and optimisation of efficacy while minimizing the mechanism-based adverse effect on sleep. Given the strong association between dose, plasma concentration and brain receptor occupancy as well as the rapid absorption and relatively short t_{1/2}, data is available to potentially optimise benefit (day time efficacy) versus risk (night time sleep disturbance).



Target Innovation



Maximising the value of compound collections to create diversity

- Peer-to-peer compound exchange initiatives
- Reciprocal access to high quality compound libraries



Strategic Partnerships

Closer collaboration, more learning

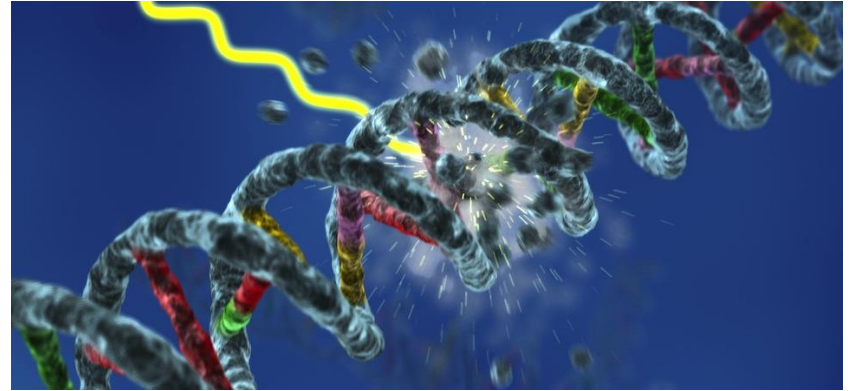
- Based on principles of Target Innovation
- Partners bring extensive Drug Discovery expertise and experience
- Provides clear route forward for projects
- Develop long term relationship
 - Builds credibility on both sides
 - Opportunity to be more flexible
 - Can focus on specific areas of biology
- Multi-target deal simplifies contracting



Collaborative Grants

Sussex University DDR Partnership

- 4-year multi-target collaboration
- Sussex University Drug Discovery Centre and AstraZeneca
- £6M funding from Wellcome Trust
- Utilise Sussex deep expertise in DNA Damage Response coupled with AstraZeneca's hit identification and drug discovery capabilities



FINANCIAL TIMES

July 24, 2016 4:48 pm

New drugs aim to kill cancer cells by destabilising their DNA

Clive Cookson, Science Editor



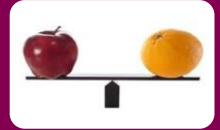
Barriers to Success



Contracting - can be slow even with a standard agreement



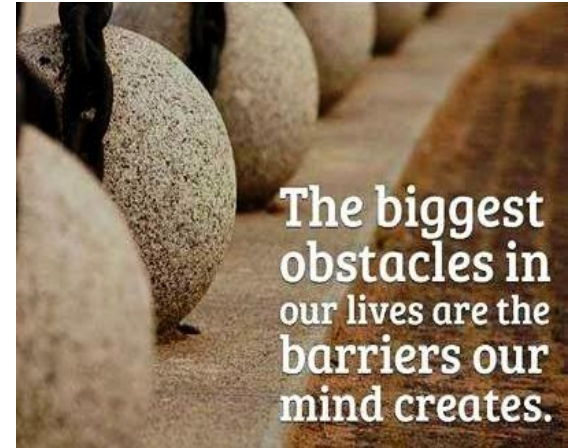
Resourcing and funding gaps for academic projects



Balancing innovation with organisational alignment and likelihood of success



Stakeholder engagement



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