

# Philochem DEL Technology Platform

*Innovative Solutions for Drug Discovery*

October 2023



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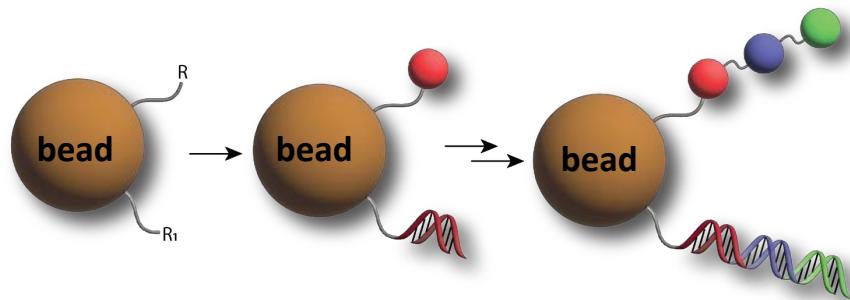
Collaborations with large pharmaceutical companies over the years



# History of DEL Technology

## Split & Pool on Beads

Richard Lerner & Sydney Brenner



Scripps Research

1992

## White Paper

### DNA-Encoded Chemical Libraries

Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA  
Vol. 89, pp. 5381–5383, June 1992  
Chemistry

#### Encoded combinatorial chemistry

(chemical repertoire/encoded libraries/commaless code)

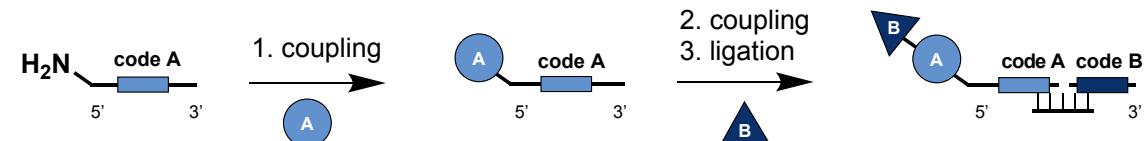
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Departments of Chemistry and Molecular Biology, The Scripps Research Institute, 10666 North Torrey Pines, La Jolla, CA 92037

DEL : DNA-Encoded Chemical Library

## DNA-Recorded Synthesis

Dario Neri's lab



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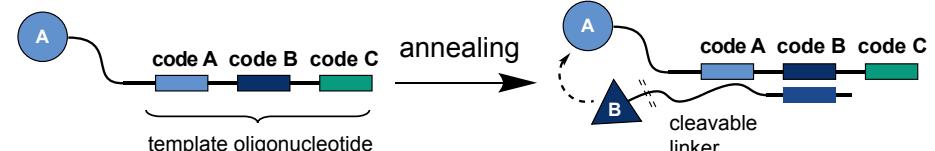
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Melkko et al., *Nat Biotechnol*, 2004; 22(5):568-74  
Mannocci et al., *PNAS*, 2008; 105(46):17670-5

2004

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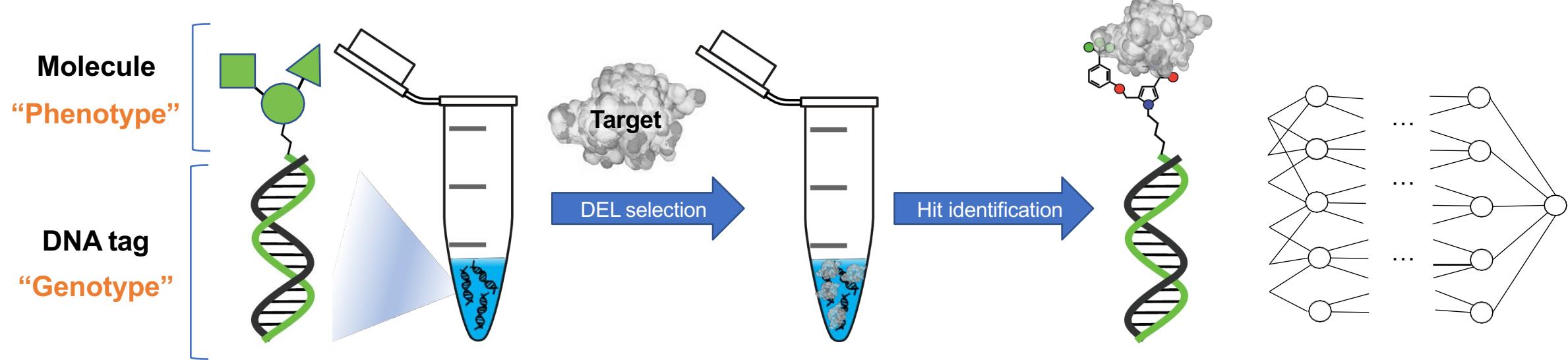
David Liu's lab

Gartner et al., *Science*, 2004;  
305(5690):1601-5

## DNA-Templated Synthesis

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# Using DEL Technology to discover Small Ligands



Single molecule  
identified by a  
**unique barcode**

Efficient and **inexpensive**  
screening of **billions**  
**of compounds**

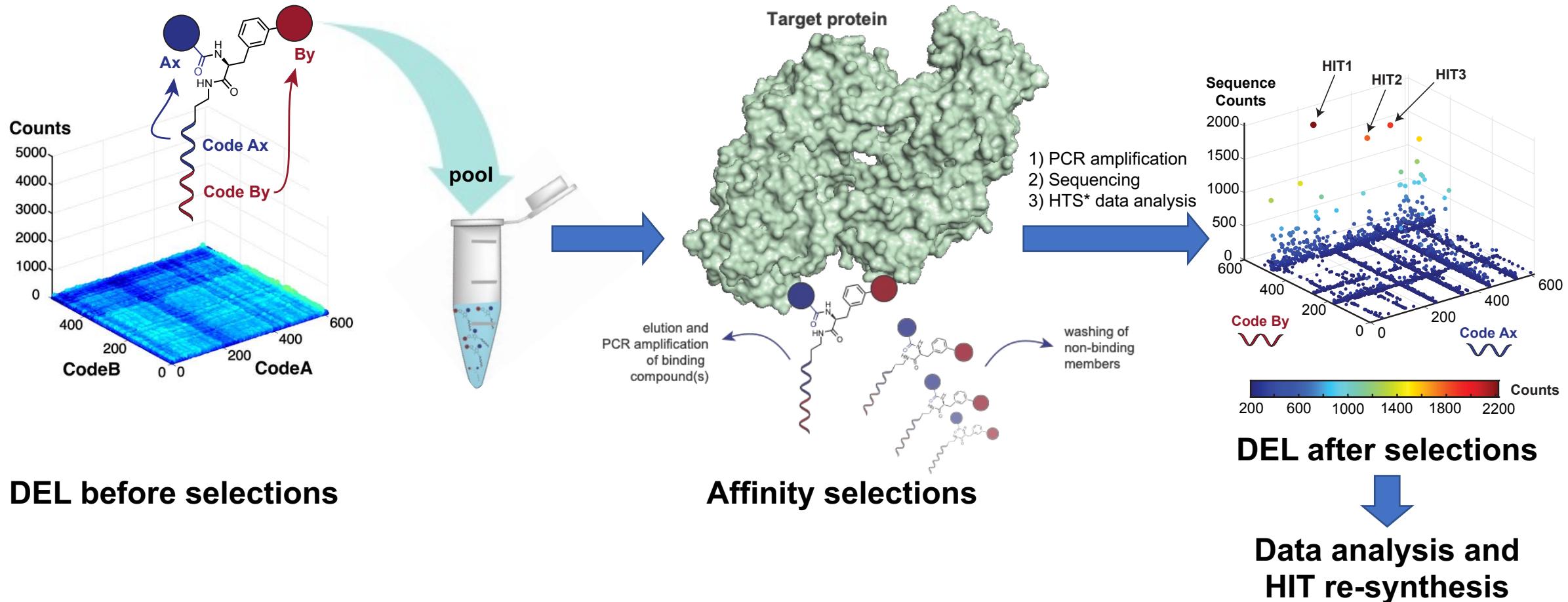
DNA barcode allows  
the **identification** of  
preferential ligands

**Machine Learning** enables  
identification of **highly**  
**potent ligands**

- DELs are continuously used to **discover new targeting moieties** and **mature hit compounds**
- Results of DEL selections are **analysed** and **valorised** through **Machine Learning**

# Overview of DEL Selections

Using combinatorial technologies, we can build and screen DELs containing billions of different compounds



Neri D., Lerner R.A., *Annu Rev Biochem.*, 2018; 87:479-502

Favalli et al., *FEBS Lett.*, 2018; 592(12):2168-2180

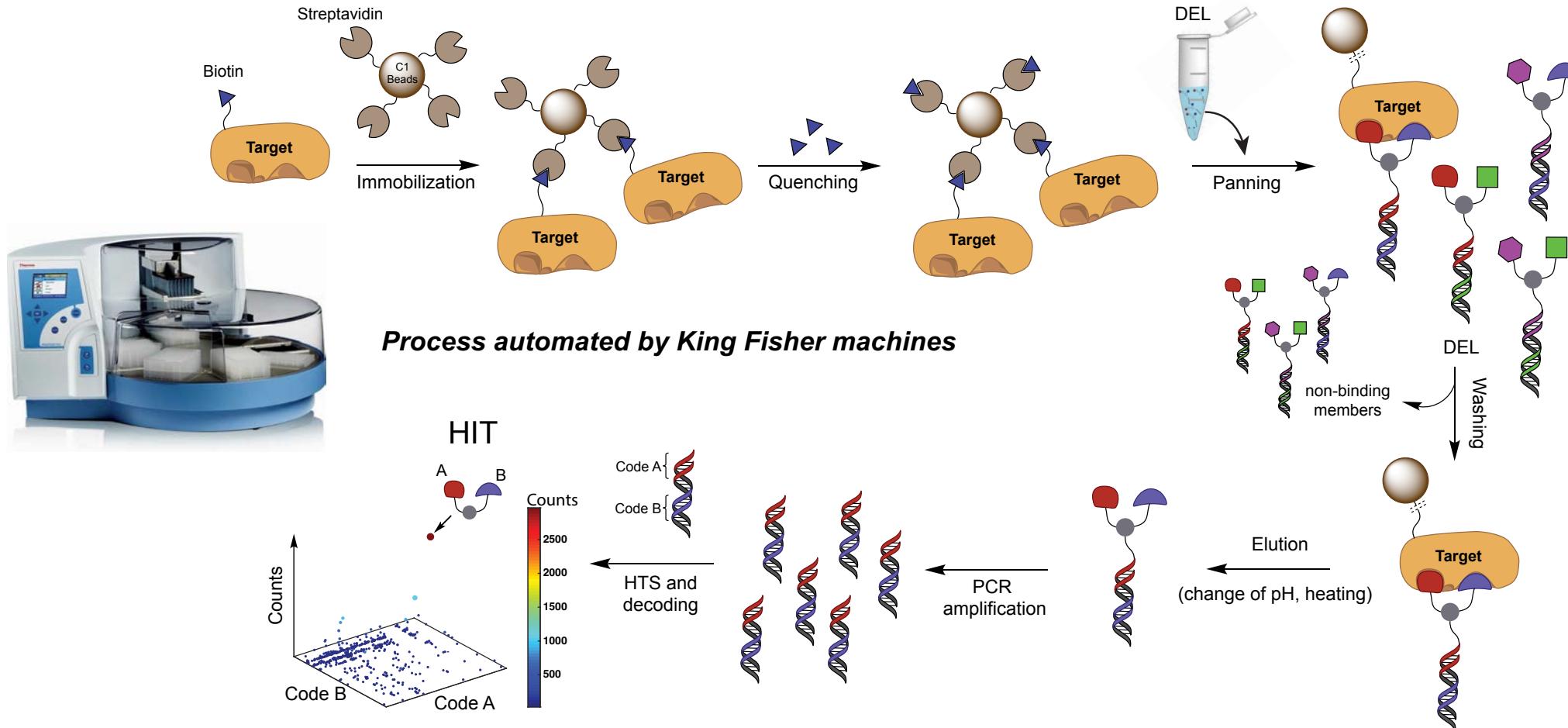
Decurtins et al., *Nat. Prot.*, 2016; 11(4):764-80

\*HTS = high throughput sequencing

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# Automated DEL Affinity Selections

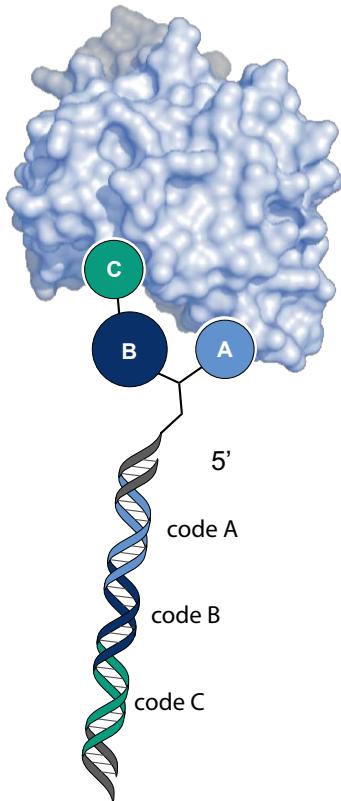
We have automated DEL affinity selections using King Fisher machines



# Single and Dual Pharmacophore DELs

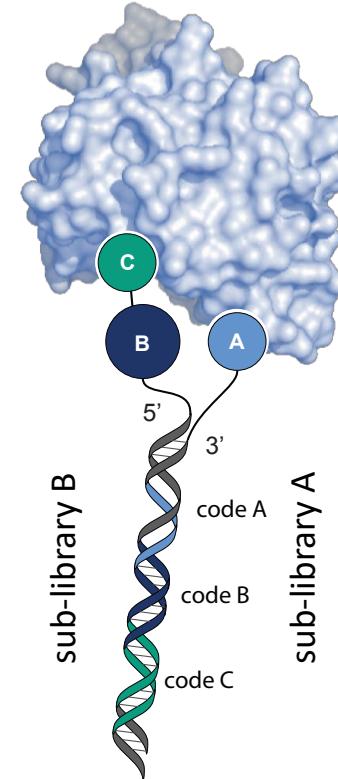
We have constructed innovative DELs in both single- and dual-pharmacophore format

## Single-pharmacophore DELs [1-4]



- DNA can be either single or double stranded
- Different formats available: two or three sets of building blocks, with or without scaffold
- Display of rigid and compact structures
- High purity achieved by HPLC purification of individual conjugate

## Dual-pharmacophore DELs (ESAC) [5,6]



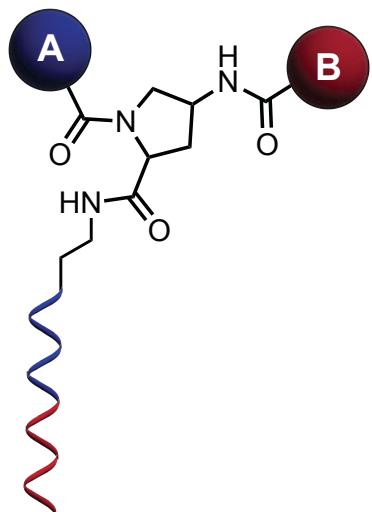
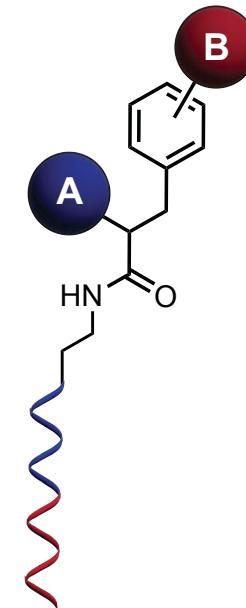
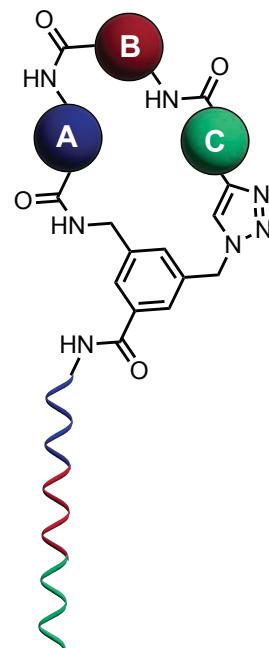
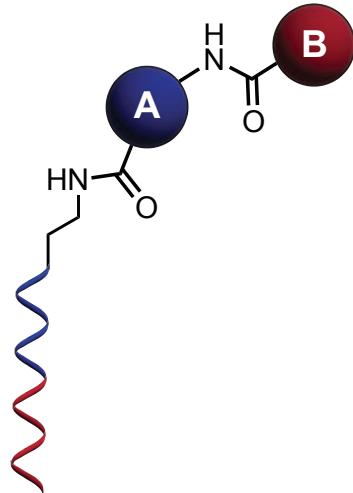
- Double stranded DNA (obtained from the combinatorial assembly of two sub-libraries)
- Different formats available: 1+1; 1+2 or 2+2 ESAC
- Display of flexible structures
- High purity achieved by HPLC purification of individual conjugate for each sub-library

[1] Mannocci et al., *PNAS*, 2008;105(46):17670-5  
[2] Favalli et al., *Nat. Chem.*, 2021; 13(6):540-548  
[3] Bassi, et. al., *BBRC*, 2020; 533(2):223-229

[4] Oehler et al., *Nat. Chem.*, 2023; 15(10):1431-1443  
[5] Melkko et al., *Nat Biotechnol*, 2004; 22(5):568-74  
[6] Wichert et al., *Nat. Chem.*, 2015; 7(3):241-9

# Examples of Philochem DELs in the Literature

We have published the construction and validation of many innovative DELs over the last 20 years



Leimbacher et al., Chemistry  
2012; 18(25):7729-37  
Gironda et al., *J. Med. Chem.*  
2021; 64(23):17496-17510

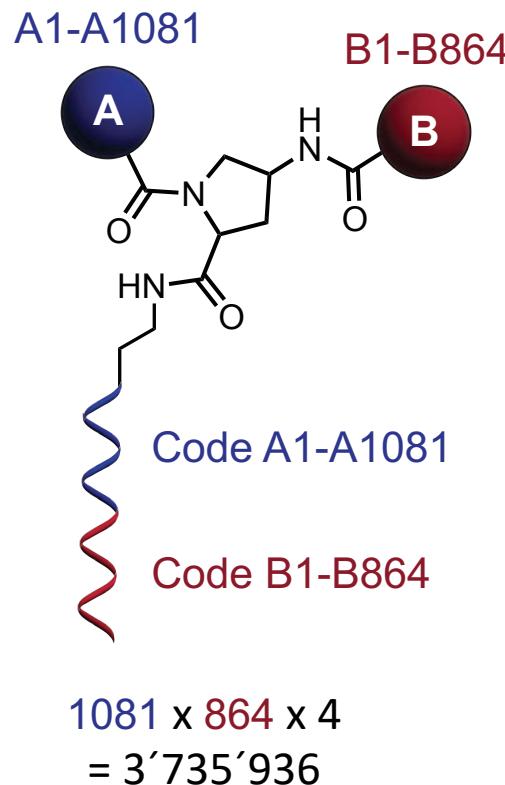
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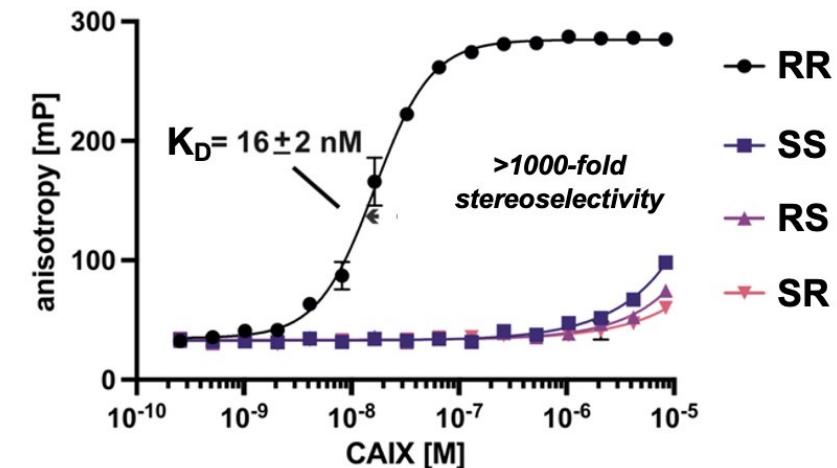
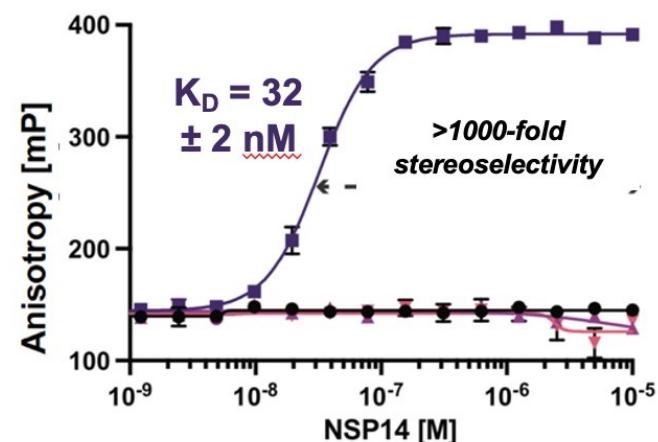
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# Stereoselectivity of Philochem DELs

Ligands isolated from our stereo-defined DELs show huge differences in binding affinity between stereoisomers

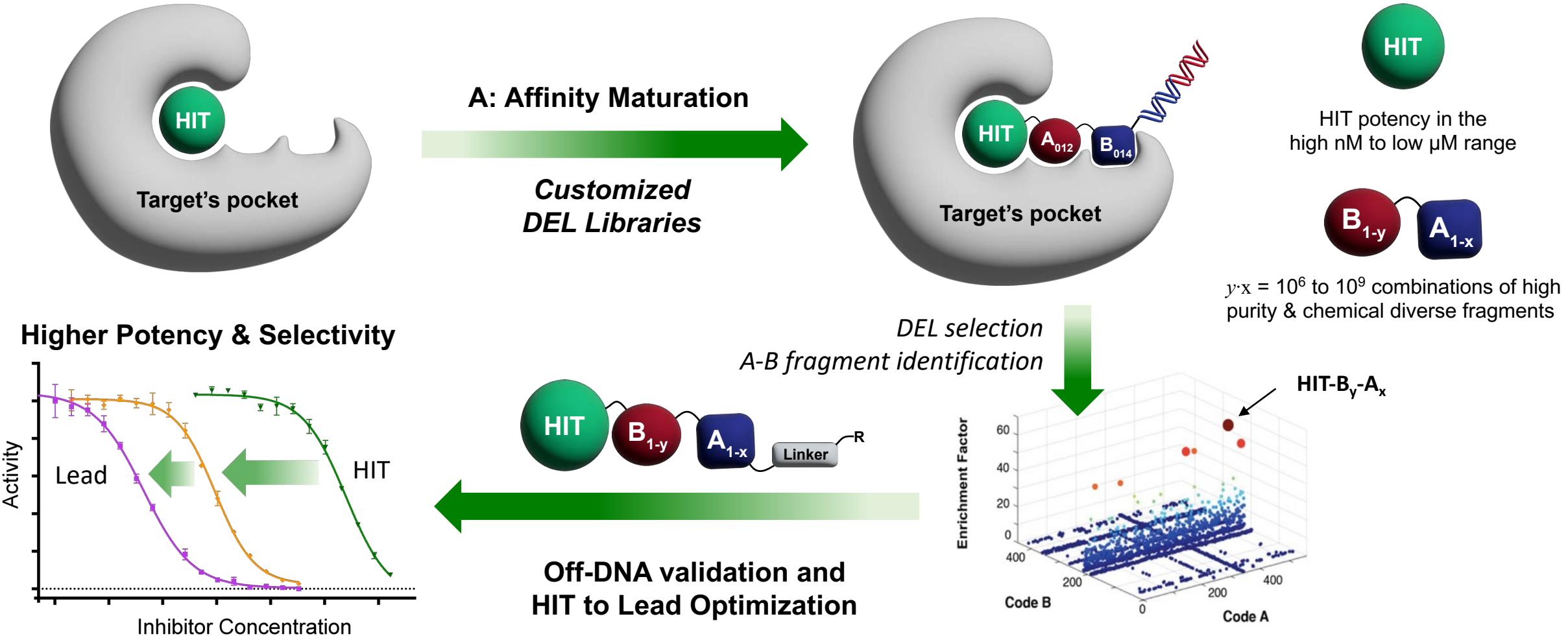


The binding affinity of stereoisomers against various pharmaceutical targets shows a >1000-fold stereoselectivity, as measured by Fluorescence Polarization



# Strategies for Lead Expansion: Affinity Maturation DELs

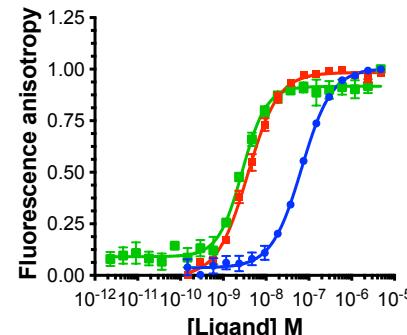
We use DEL technology to affinity mature hits of even very low affinity



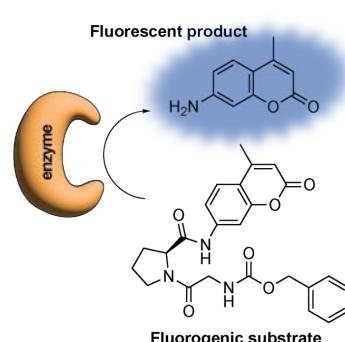
# Hit Validation

We use multiple orthogonal methodologies to validate our Hits

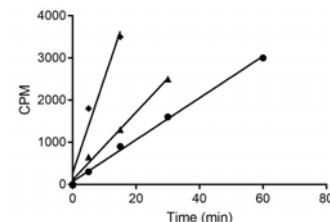
## Fluorescence Polarization



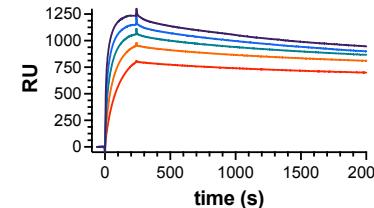
## Enzymatic assay



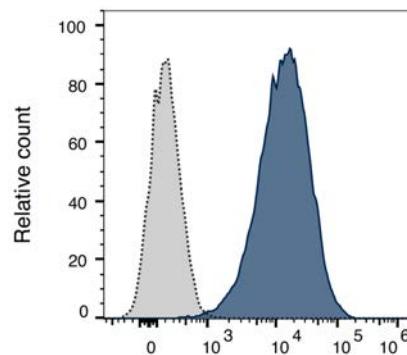
## Radiometric assays



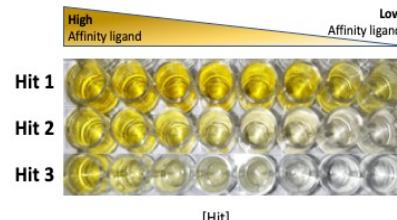
## Surface Plasmon Resonance



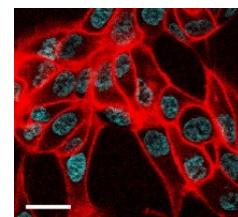
## Flow Cytometry



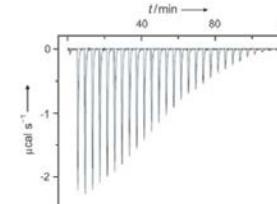
## ELISA



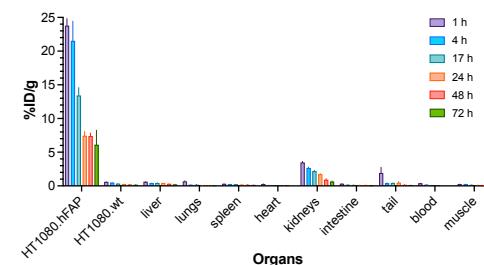
## Confocal Microscopy



## Isothermal Titration Calorimetry



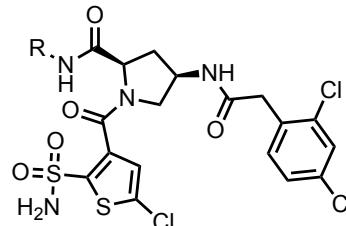
## Biodistribution (BD) in mice



# Success Stories of the Philochem DEL Platform

## Tumor Associated Antigens (TAAs)

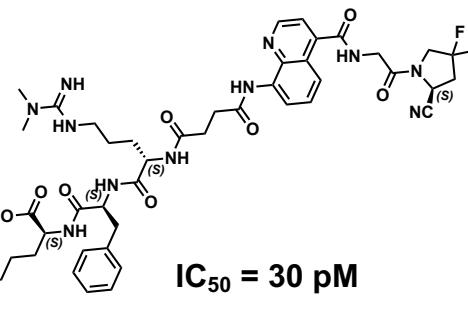
CAIX



$K_D = 16 \text{ nM}$  (isoform-specific)

Oehler et al., *Nat. Chem.*, 2023;  
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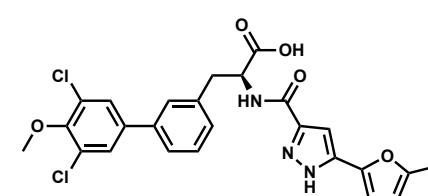
FAP



$IC_{50} = 30 \text{ pM}$

Puglioli et al., *Chem.*, 2023

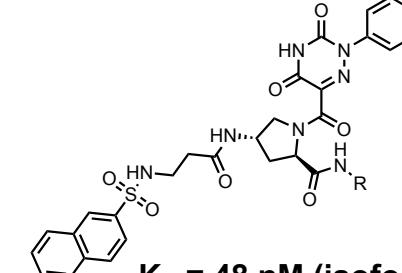
PLAP



$IC_{50} = 32 \text{ nM}$

Bassi et al., *J Med Chem.*, 2021;  
64(21):15799-15809

PSMA

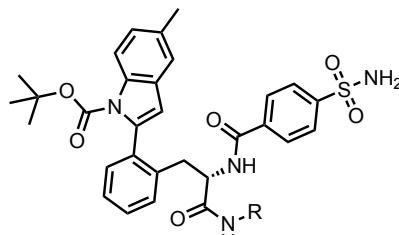


$K_D = 48 \text{ nM}$  (isoform-specific)

Oehler et al., *Nat. Chem.*, 2023;  
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## Immunological targets

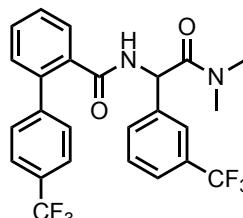
NKG2D



$K_D = 410 \text{ nM}$

Dakhel et al., *Chem.Med.Chem.*, 2022

## Collaboration with Janssen



$IC_{50} = 1 \mu\text{M}$

Thompson et al., *PNAS*, 2023

## Phosphatases

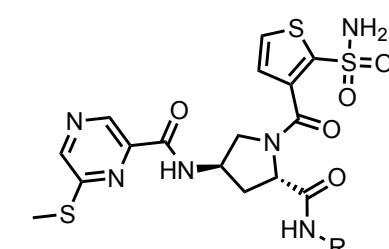
TC-PTP

- Undisclosed Structure -

$K_D = 65 \text{ nM}$

Partnered Project

TNAP



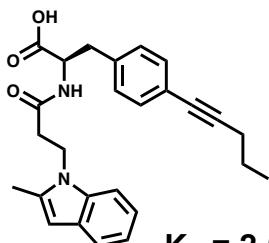
$IC_{50} = 39 \text{ nM}$  (isoform-specific)

Oehler et al., *Nat. Chem.*, 2023;  
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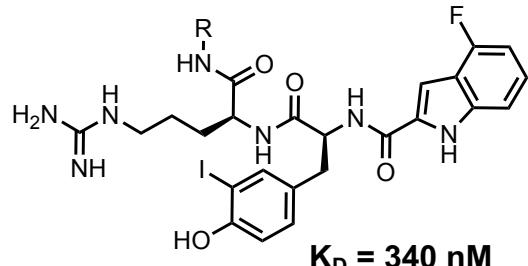
# Success Stories of the Philochem DEL Platform

## Cytokines

### IL2



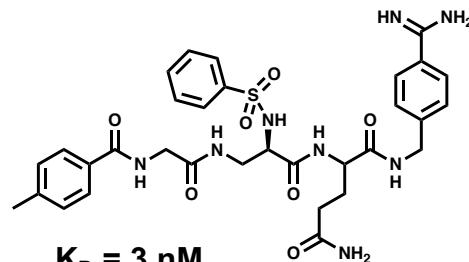
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Gironda-Martinez et al., *J Med Chem.*, 2021; 64(23):17496-17510

## Proteases

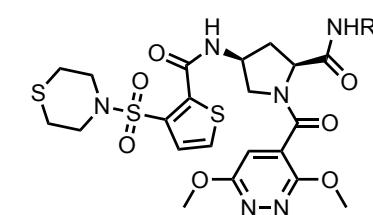
### Trypsin



Mannocci et al., *Bioconj Chem*, 2010; 21, 10, 1836–1841

## Viral methyltransferases

### NSP-14

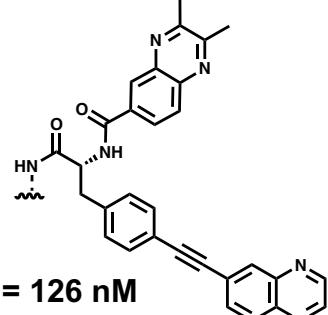


$IC_{50} = 25 nM$

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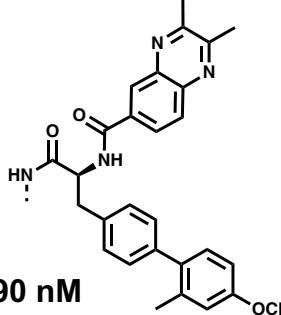
## Kinases

### PI3K (WT)



Favalli et al., *Nat Chem*, 2021; 13(6):540-548

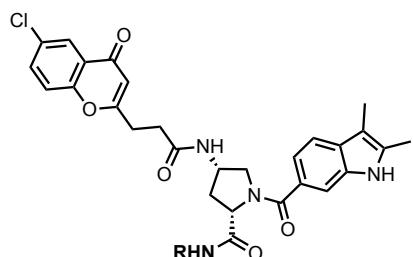
### PI3K (H1047R)



Favalli et al., *Nat Chem*, 2021; 13(6):540-548

## Others

### HSA



$IC_{50} = 3 nM$

Oehler et al., *Nat. Chem.*, 2023; 15(10):1431-1443

## TAA

### Pro-X

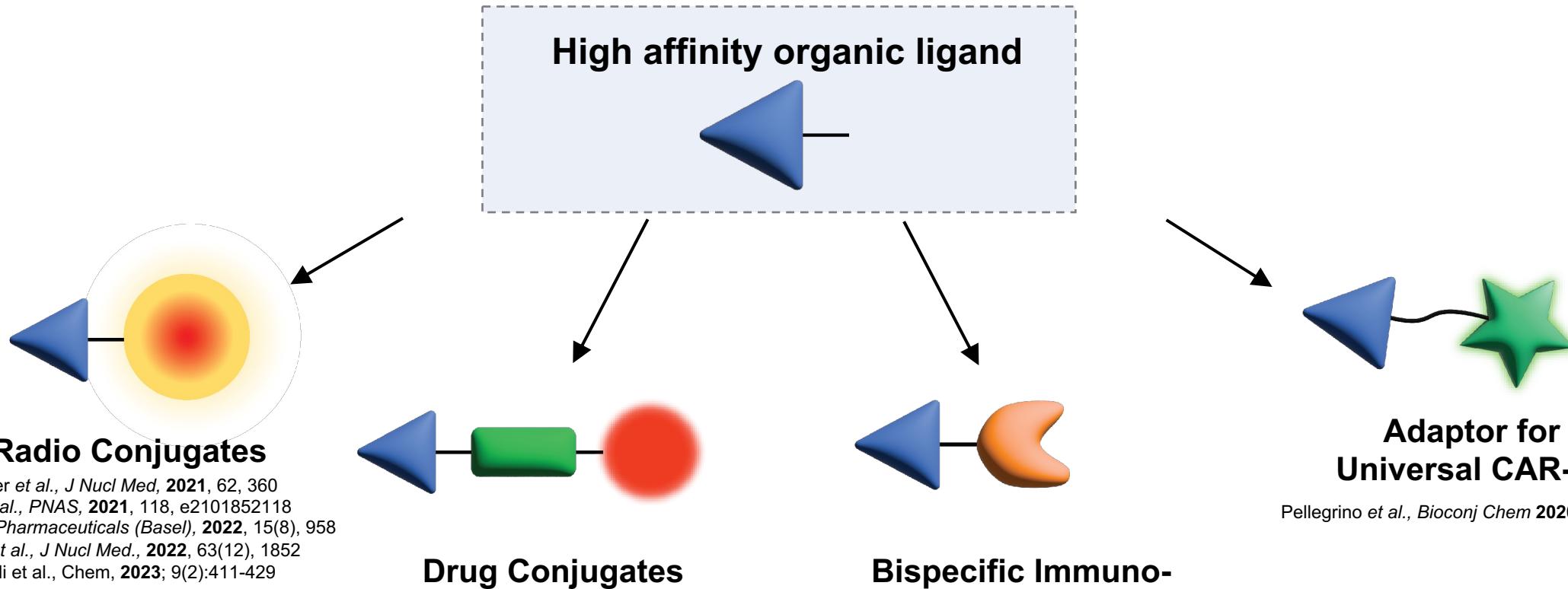
- Undisclosed Structure -

$K_D = \sim 10^{-10} M$

Unpublished

# DEL inspired Product Development Activity at Philochem

We use high affinity organic ligands to deliver therapeutic and diagnostic payloads



= radiometal chelator (DOTA or DOTAGA)



= linker-drug



= small molecule immunomodulator

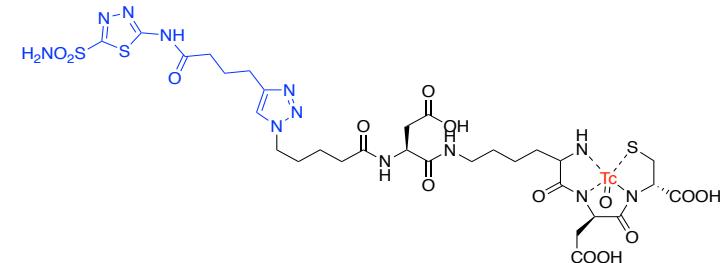


= fluorescein

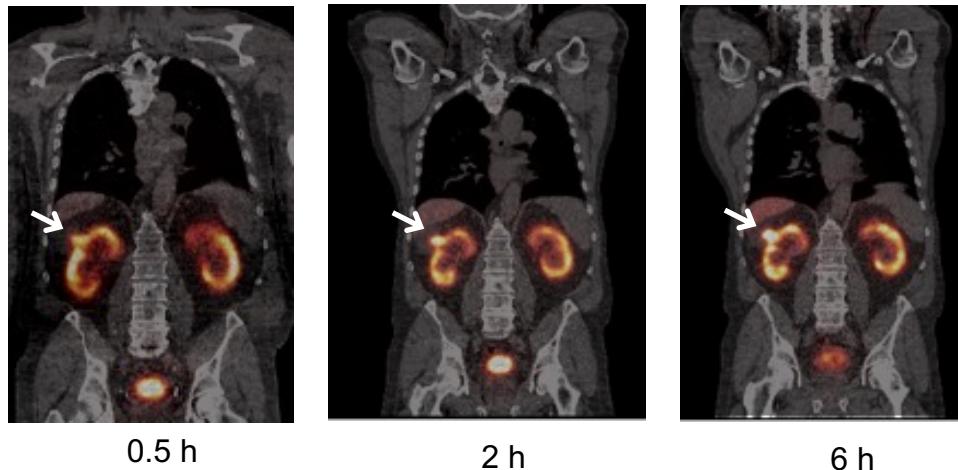
# Onco IX: Ligands for Imaging and Therapy of Renal Cell Carcinoma

We have validated our CAIX ligand (Onco IX) by nuclear medicine in patients with Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC)

- CAIX is the most validated antigen for Renal Cell Carcinoma
- SPECT/CT imaging of patients with Renal Cell Carcinoma in a Phase I clinical trial
- Onco IX was able to detect metastatic lesions which were not known at diagnosis



Primary Renal Cell Carcinoma (Patient A)



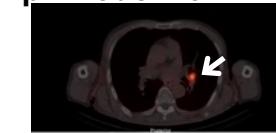
0.5 h

2 h

6 h

Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma (Patient B)

Metastasis – Lymph Node – 6 h



Metastasis – Lung – 6 h



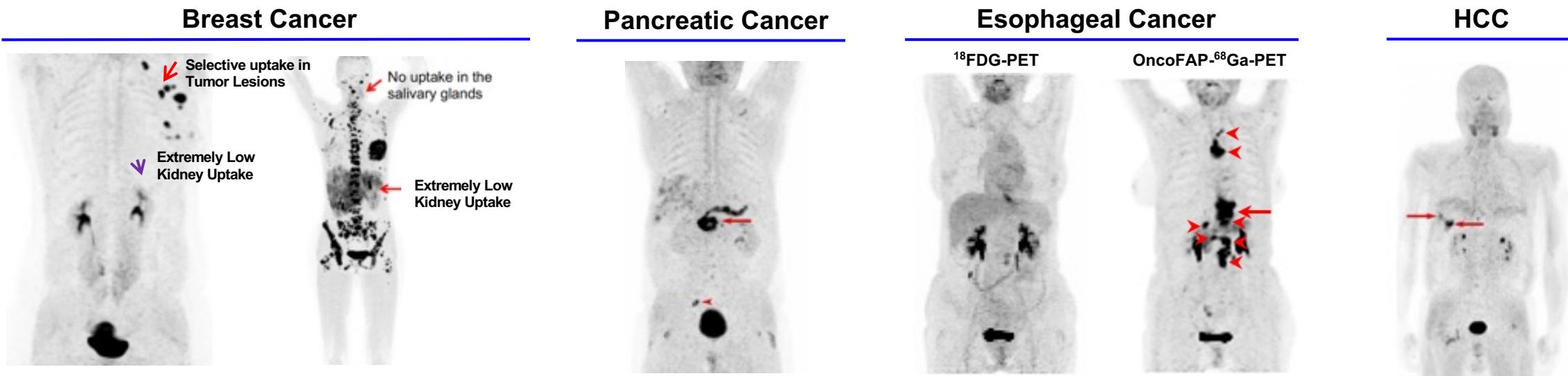
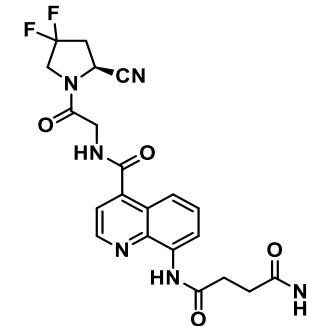
Vena Cava Thrombus – 6 h



# OncoFAP: Potential for Imaging and Therapy of a Variety of Tumors

We have validated our FAP ligand (OncoFAP) by nuclear medicine in more than 100 patients in a variety of tumors

- Fibroblast Activation Protein (FAP) is a validated high-quality pan-tumoral target
- We have generated a proprietary FAP ligand (OncoFAP) which displays the highest affinity ever reported
- SPECT/CT imaging of more than 100 patients with various solid tumors



# Standard Collaborative Structure

Our standard collaborative structure offers **clear Stop/Go provisions**, the option for **target exclusivity**, and **no milestones and no royalties**

## Stage 1

### Screening of DELs

Time: 2-3 months

Cost: 10% of total amount

Deliverables:

Library Screening Report (blinded)



## Stage 2

### Hit validation

Time: 2-3 months

Cost: 40% of total amount

Deliverables:

Hit Validation Report (blinded)



## Stage 3

### Option exercise and unblinding

Cost: 50% of total amount

Deliverables:

Structural information  
Exclusive license

# Why partner with Philochem?

## Advantages of the Philochem Technology Platform

- + We pioneered **DEL technology** (more than 20 years of track-record)
- + We are the only company with proprietary **single and dual-pharmacophore (ESAC) libraries**
- + **DEL derived ligands** have been moved “**from the bench to the clinic**”
- + We provide **customized solutions** according to the needs of our partners
- + We offer a flexible business structure with **no milestones and no royalties**
- + We have **successful collaborations** with leading pharmaceutical companies & academia

