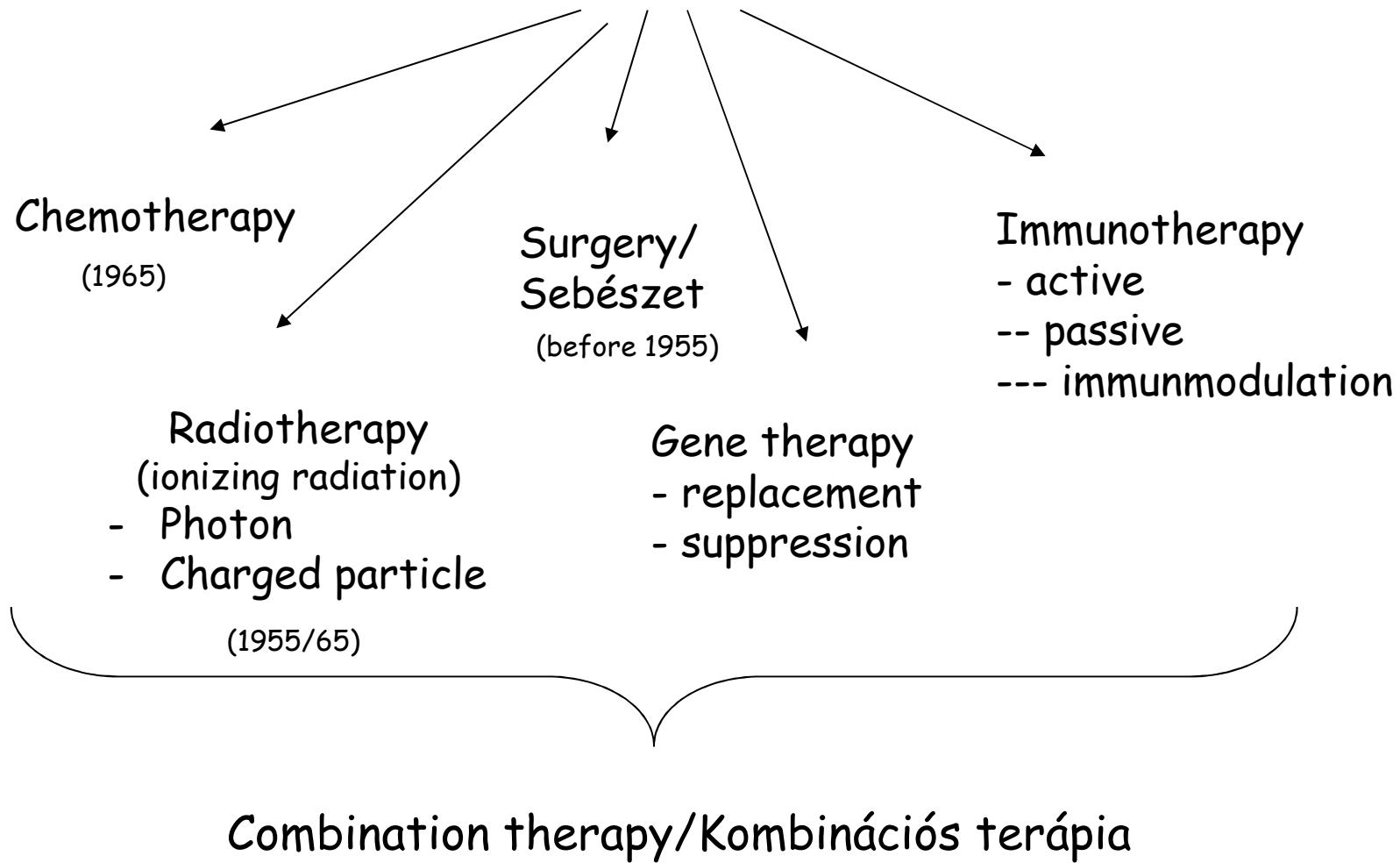
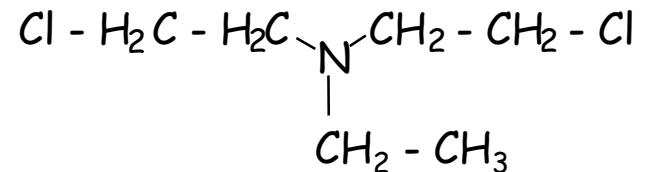


# Treatment of cancer/Tumorok kezelése

(no treatment before 1940)



# Chemotherapy



First step: discovery of nitrogen mustard, as drug

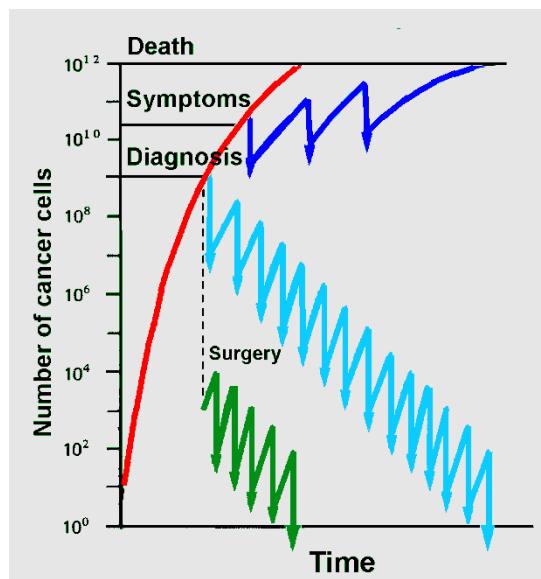
1. period: 1942 - 1959, palliative, toxic side effects
2. period: 1960 - 1979, success in few cancers, toxic side effects
3. period: 1980- success in additional cancers, limited side effects

1-log-kill dose of an effective drug = the number of tumour cells is 10 times smaller after chemotherapy

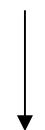
e.g.  $10^{12}$  tumour cells (1 kg)

1<sup>st</sup> combined treatment causes 3 log elimination, still  $10^9$  tumour cells (1 g).  
2<sup>nd</sup> combined treatment causes 3 log elimination, still  $10^6$  tumour cells (1 mg).

"Log reduction" is a mathematical term used to show the relative number of cells, germs, microbes, etc., reduced in or on something

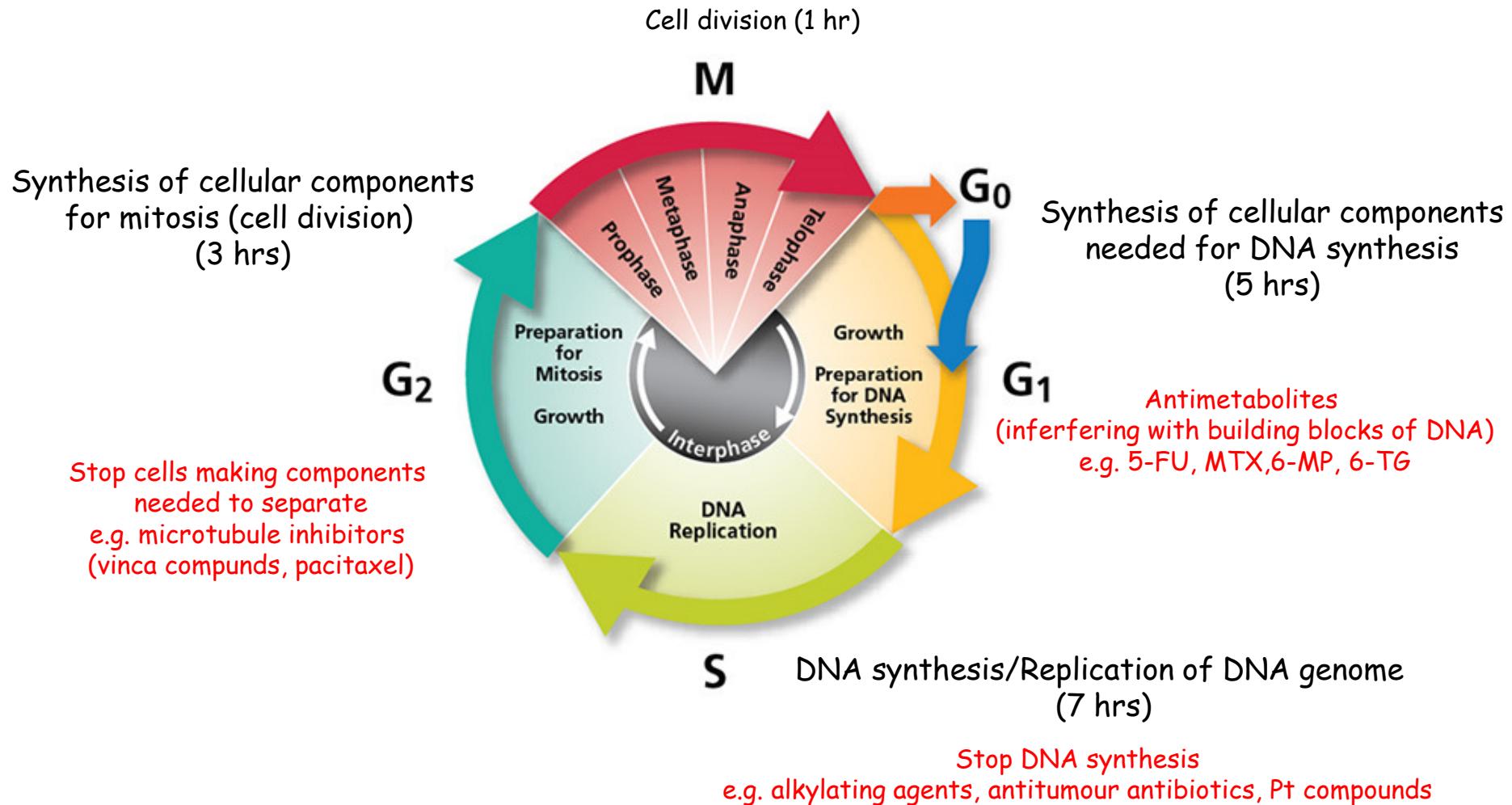


Selectivity



Side effects  
(e.g. cardiotoxicity,  
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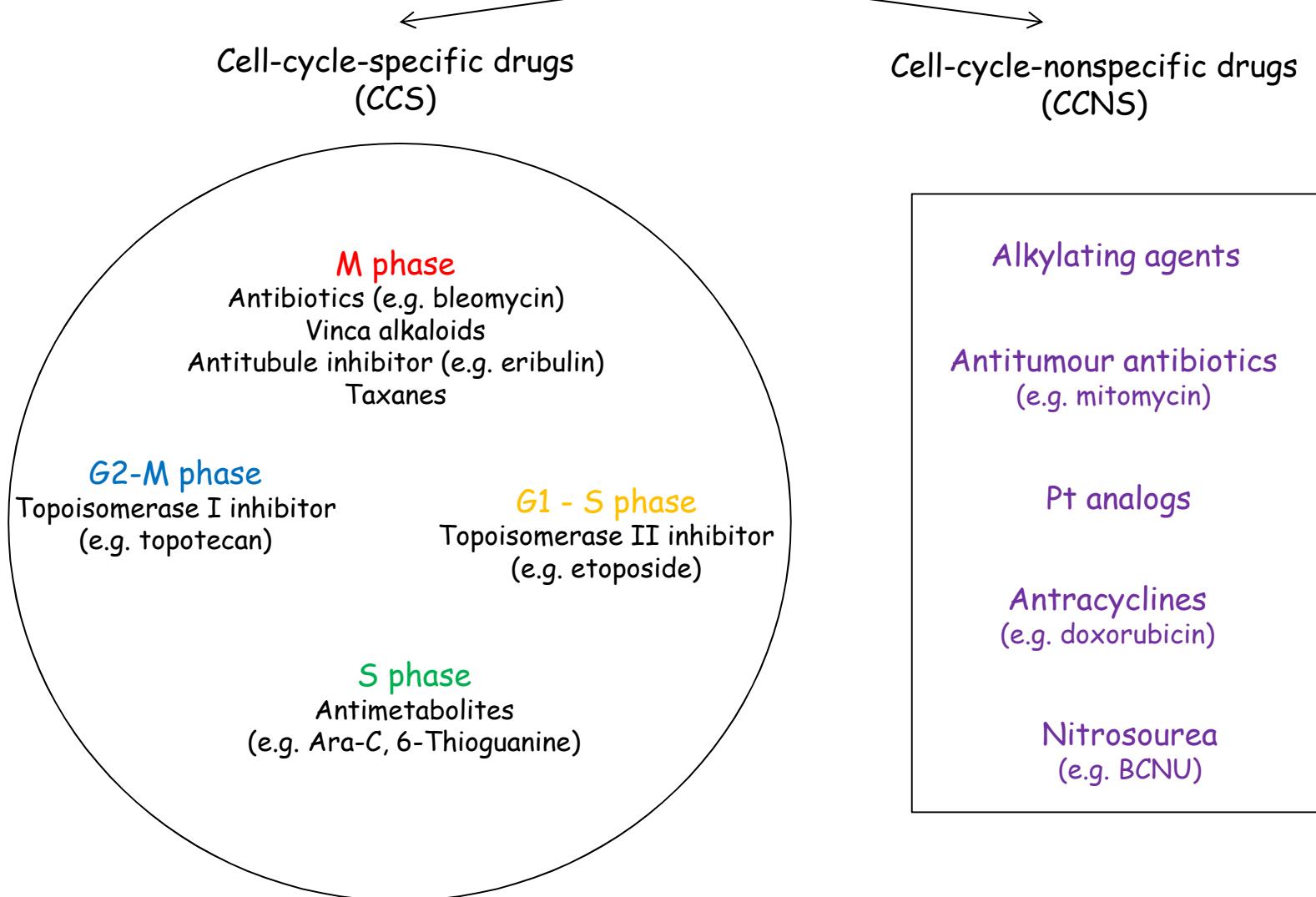
# Cell cycle and cancer



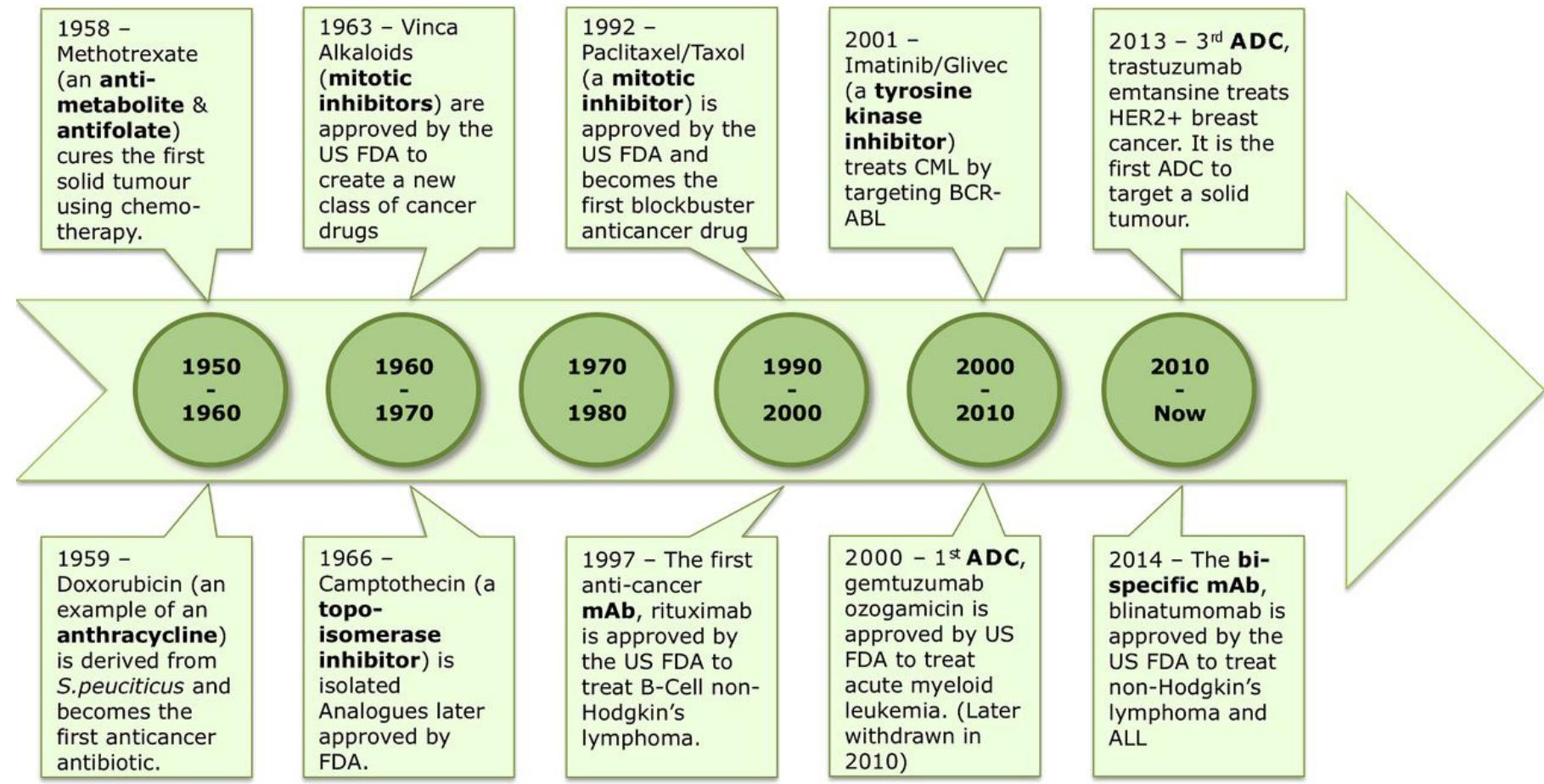
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# Classes of chemotherapeutic drugs



# Evolution of chemotherapeutic drugs

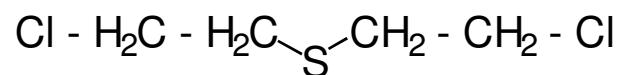


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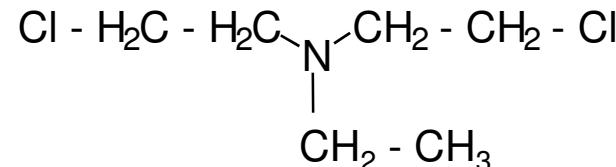
## Alkylating agents

bis(chloroethyl)amines

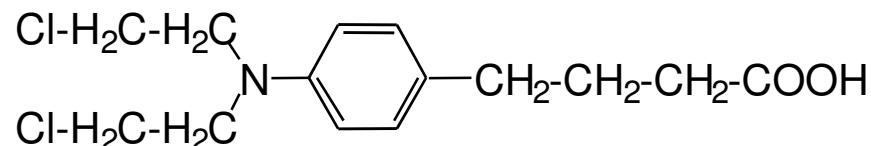


Bis(2-chloroethyl) sulfide,  
[sulfur mustard, mustard gas]

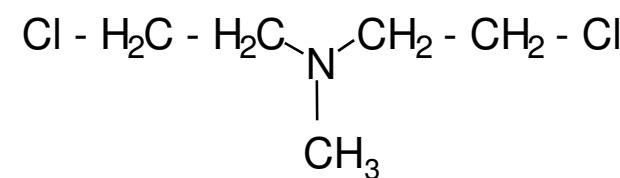
(Sellei, Jány, Koller 1931)  
breast cancer



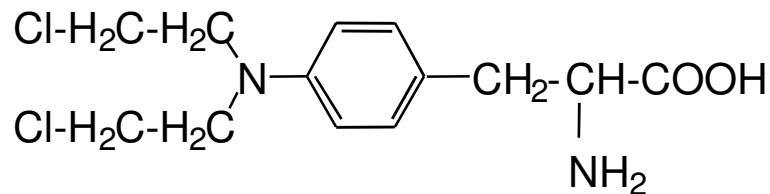
Bis(2-chloroethyl)ethylamine  
[nitrogen mustard]  
(Berenblum 1935)  
melanoma



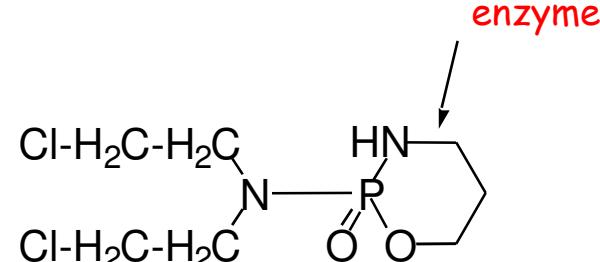
4-[bis(2-chloroethyl)amino]benzenebutanoic acid  
(Chlorambucil)



Bis(2-chloroethyl)methylamine



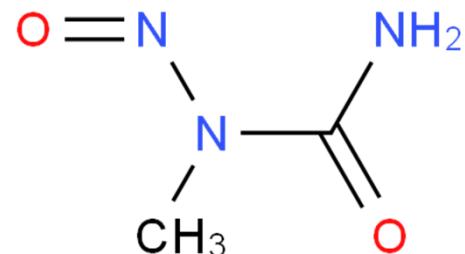
Melphalan, L - amino acid  
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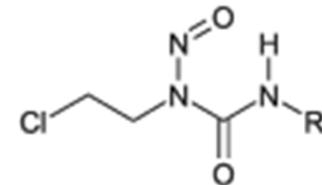
cyclophosphamide (Endoxan)  
breast

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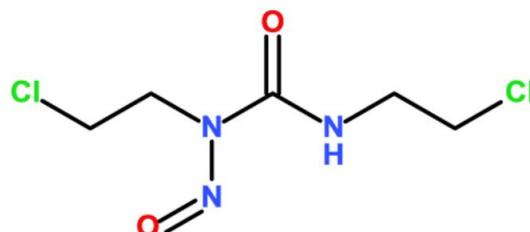
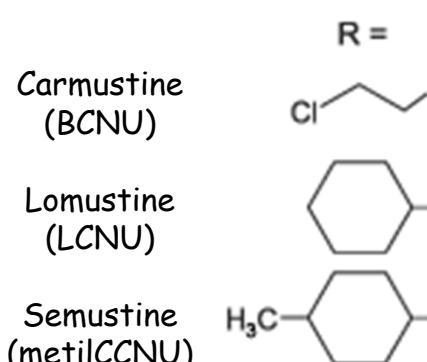
N-nitrosourea



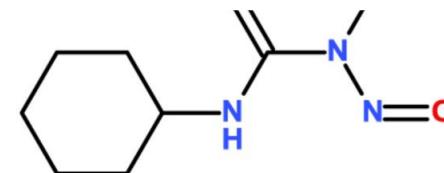
N-methyl- N- nitrosourea



N-2-chloroethyl- N- nitrosourea derivatives



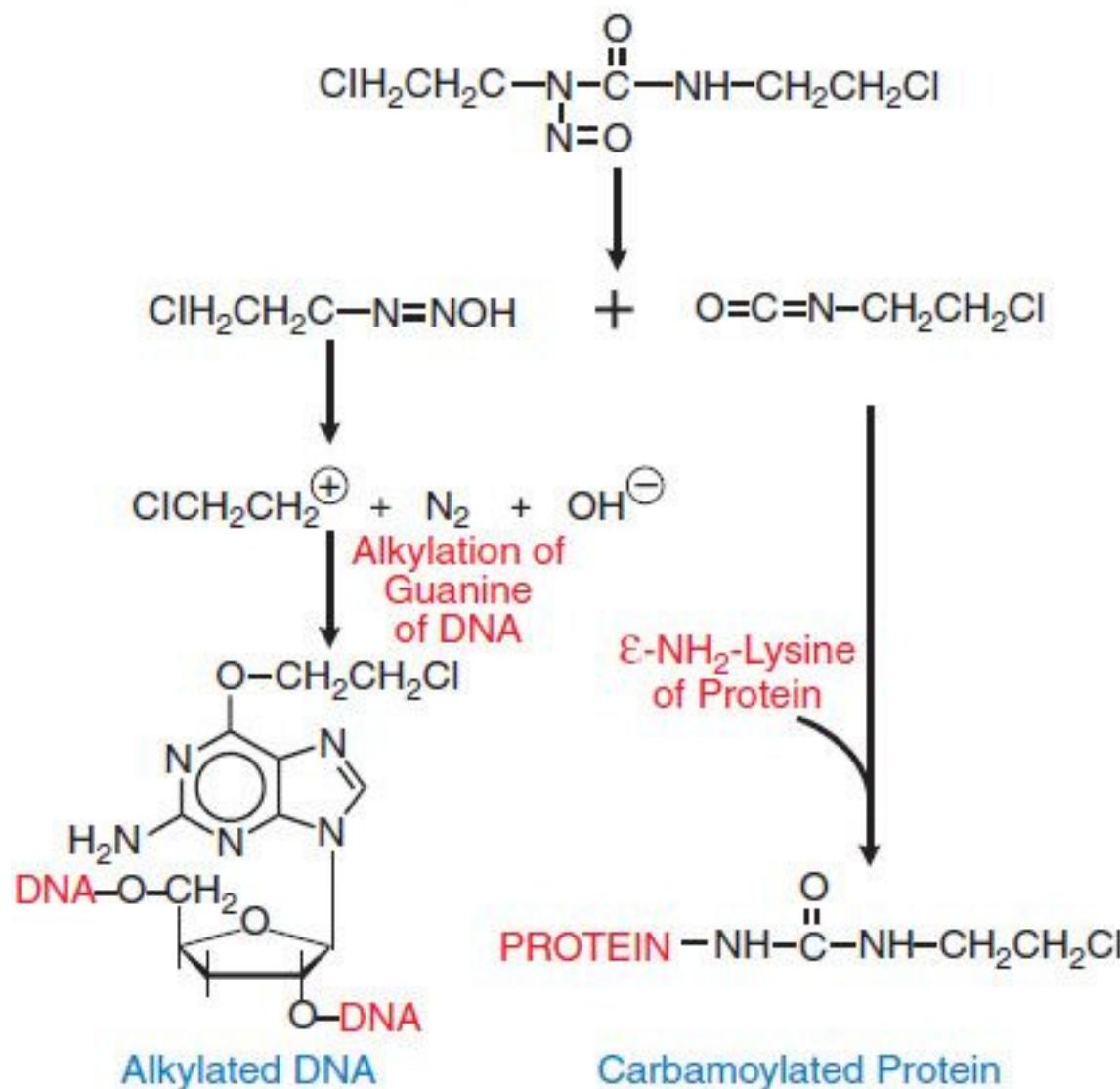
1,3-bis(2-chloroethyl)-1-nitroso-urea (BCNU)  
(Carmustine)



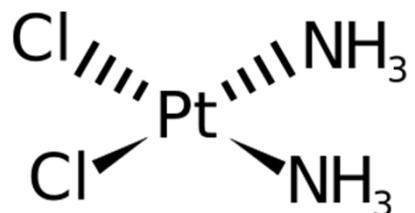
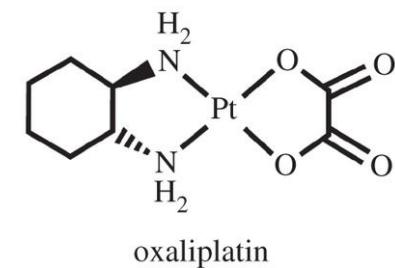
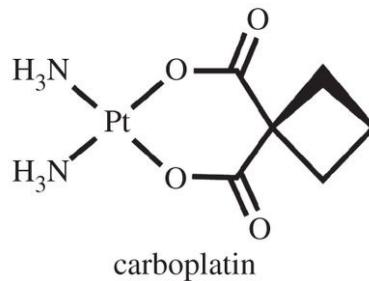
1-(2-chloroethyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-nitroso-urea (CCNU)  
(Lomustine)



## The effect of Carmustine (BCNU)

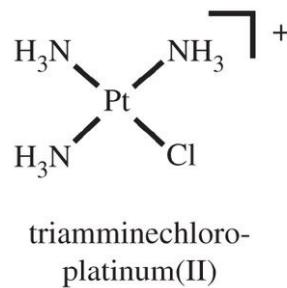


## Alkylating agents Organometallic compounds

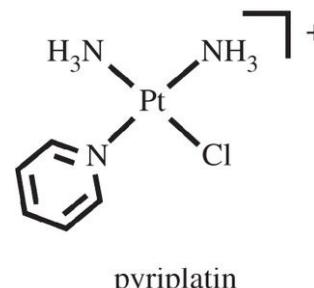


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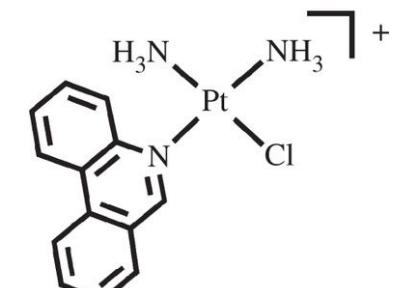
(*cis*-diammino-dichloro-platinum(II))



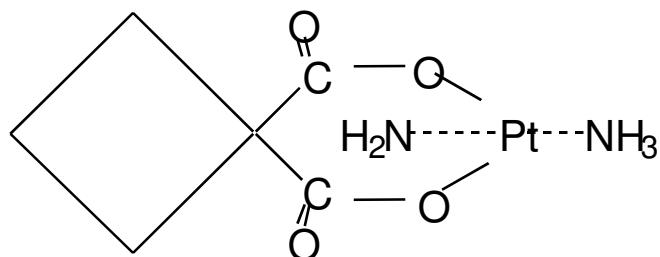
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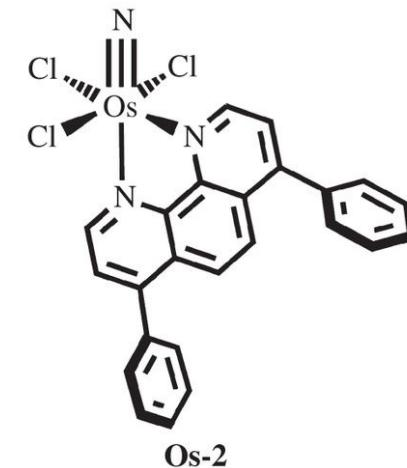
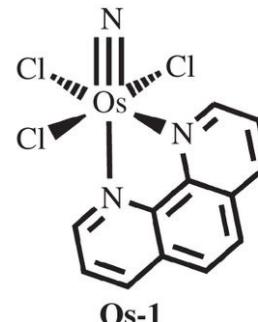
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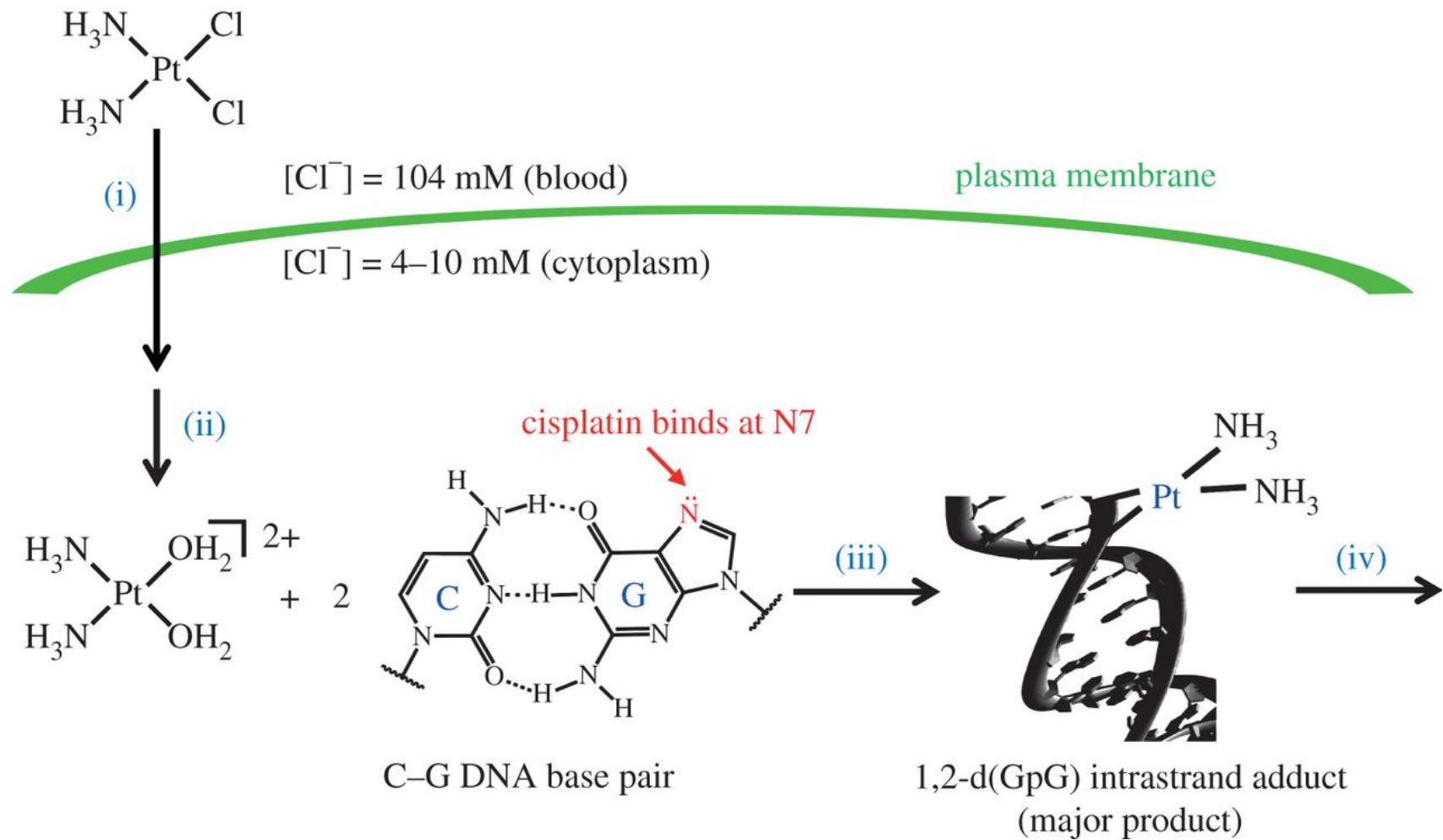
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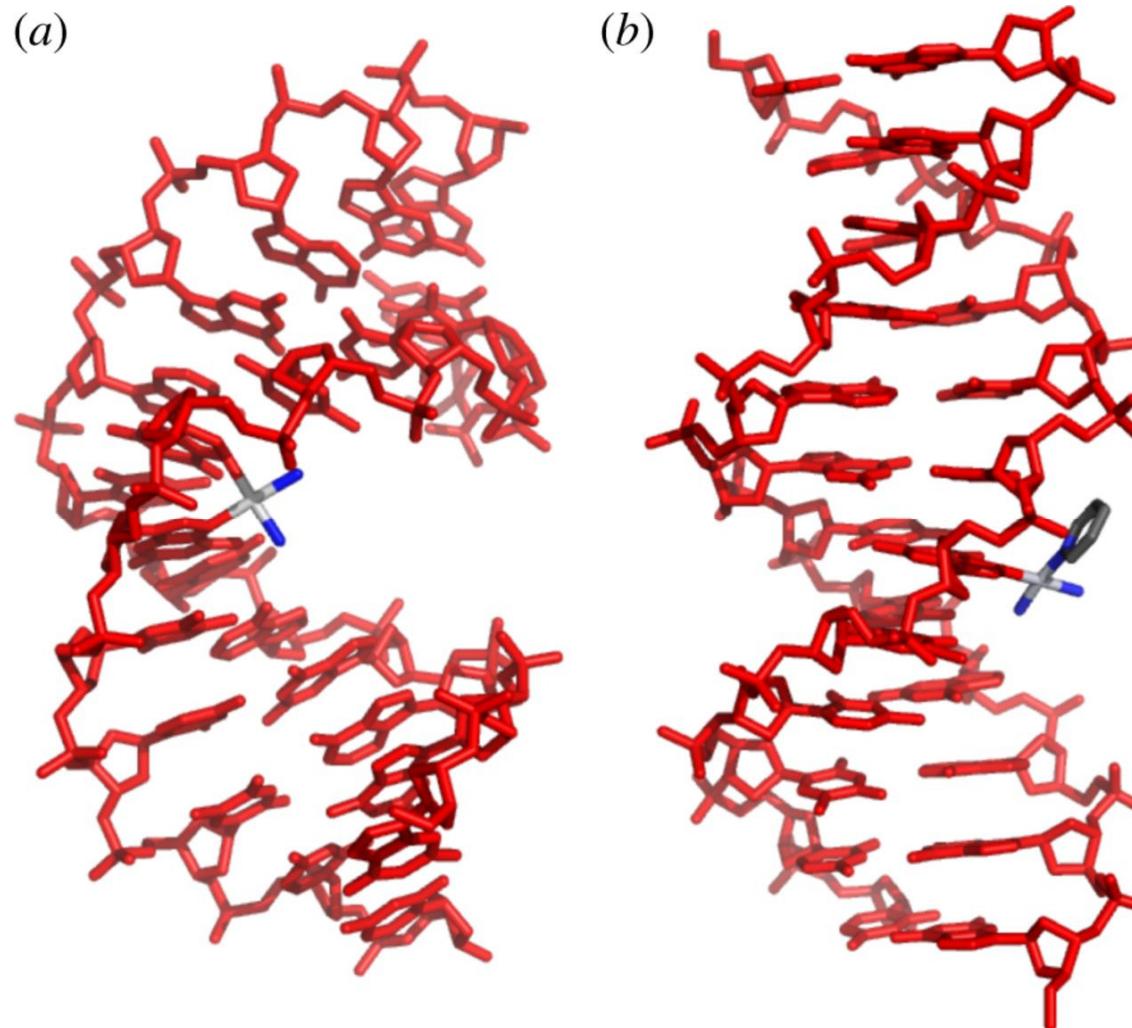
*cis*-diammino-1,1-cyclobutane  
dicarboxylate platinum(II)



Mechanism of action of cisplatin: (i) cellular uptake, (ii) activation, (iii) DNA platinination, and (iv) cellular processing leading to apoptosis



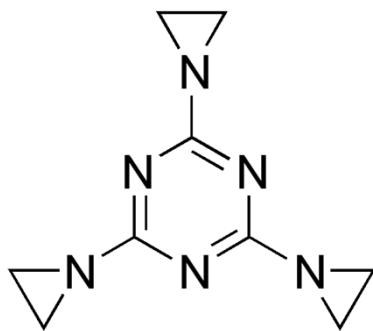
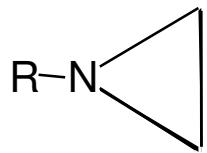
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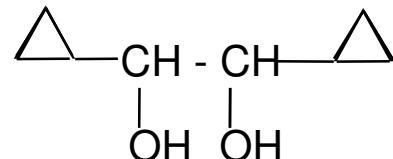
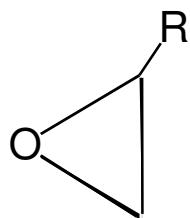
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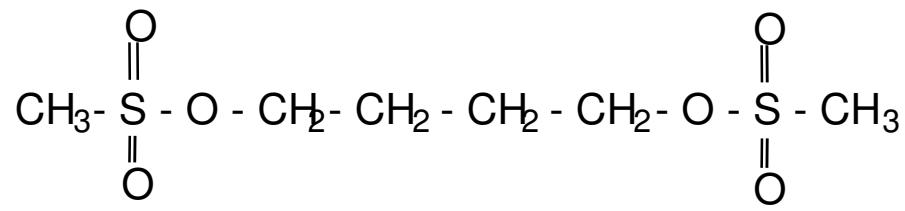
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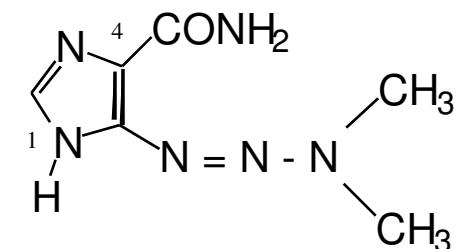
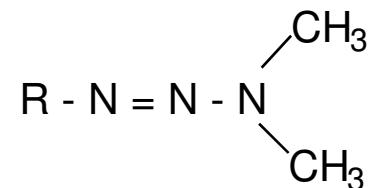
aziridines/ethylene imine  
(e.g. triethylenemelamine, TEM)



epoxide (e.g. dianhydrogalactitol, DAG )

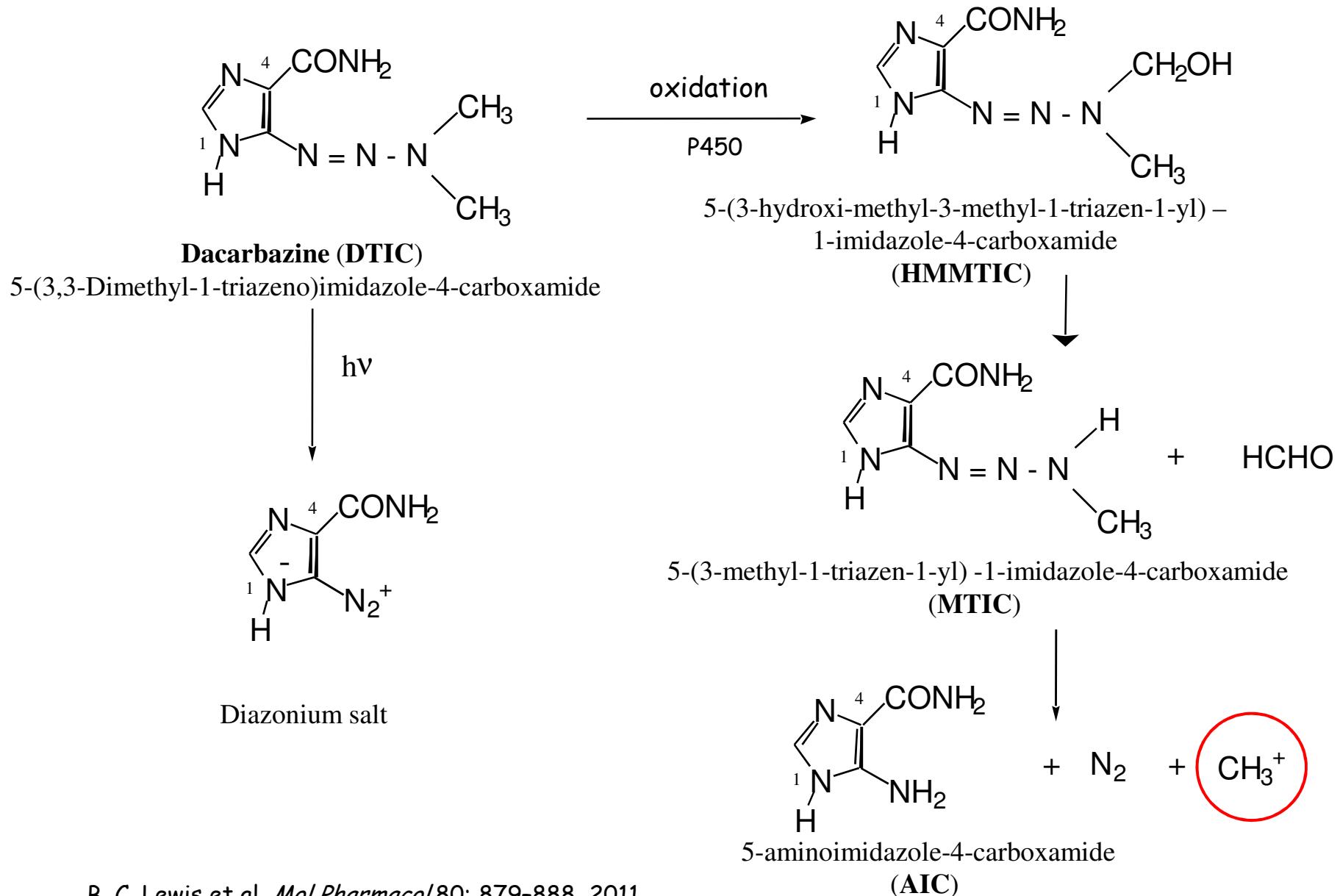


butane-1,4-diyl dimethanesulfonate (busufan)  
since 1959

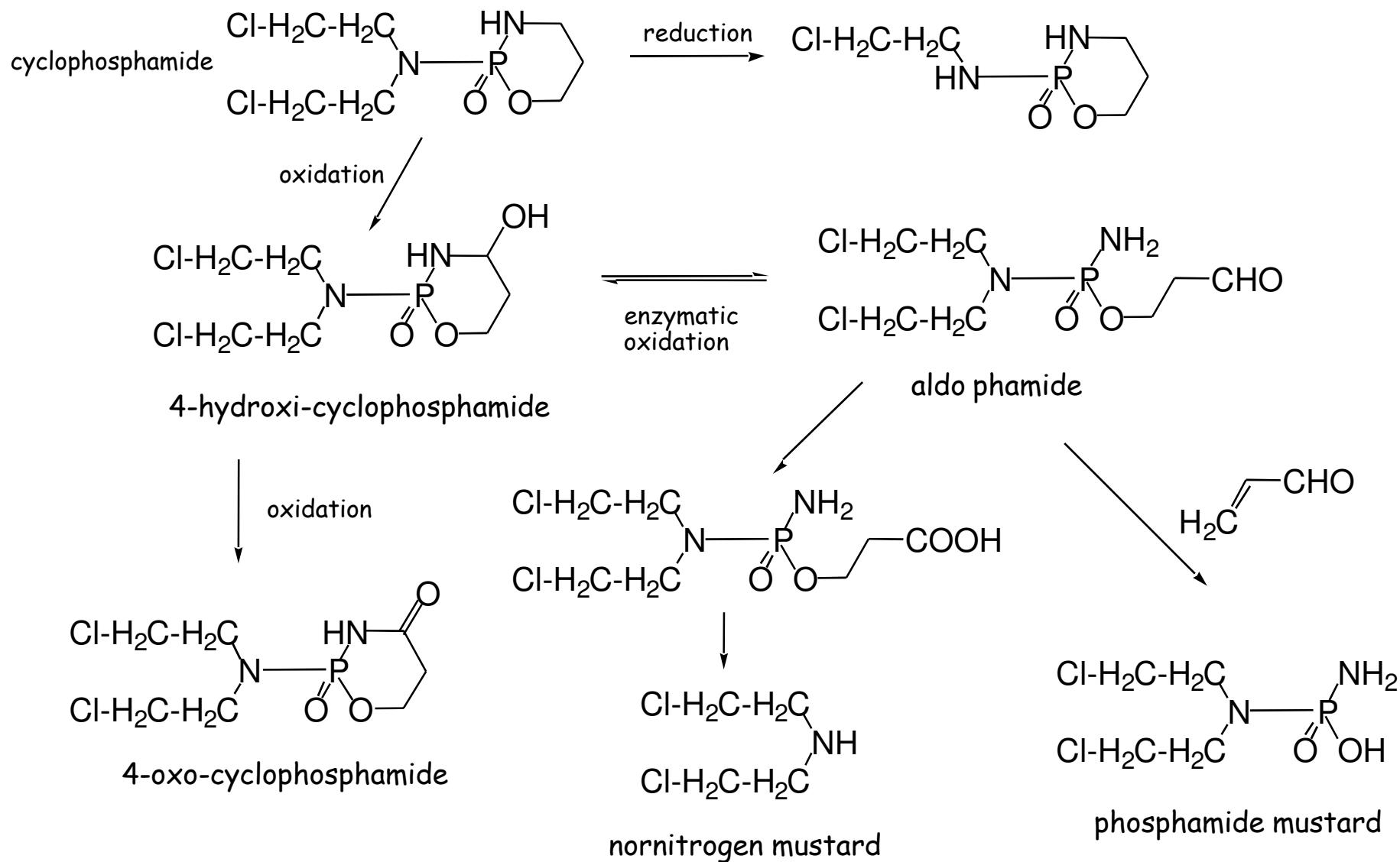


(e.g. 5-(3,3-Dimethyl-1-triazenyl) imidazole-  
4-carboxamide, Dacarbazine, DTIC)

# The metabolism of DTIC



# The metabolism of cyclophosphamide



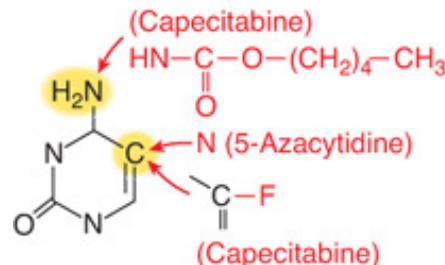
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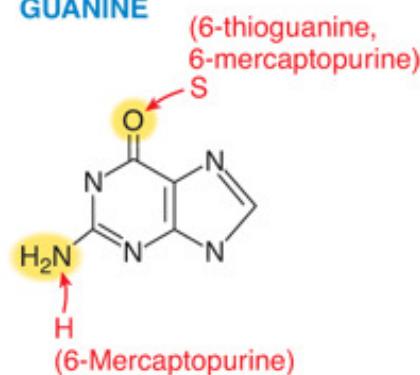
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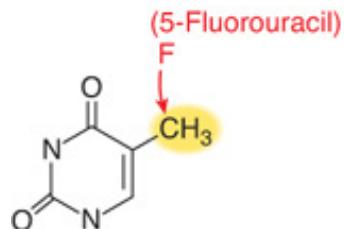
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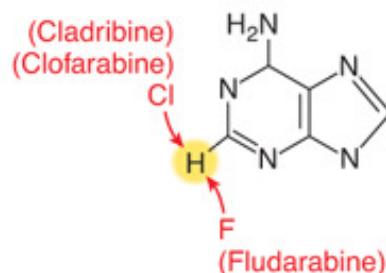
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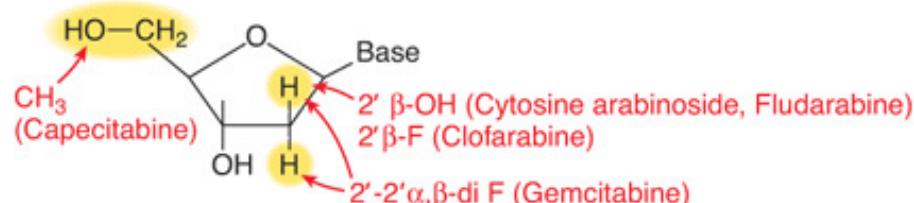
THYMINE



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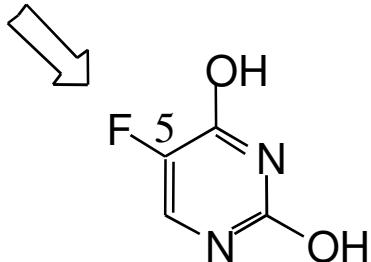
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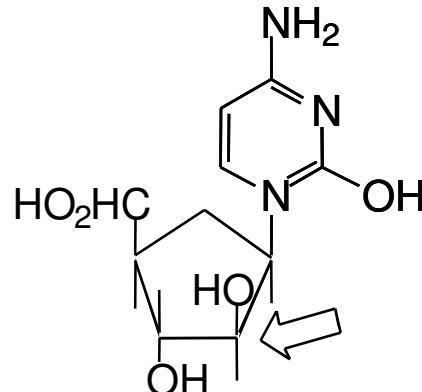
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# Antimetabolites

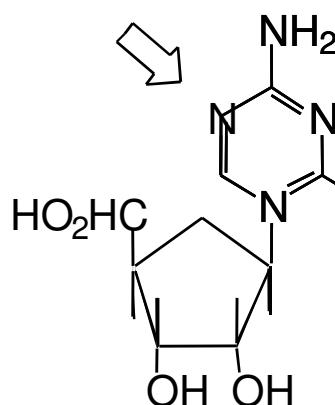
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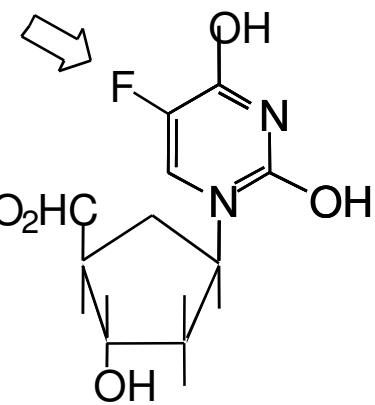
5 - fluorouracil  
( Cl, Br, I )



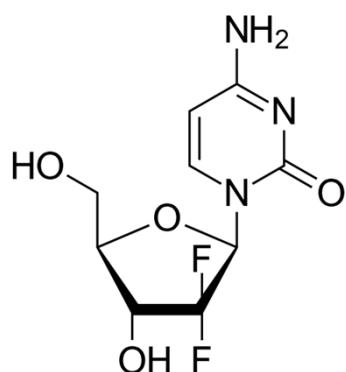
cytosine arabinoside  
( Ara-C )



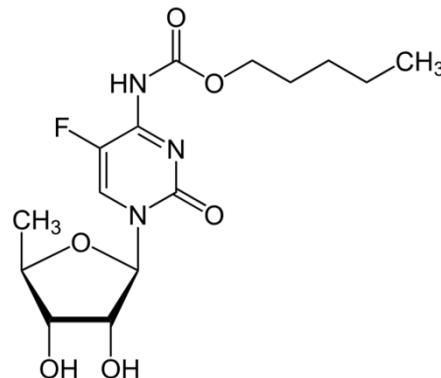
5-azacytidine



5-fluorodeoxyuridine



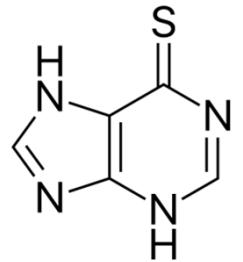
Gemcitabine (1995)



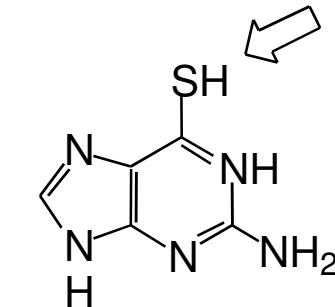
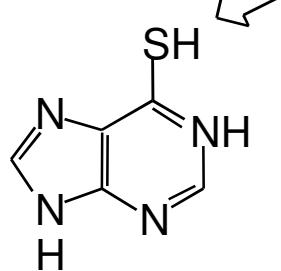
Capecitabine (1998)

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## Purine analogues

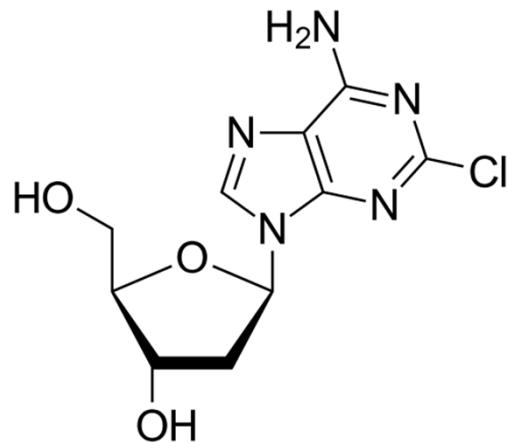


6 - mercaptopurine (1953)

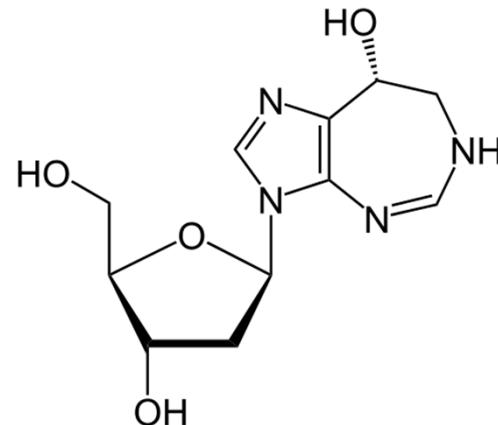


6 - thioguanine (1949)

## Inhibition of adenosine deaminase



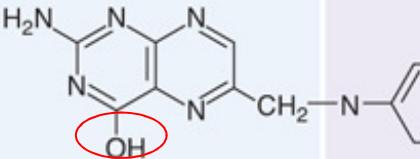
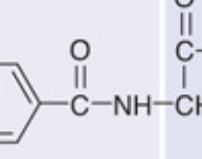
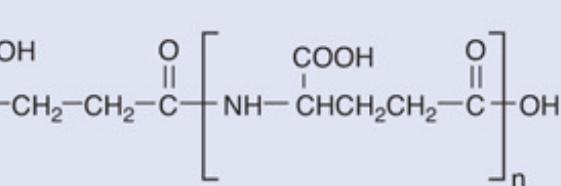
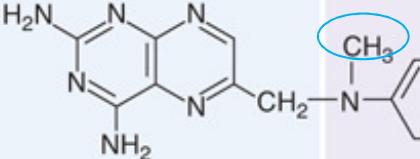
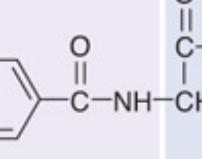
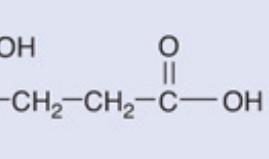
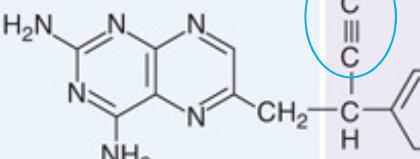
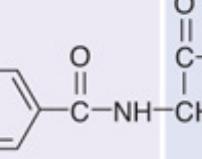
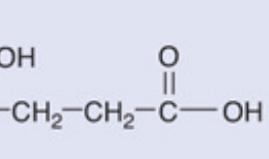
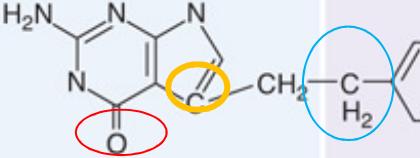
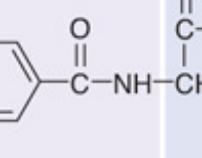
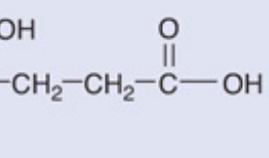
2-chloro-2'-deoxyadenosine  
Cladribine (2001)



(8R)-3-(2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-erythro-pentofuranosyl)-  
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(Pentostatin)

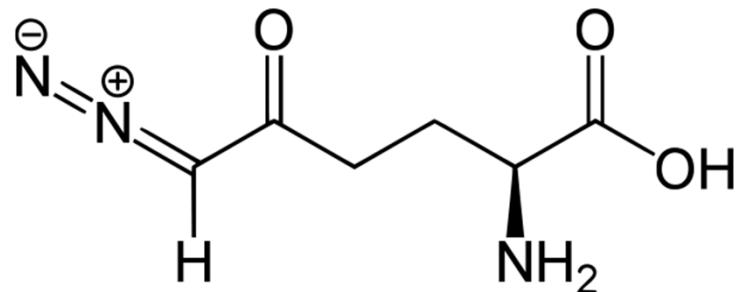
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|              | Pteridine ring   | p-aminobenzoic acid   | Glutamyl residues (1 to 6)  |
|--------------|--|---|---|
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| METHOTREXATE |    |    |    |
| PRALATREXATE |   |   |   |
| PEMETREXED   |  |  |  |

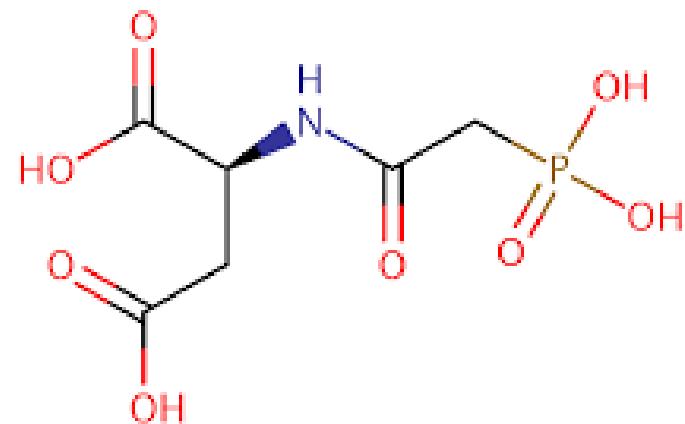
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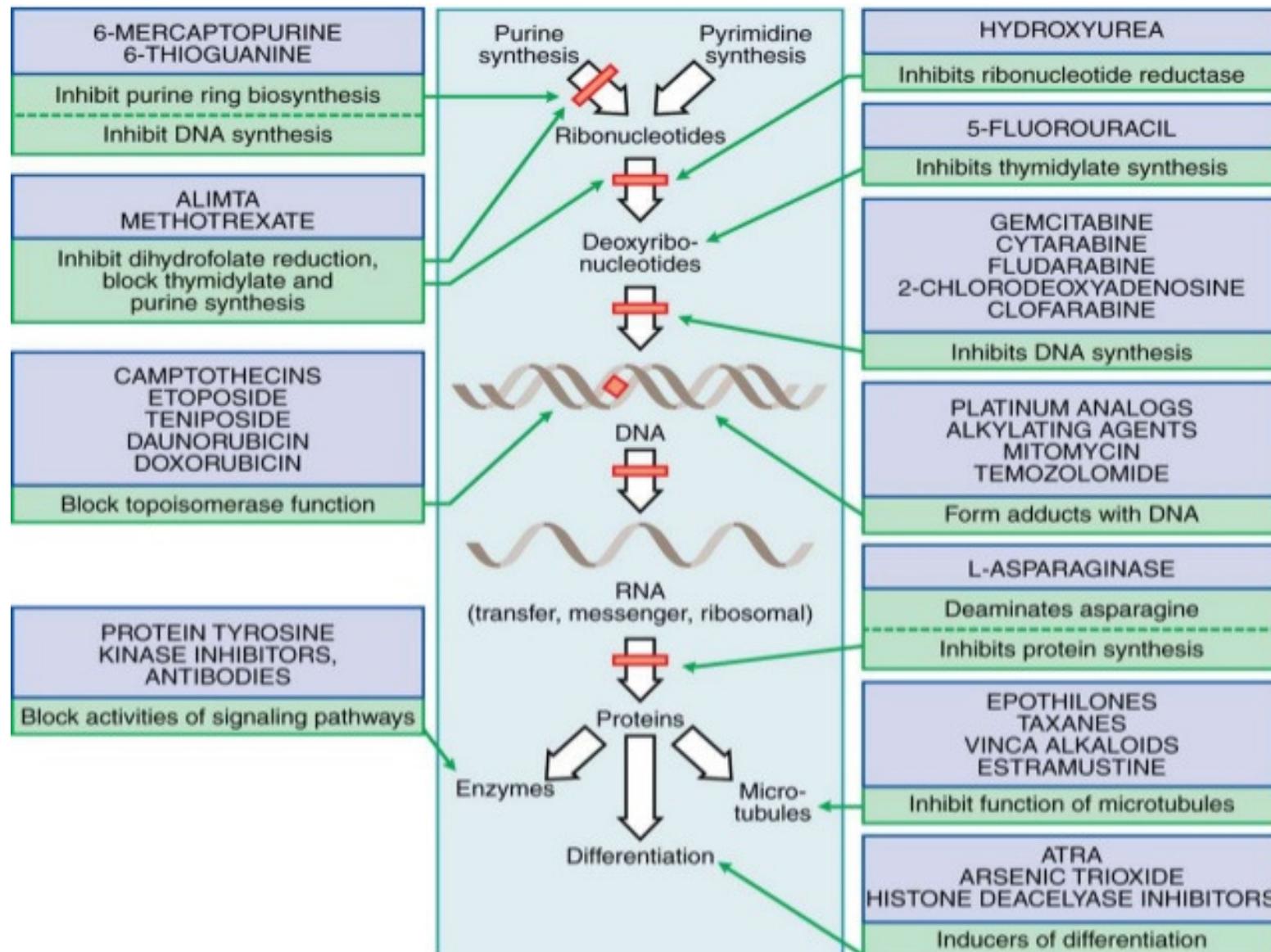


6-Diazo-5-oxo-L-norleucine  
(DON)

Glutamine antagonist, isolated from Streptomyces  
in Peruvian soil (1956, H. W. Dion et al.)



N-(phosphonacetyl)-L-Asp  
(PALA)

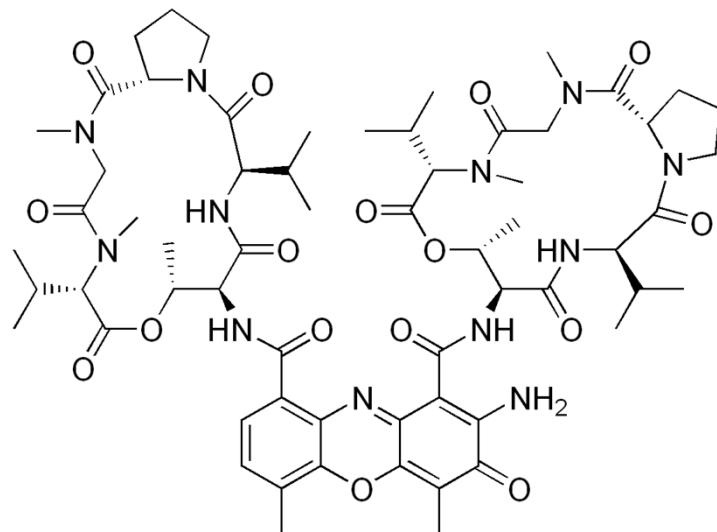


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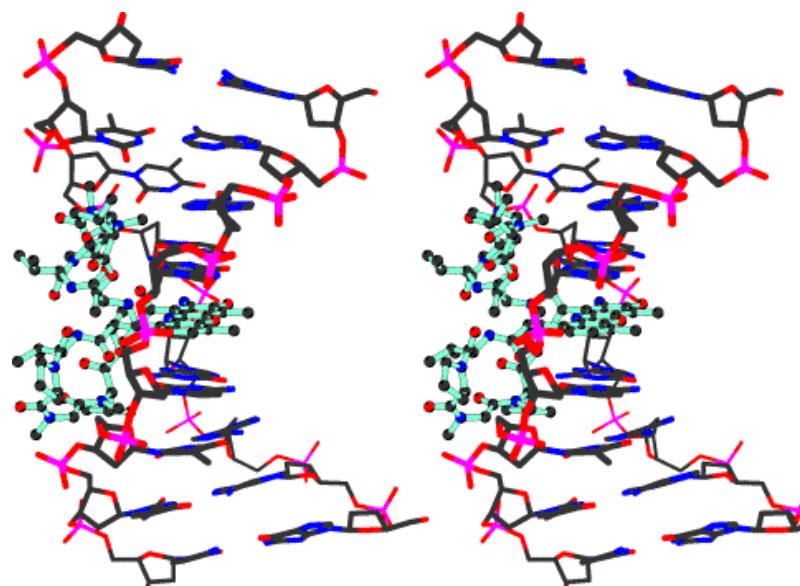
# Antibiotics

Selman A.Waksman, (1940)  
microbial origin (*Streptomyces rochei*)



Actinomycin D, (Dactinomycin) (1964)  
The first antibiotic with anticancer effect

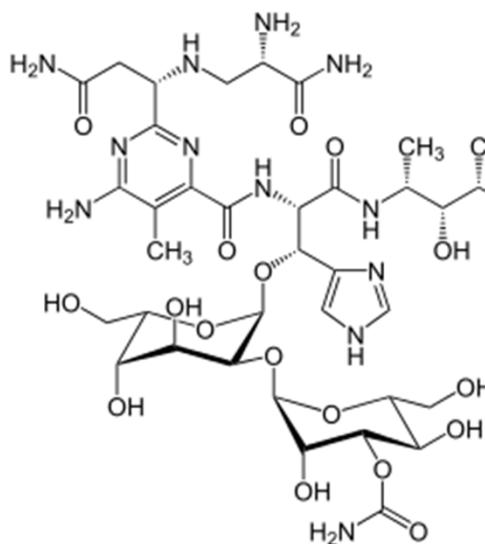
Hollstein, U.: "Actinomycin. Chemistry and mechanism of action". Chemical Reviews.  
74 (6): 625-652 (1974)



DNA binding, inhibit transcription

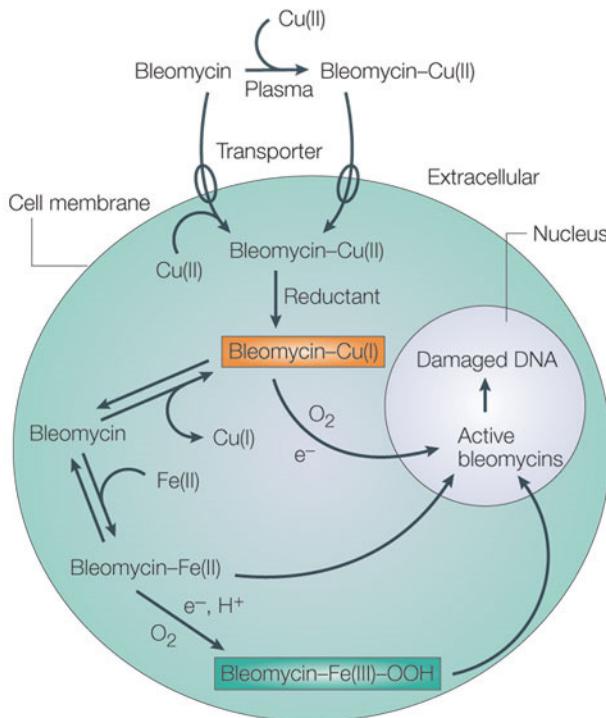
<http://crystal.res.ku.edu/~crystal/research/amd.html>

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bleomycin  
(1962)

from *Streptomyces verticillus*



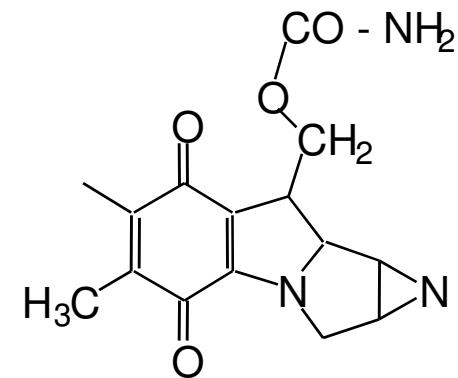
J. Chen & J.A. Stubbe:  
Nature Reviews Cancer 5, 102-112 (2005)

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[https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/mitomycin\\_C](https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/mitomycin_C)

mitomycin C

[liver, kidney, bladder]

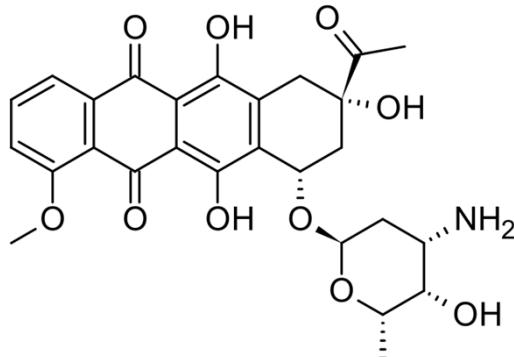


from *Streptomyces caespitosus*

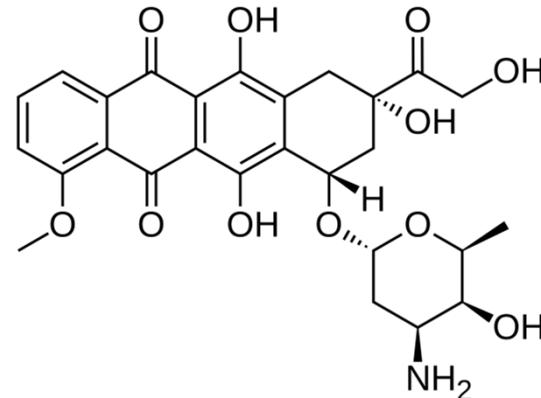
bi- or tri-functional ALKYLATING AGENT  
cross-linking of DNA and  
inhibition of DNA synthesis.

# Antibiotics - anthracyclines

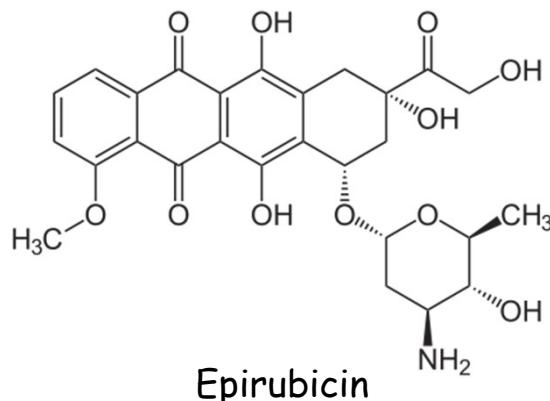
From *Streptomyces peucetius* (1960s)



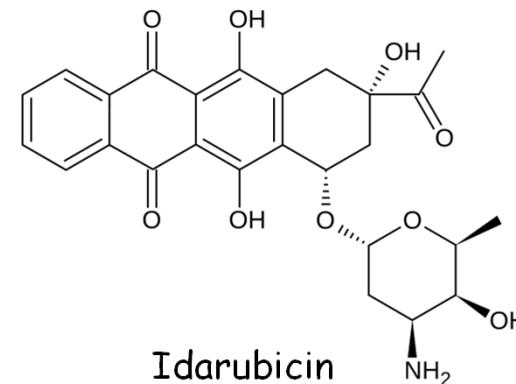
Daunomycin/daunorubicin



Doxorubicin



Epirubicin



Idarubicin

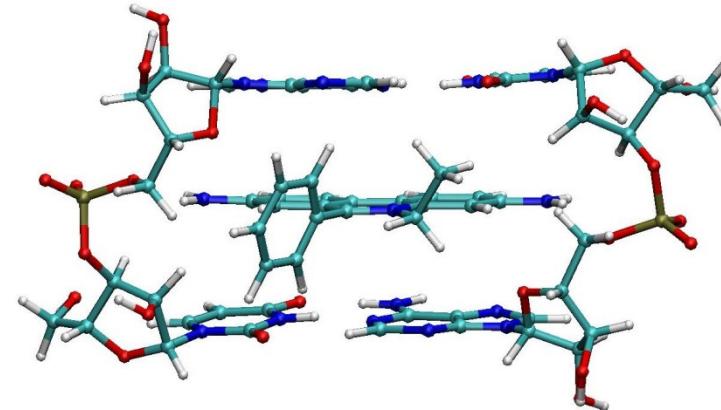
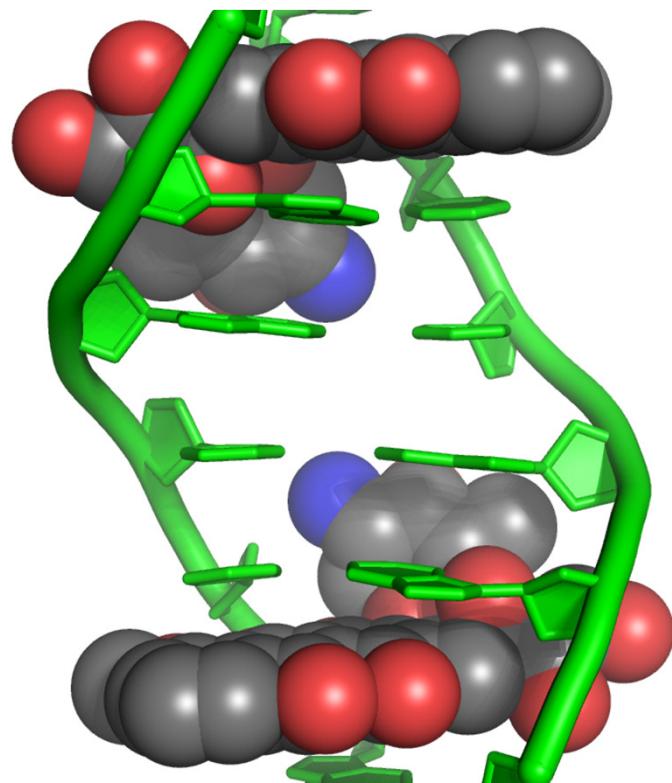
Combination therapy treatment: Colon carcinoma, breast cancer  
(5-fluorouracil, doxorubicin, ciklofoszfamid), acute childhood leukemia

Minotti, G. et al. "Anthracyclines: Molecular Advances and Pharmacologic Developments in Antitumor Activity and Cardiotoxicity". *Pharmacological Reviews*. **56**: 185-229 (2004)

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Aromatic polyketones,

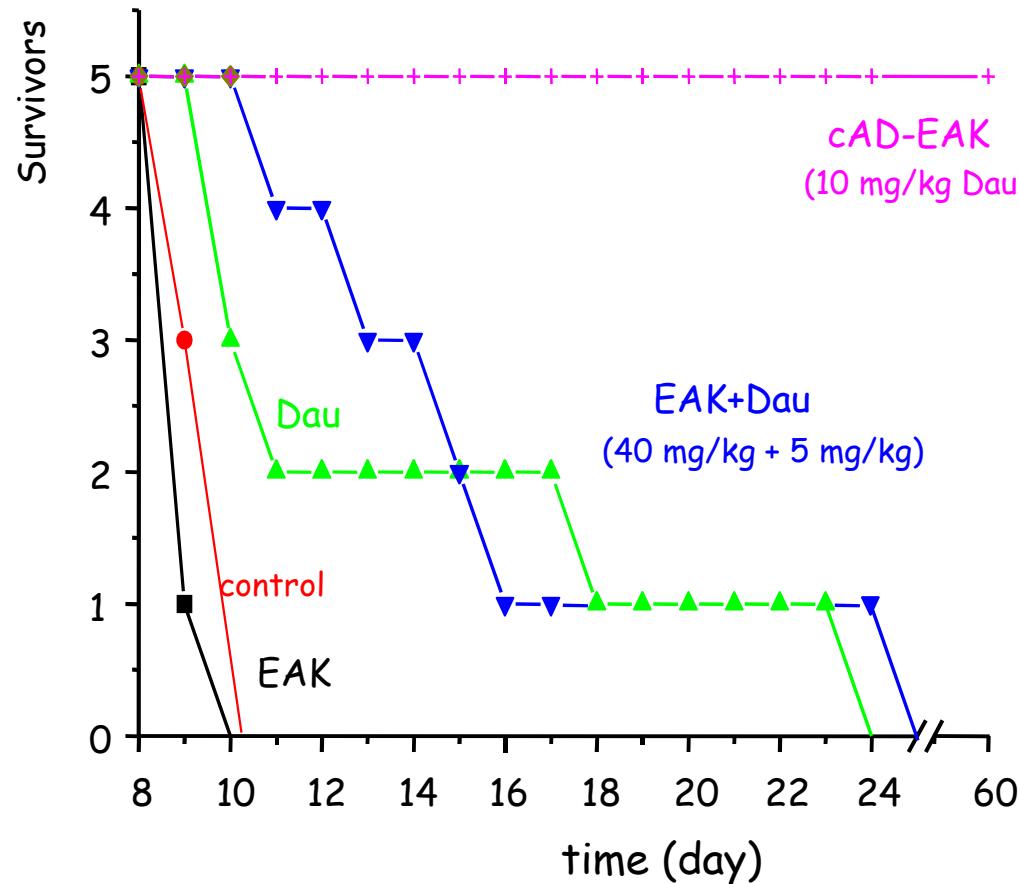
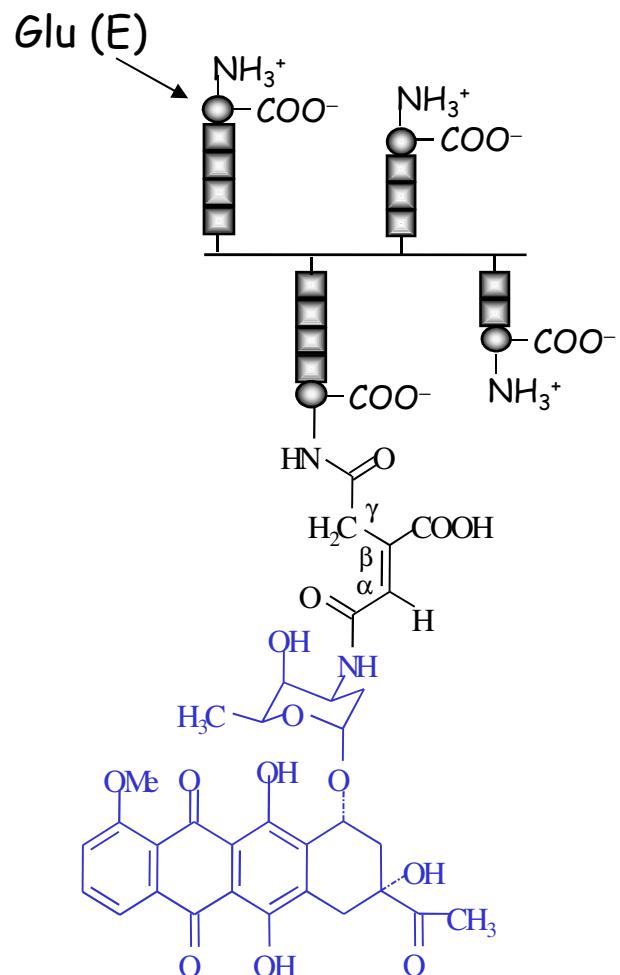
Structure: four rings, 7,8,9,10- tetrahydro tetracen - 5,12-kinon



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intercalation\\_\(biochemistry\)#/media/File:DNA\\_intercalation2.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intercalation_(biochemistry)#/media/File:DNA_intercalation2.jpg)

Diagram of two doxorubicin molecules intercalating DNA, from  
<http://www.rcsb.org/pdb/explore/explore.do?structureId=1D12>

# Antitumour effect of cAD-EAK conjugate on L1210 leukemia *in vivo*



- Treatment one day after the i.p. inoculation of  $5 \times 10^6$  L1210 cells i.p. 60-day experiment

**Low Toxicity and High Antitumour Activity of Daunomycin by Conjugation to an Immunopotential Amphoteric Branched Polypeptide**

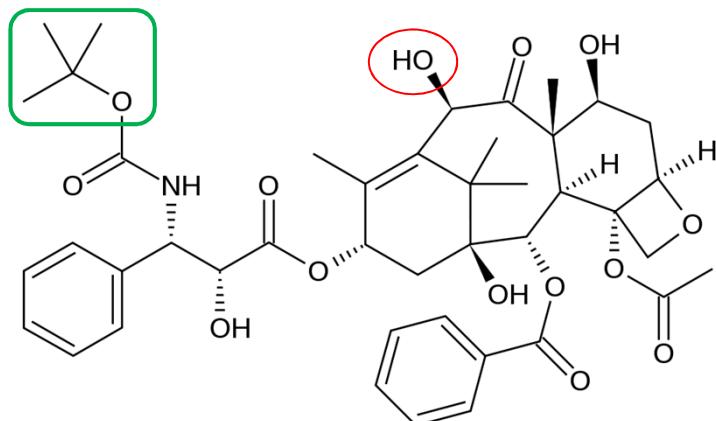
D. Gaál<sup>1</sup> and F. Hudecz<sup>2</sup>

*European Journal of Cancer*, Vol. 34, No. 1, pp. 155–161, 1998

# Classes of chemotherapeutic drugs

- alkylating agents
  - bis(chloroethyl)amines („mustards“)
  - nitrosourea
  - organometallic compounds
  - aziridines
  - alkylsulfonate (busulfan)
- antimetabolites (e.g. 5-F-uracil, methotrexate)
  - Folic acid analogues
  - Purine analogues
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  - Nucleoside analogues
- antibiotics (e.g. mitomycin C, daunomycin)
- **microtubule damaging agents**
- hormone related anticancer agents antagonists
- vitamins (A, C)

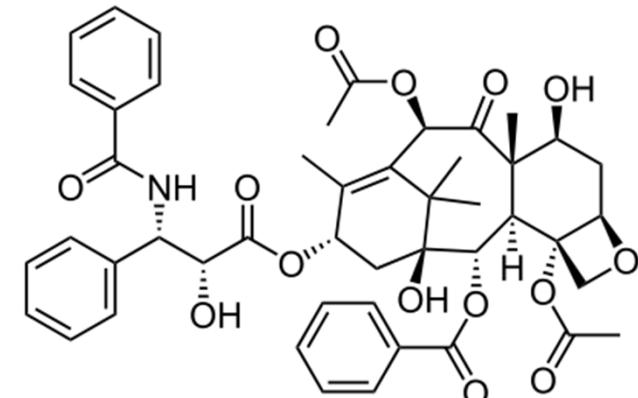
# Antimitotic compounds: taxanes



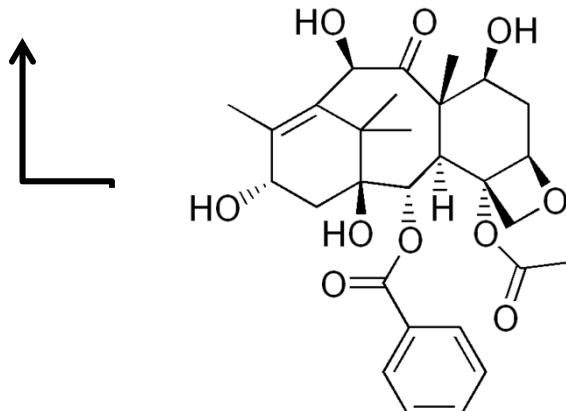
Docetaxel  
(semisynthetic analog) patented 1986



*Taxus brevifolia*  
(Pacific Yew)



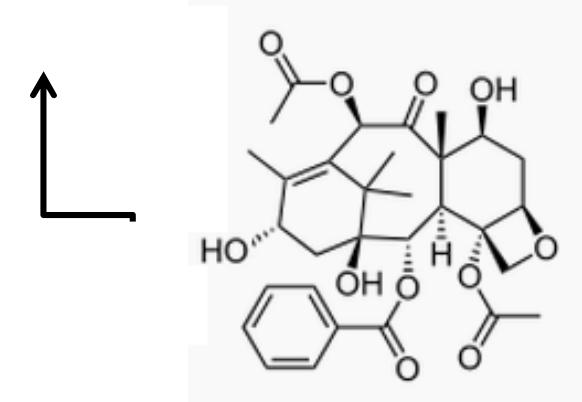
Paclitaxel



10-Deacetylbaccatin

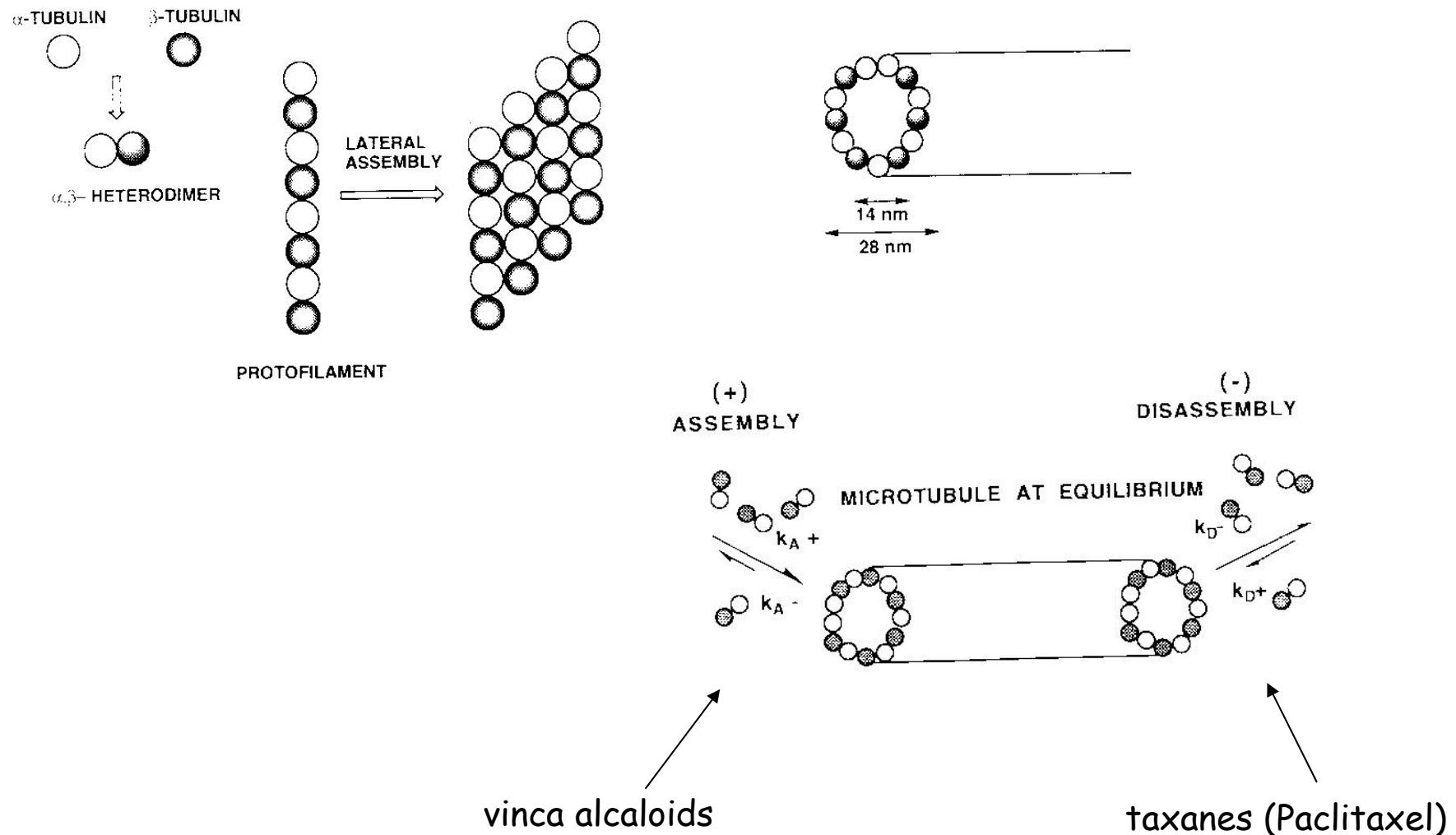


*Taxus baccata* (European yew)

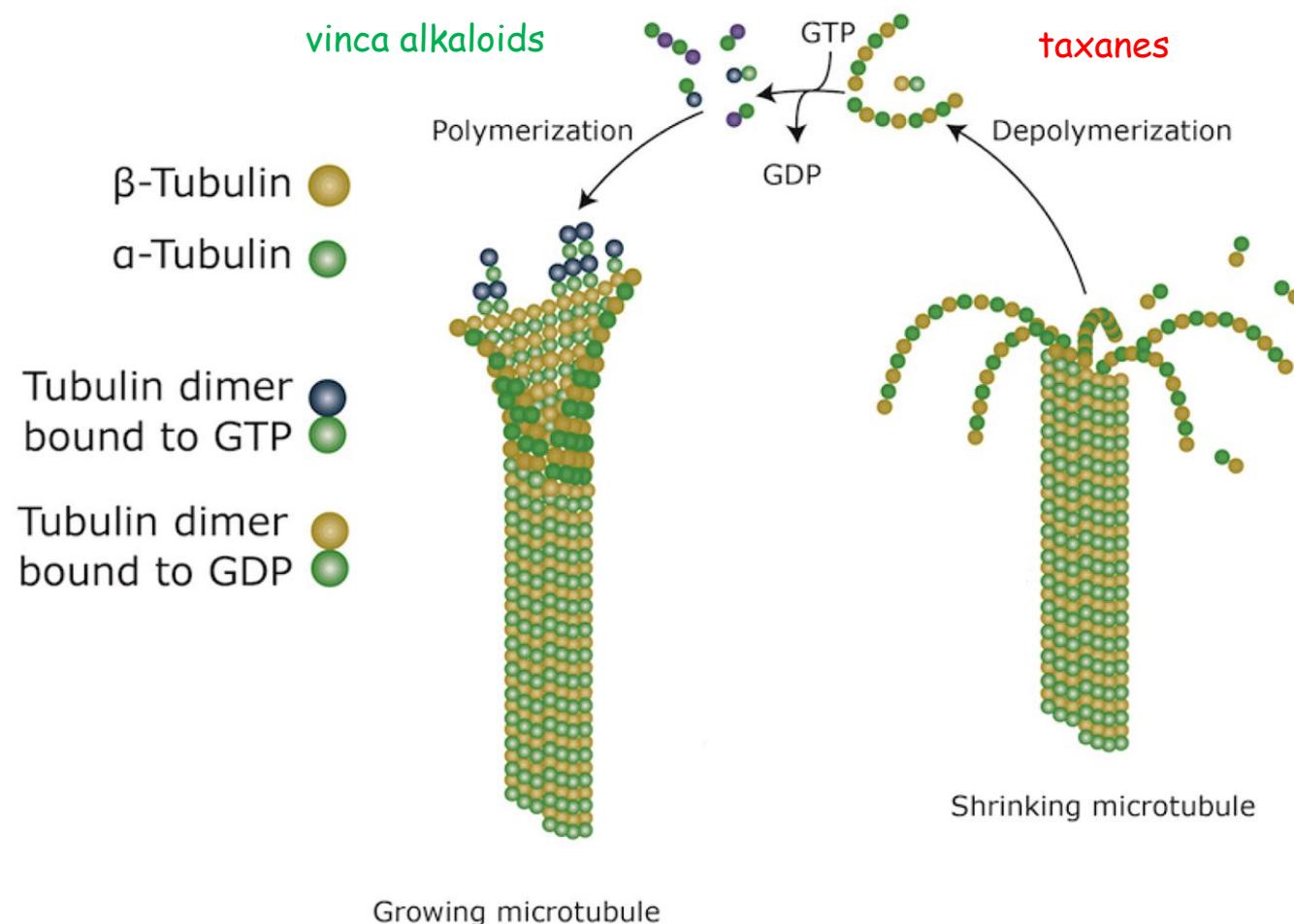


Baccatin III

# Mechanism of action: tubuline polymerisation

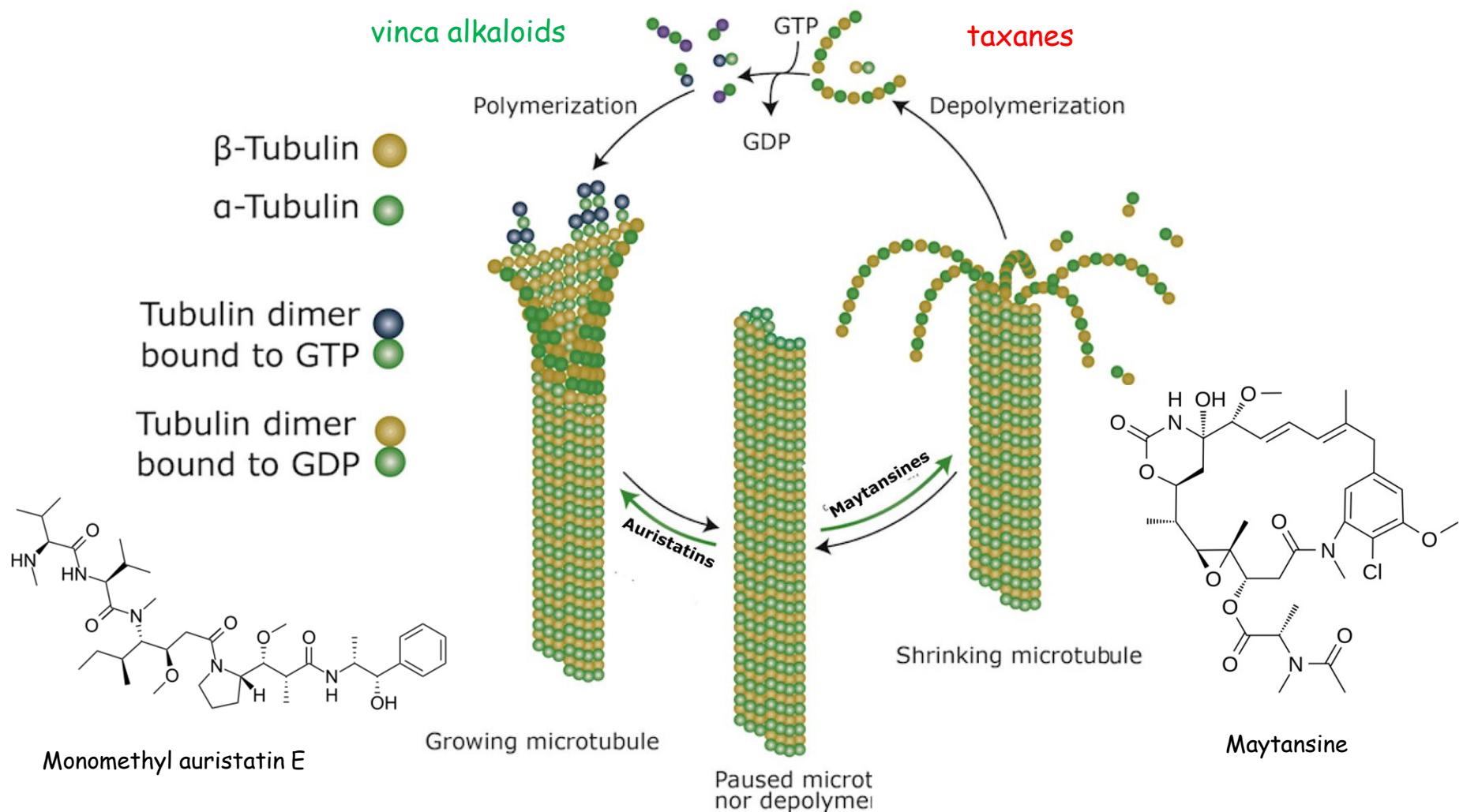


# Effect of vinca alkaloids and taxanes on microtubule formation



C. Peters, S. Brown: Biosci. Rep. 2015;35:e00225 on the effect of auristatins/maytansines on microtubule formation

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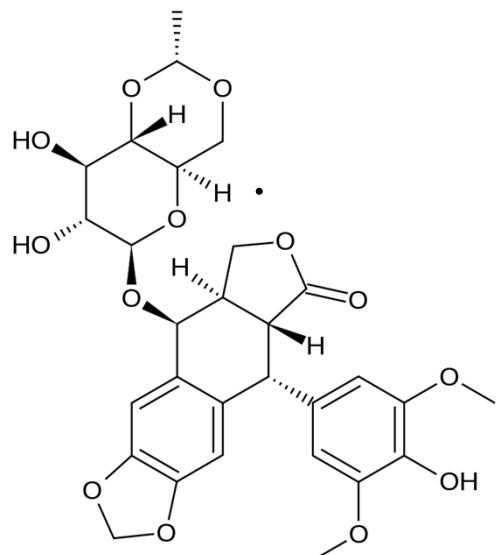


# Topoisomerase inhibitors

## Topoisomerase - 1 inhibitors

Etoposide

Teniposide

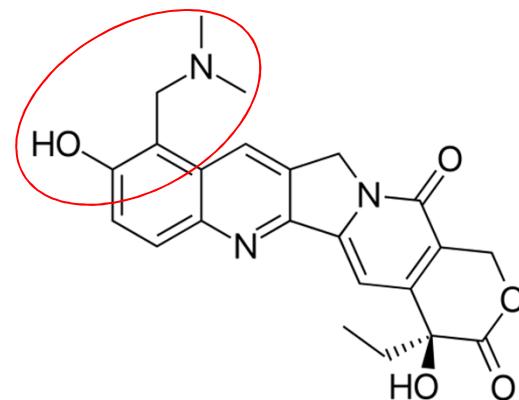


Etoposide (1983)

## Topoisomerase - 2 inhibitors

Topotecan

Irinotecan



Topotecan (1996, ovarian, 2007, cervical)

(Camptothecin analogue)

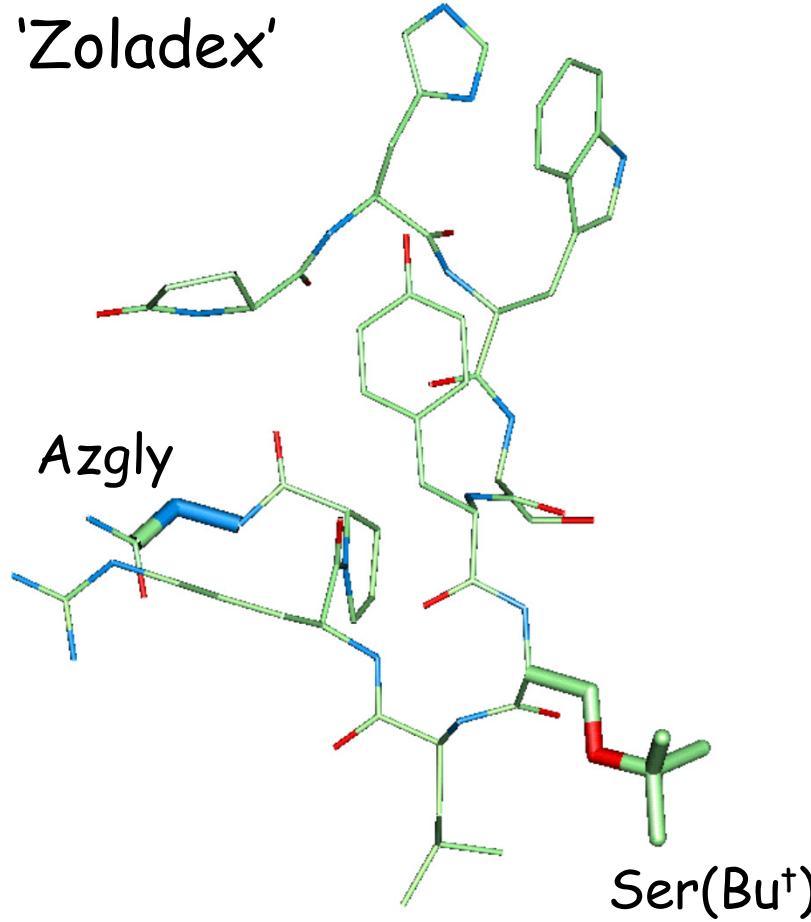
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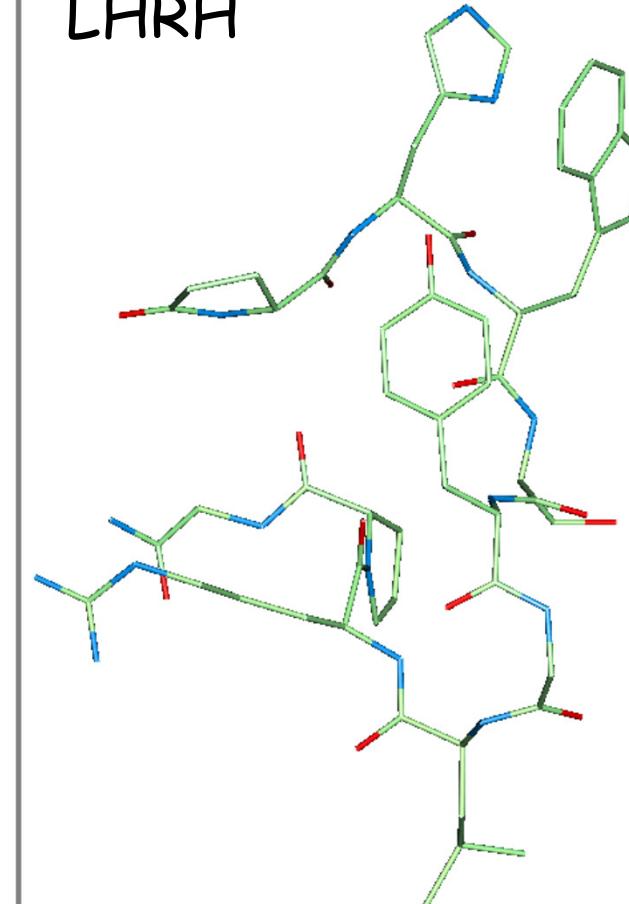
## History

- 1890 Beatson/Schinzinger discovery: removal of the ovary by surgery was helpful in the treatment of breast cancer
- 1958 Identification of estrogen receptor (E.W.Jensen, U. Chicago)
- 1960- Combined chemotherapy could be efficient in the treatment of breast cancer
- 1966 Isolation of estrogen receptor
- 1970- Introduction of tamoxifen
- 1971-72 Verification the role of LHRH (Schally/Guilleman)
- 1970- Synthesis of LHRH analogues, 'Zoladex' treatment equal to the removal of ovary
- 1990 Permission for using 'Zoladex' (3.6mg) in advanced breast cancer patients
- 1999-2000 „NIH Consensus Statement“ : removal of ovary could be an efficient treatment in women before menopausa, if the tumour is hormone sensitive.
- 2001 „St. Gallen Consensus“: LHRH analogues themselves or in combination with tamoxifen could be useful for treatment in women before menopausa, if the tumour is hormone sensitive.
- 2002 'Zoladex' 3.6mg: 100 countries, 70 000 patients/year

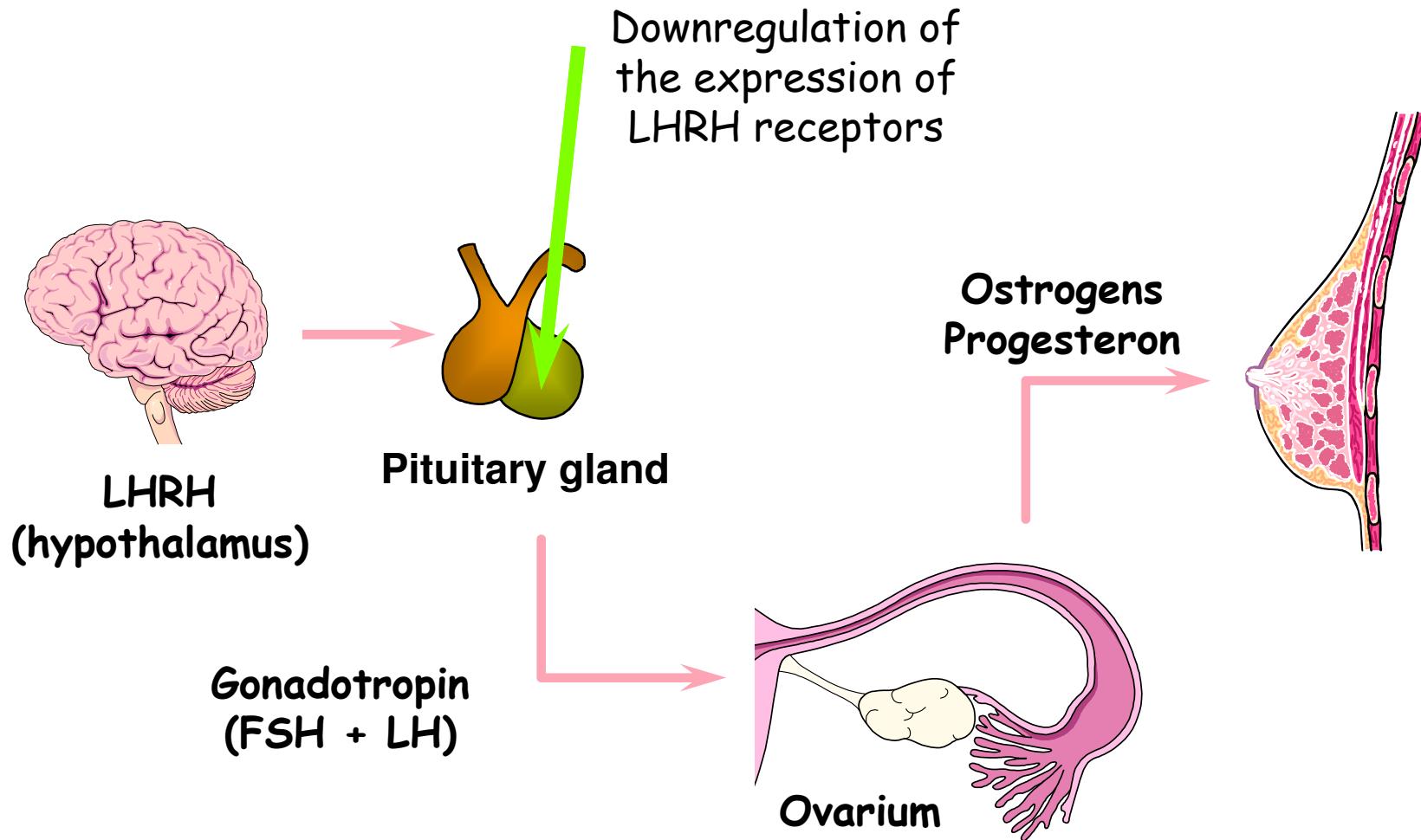
'Zoladex'



LHRH

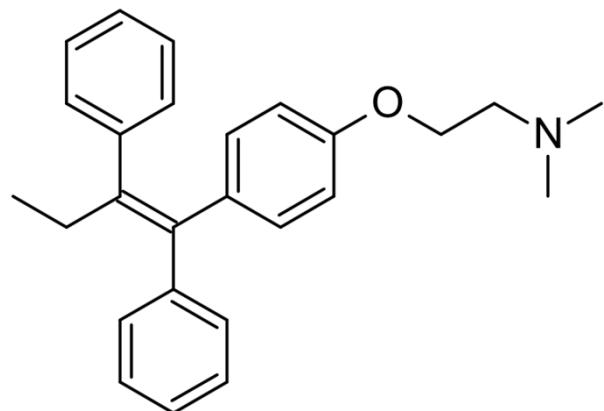


# Mechanism of action



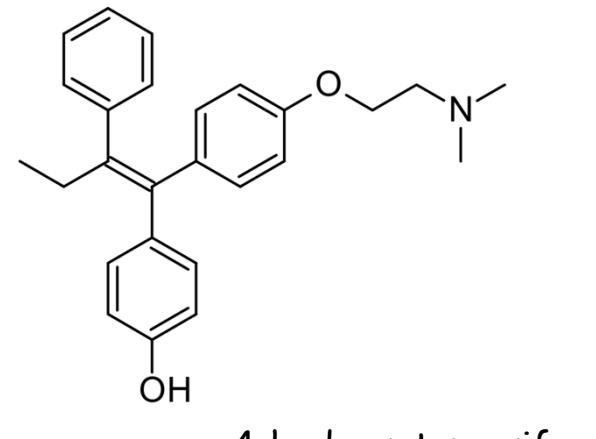
# Hormone related anticancer agents antagonists

advanced estrogen receptor (ER)-positive  
breast cancer

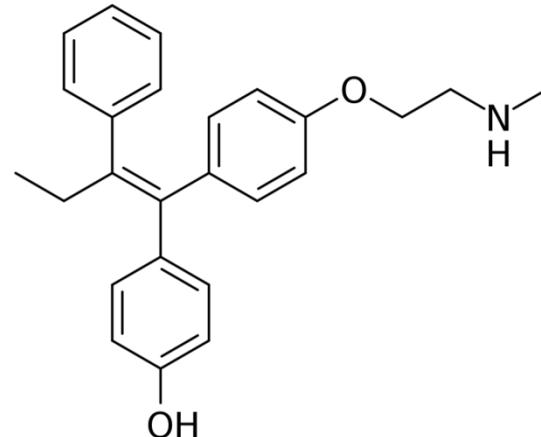


Tamoxifen (TMX), 1967  
[pro-drug]

Liver  
(P450 enzymes)



4-hydroxytamoxifen



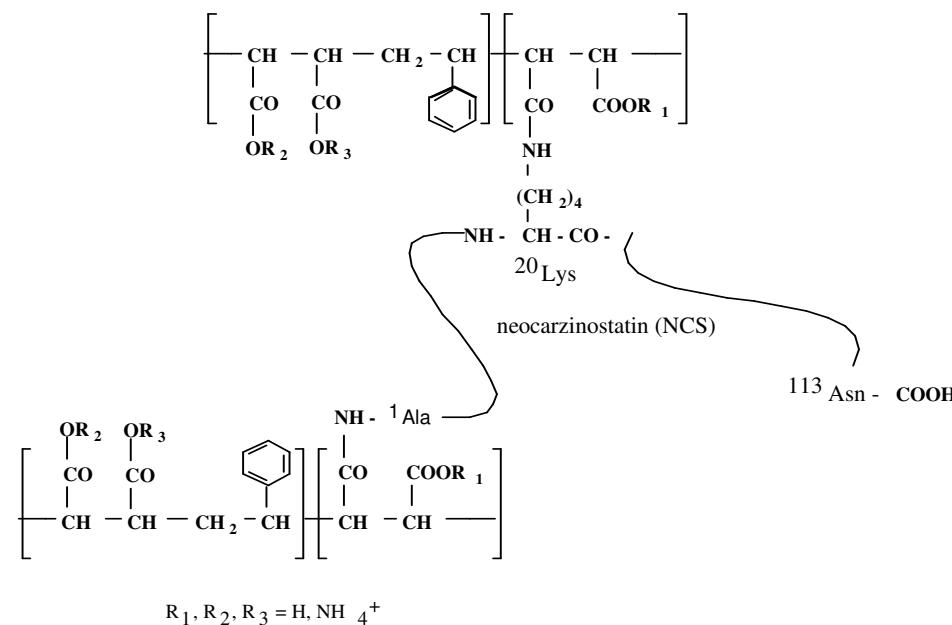
N-desmethyl-4-hydroxytamoxifen

J.A. Begam, S. Jubie, M.J. Nanjan:  
Estrogen receptor agonists/antagonists in breast cancer therapy:  
A critical review.  
Bioorg Chem. 71:257-274 (2017). doi: 10.1016/j.bioorg.2017.02.011.

# Polymer therapeutics

Poly(Glu<sub>1.4-1.8</sub> Ala<sub>4.1-5.8</sub>, Lys<sub>3.2-4.2</sub> Tyr<sub>1.0</sub>),  
Random copoly- alpha-amino acid, Mw = 7 250 D, Multiplex sclerosis,  
1997 Copaxone, TEVA Pharmaceuticals, Israel

Neocarzinostatin - copoly(styrole,maleic acid), SMANCS/Lipoidol®, Mw = 16 000 D  
Hepatocarcinoma,  
1995 Kuraray Ltd, Japan



Maeda, H. et al. (1985) *J.Med.Chem.* . 28: 455-461.

L-asparaginase - poly(ethylene glycol) (PEG), USA

## Point of attack of antitumour agents

