

Challenges in the discovery of Gram-negative antibacterials: the entry & efflux problem

Date: February 6-7, 2017

Location: 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD; Room: 1D13

Day 1: 8:15 am – 5:00 pm (*Breakfast and lunch provided*)

Day 2: 8:30 am – 1:00 pm (*Breakfast and boxed lunches provided*)

Workshop Goals and Outcomes

Successful antibiotic discovery is challenging, in large part, due to the difficulty in finding and designing molecules that get into and stay inside of Gram-negative bacteria. The ability to measure compound entry, accumulation, and efflux avoidance in Gram-negative bacteria is important to establish physicochemical guidelines for more rational drug design and optimization.

Discussion questions

- What evidence do we have that physicochemical guidelines for more rational antibiotic drug design and optimization could be established?
- How can we determine structure permeation relationships to better find and design molecules that get into and stay inside of Gram-negative bacteria?
- What information and tools are needed to fill gaps in understanding?
- How can we encourage collaboration across disciplines to advance this work?

Outcomes:

Identify concrete next steps and collaboration opportunities to establish permeation relationships that could be used to better find and design molecules that get into and stay inside of Gram-negative bacteria. Subsequent to the meeting, a summary of the discussion will be shared for comment and feedback by participants and may be used as guidance for further action.

DAY 1

- 8:15 a.m. **Registration – Coffee and breakfast served**
- 8:45 a.m. **Welcoming remarks and introductions**
- **Emily Erbeling**, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
 - **Allan Coukell**, The Pew Charitable Trusts
- 9:00 a.m. **Keynote Session: Overview of challenges in discovery of Gram-negative antibacterials**
- **Lynn Silver**, LL Silver Consulting
 - **Hiroshi Nikaido**, University of California Berkeley
- 10:00 a.m. **Q&A**
MODERATOR: **François Franceschi**, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
- 10:20 a.m. **Session 1: Barriers to compound penetration and efflux avoidance**
MODERATOR: **Richard Lee**, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
- **John Finn**, former Trius Therapeutics
 - **Wright Nichols**, former AstraZeneca
 - **Hiroshi Nikaido**, University of California Berkeley
 - **Lynn Silver**, LL Silver Consulting
- 10:50 a.m. **Coffee break**
- 11:20 a.m. **Session 2: Case studies: Finding ways to overcome barriers to compound penetration and efflux avoidance**
MODERATOR: **Carl Balibar**, Merck
- **Fred Cohen**, Achaogen
 - **Erin Duffy**, Melinta Therapeutics
 - **Ruben Tommasi**, Entasis Therapeutics
- 11:50 a.m. **Discussion**
- 1:00 p.m. **Lunch break**
- 2:00 p.m. **Session 3: Enabling technologies to measure compound permeability and accumulation**
MODERATOR: **Alita Miller**, Entasis Therapeutics
- **Kyu Rhee**, Weill Cornell Medical College
 - **Derek Tan**, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
 - **Helen Zgurskaya**, University of Oklahoma
- 2:30 p.m. **Discussion**

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- 3:15 p.m. **Session 4: Establishing physicochemical guidelines for compound entry & efflux**
MODERATOR: **Troy Lister**, Spero Therapeutics
- **Heinz Moser**, Novartis
 - **Lynn Silver**, LL Silver Consulting
 - **Mathias Winterhalter**, Jacobs University Bremen, Innovative Medicines Initiative Translocation project
- 3:45 p.m. **Discussion**
- 4:30 p.m. **Wrap up discussion**
- 5:00 p.m. **Close of Day 1**
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DAY 2

- 8:30 a.m. **Coffee and breakfast served**
- 9:00 a.m. **Recap of DAY 1 discussion and agenda for DAY 2**
- 9:15 a.m. **Session 5: Ongoing initiatives and partnership opportunities**
MODERATOR: **Carolyn Shore**, The Pew Charitable Trusts
- **Francesca Chiara**, Wellcome Trust, CARB-X
 - **Jane Knisely**, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
 - **David Pardoe**, Medical Research Council Technology
 - **Rob Stavenger**, GlaxoSmithKline, Innovative Medicines Initiative Translocation project
 - **Jonathan Thomas**, OMEGA project
- 10:00 a.m. **Discussion**
- 10:30 a.m. **Session 6: Information-sharing platform on compound penetration and efflux**
MODERATOR: **Pooja Kothari**, The Pew Charitable Trusts
- **Brad Sherborne**, Merck
 - **Barry Bunin**, Collaborative Drug Discovery
 - **Philip Gribbon**, Fraunhofer IME, Innovative Medicines Initiative Translocation project
- 11:00 a.m. **Discussion**
- 11:30 a.m. **Reflection and Next Steps**
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch and Adjourn - Boxed lunches provided**

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