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Target-ID by Synthetic Lethality Induction for Precision Oncology of BRCA-deficient Cancers

The Evolution of Cancer Therapeutics



Functional assays based on the concept of *Synthetic Lethality (SL)* Gene A Gene B viable

Yeast and Drosophila historical studies

Source: Wikipedia

Exploiting the principle of pharmacological synthetic lethality (SL) for **cancer therapeutics**



Modified from: C&EN American Chemical Society

Proof of concept of SL as a therapeutic strategy

Targeting the DNA repair defectin BRCA mutant cells as atherapeutic strategy

Hannah Farmer^{1,2*}, Nuala McCabe^{1,2*}, Christopher J. Lord^{2*}, Andrew N. J. Tutt^{2,3}, Damian A. Johnson², Tobias B. Richardson², Manuela Santarosa²†, Krystyna J. Dillon⁴, Ian Hickson⁴, Charlotte Knights⁴, Niall M. B. Martin⁴, Stephen P. Jackson^{4,5}, Graeme C. M. Smith⁴ & Alan Ashworth^{1,2}

Original

papers

- Bryant et al. Nature 2005
- Farmer et al. Nature
 2005

Specific killing of BRCA2-deficient tumours with inhibitors of poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase

Helen E. Bryant¹, Niklas Schultz², Huw D. Thomas³, Kayan M. Parker¹, Dan Flower¹, Elena Lopez¹, Suzanne Kyle³, Mark Meuth¹, Nicola J. Curtin³ & Thomas Helledav^{1,2}

230 clinical trials – 4 PARPi approved 14 years after its preclinical discovery









WHICH ARE THE MAIN GOALS OF OUR GROUP?

TO DEVELOP HIGH-THOUGHPUT SCREENING ASSAYS TO TEST FUNCTIONAL HYPOTHESES WITH THERAPEUTIC POTENTIAL FOR CANCER TREATMENT

TO IDENTIFY NEW MOLECULAR TARGETS/DRUGS FOR CANCER TREATMENT EXPLOTING THE PRINCIPLE OF SYNTHETIC LETHALITY

Synthetic Lethality in Cancer Lab

http://cibici.fcq.unc.edu.ar/es/letalidad-sintetica-cancer

Screening assays and platforms developed in our Lab



Consortium project in collaboration with GlaxoSmithKline

(Synthetic lethality screenings with Natural Products and Compound Libraries)



Screening Node <u>Members</u>: Soria © & Bocco

Main aim: Setup of the platforms, screening phase and early validation models

Validation Node

Members: Gottifredi ©, Caputto & Gil

Main aim: Molecular validation and characterization of the hits. Complex models



- Compound libraries
- Chemoproteomics
- Analog compounds
- Compound synthesis



Natural Products Node Members: Carpinella ©, Joray, García, Nicotra, Ruiz & Barboza

<u>Main aim</u>: preparation of plant extracts. Fractionation and isolation of NP

Bioinformatics Node

<u>Member</u>: Fernandez©

Main aim: Validation using patient databases analysis



BRCA1/BRCA2 deficiencies in Human cancers

nature
medicineDevelopment
OF HR-DETECTDavies et al 2017

BRCAness is much more widespread in human cancers than anticipated



Also detected in: Gastric,Lung, Bladder and other types of cancer.

Urgent need to develop targeted therapies against BRCA-deficient cancers

How can we **exploit BRCA-deficiencies** to develop therapeutic approaches based on synthetic lethality ???



KILL^(SELECTIVELY) FIRST... ASK QUESTIONS LATER

Development of a **phenotypic screening** platform using high-throughput **flow cytometry**





Automated Flow Cytometer

Development of a **Phenotypic Screening** Platform using High-Throughput Flow Cytometry

DISCARDED -/+: 51.... 35,123% 7,228% 27,825% 101 10 10% 104 104 104 shBRCA1 shBRCA1 shBRCA1 shBRCA1 10 shSCR shBRCA₂ 103 shBRCA shSCR shBRCAz shSCR shSCR shBRCA₂ 32,384% 37,470% 46,112% 45,656% -/-: 43.6... +/-: 5.114... 31.539% 34,503% 102 BRCA1 single hit Toxic treatment BRCA2 single hit Non-toxic (non selective)

- Divergent functions of BRCA1 and BRCA₂
 - Smaller, yet more specific patients' coverage
 - **Different** mechanism than PARPi

SYNTHETIC LETHAL



Double hit

- **Convergent** functions of BRCA1 and BRCA2
- Mechanis might be similar to PARPi

WHICH ARE THE **SOURCES** OF COMPOUNDS/DRUGS FOR OUR **SCREENINGS**?

Unknown targets

1) Pure natural products and plant extracts.

2) A 13K collection of natural products from GSK.

3) A 1.7K collection of FDA and EMA approved drugs.

4) An open source collection of 688 Kinase inhibitors.

PKIS2 Library Targeting the Human Kinome (688 kinase inhibitors)

AGC: PKA/PKG/PKC-family kinases; CAMK, calcium/calmodulin-dependent kinases

CK1: casein kinases; CMGC, CDK/MAPK/GSK3/CLK-family kinases

RCG: receptor guanylate cyclases

STE: sterile homologue kinases

TK: tyrosine kinases

TKL: tyrosine kinase-like kinases; atypical protein kinases

Adapted from Manning et al, 2002



PKIS2 Screening at 0.1µM in BRCA1 deficient cells



- (-) control (Non Treated)
- (+) control (Olaparib)
- Others inhibitors
- PLK1 inhibitors

Compound code	Putatitive target
GSK978744A	PLK1
GSK326090A	PLK1
GSK483724A	PLK1
GSK479719A	PLK1
GSK2008607A	rTbIPMK
GSK641502A	PLK1
GW852849X	PLK1
GSK1322949A	AURKC / Pleiotropic
GSK1576028A	PLK1 / Pleiotropic
GSK571989A	PLK1
GSK2110236A	PLK1
GSK312948A	PLK1
GSK619487A	AKT
SB-590885-AAE	B-RafV600E
GSK1751853A	IGF1R



PLK1 inhibition triggers strong SL in BRCA1-deficient cells



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A PLK1 inhibitor in <u>Phase III clinical trials</u> from Boehringer Ingelheim





Validation of SL induction in other cellular models

ISOGENIC VALIDATION MODELS



NON-ISOGENIC VALIDATION MODEL



NON-TUMORAL ISOGENIC MODEL



BRCA1-deficient cells **impaired recovery** from M-phase arrest induces apoptosis



DNA content

BRCA1 deficiency and PLK1 inhibition trigger alterations of centrosomal duplication and cytokinesis



Development of a model to study **SL** induction *in vivo*



(In collaboration with Gil's Lab)

Validation of Volasertib SL-inducing activity using *dual tumor xenogratfs*





Tumor volume (mm³)

10.



TCGA breast cancer database validates the **therapeutic potential** of PLK1 inhibition in patients with low BRCA1 expression

PAM50 (n=521) PLK1 addiction in BRCA1deficient cells is also evident in vitro PLK1, mRNA Expression (log2) HCT116 p21-/- shSCR HCC1937 BRCA1^c HCC1937 BRCA1---HCT116 p21-/- shBRCA1 15% 30-Triple PLk1 fold change PLk1 fold change 7.5 -2negative 20-85% PAM50 Subtype Triple 10-Basal-like negative HER2-enriched Luminal A PLK1 PLK1 Luminal B Tubulin β-Actin 2.5 -Normal-like 5.0 7.5 10.0 BRCA1, mRNA Expression (log2)

Carbajosa, Pansa et al, Clinical Cancer Research, In press 2019

(In collaboration with Fernandez's Lab)

GRACIAS!





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Buenos Aires Breast Cancer Symposium / BA-BCS2020

La Usina del Arte, Buenos Aires, Argentina May 18 – 21, 2020

The main goal of this nonprofit meeting is to expose young Latin American basic investigators and oncologists to the state of the art research and management in breast cancer, as presented by paradigmatic leaders in the field.

Different readouts for **cell survival**: high-throughput and population info Metabolic Protein conc : cell number?



Absorbance 570 nm



Formazan

Deductace

Yellow MTT





ViewLux Plate reader tower

Sulforhodamine B (SRB)



Clonogenic assay – Cristal violet

Critical variables that a phenotypic survival assay should have to screen for synthetic lethal relationships

1) Sufficient experiment length.

2) Isogeneity.

3) High sensitivity and comparability.

4) Heterogeneity.

Development of a **phenotypic screening** platform using high-throughput **flow cytometry**



INDUCTION OF SL IN BRCA1-DEFICIENT CELLS BY PLK1 INHIBITION

HOW DOES IT WORKS?

PLK1 inhibition does not trigger genomic instability at SL doses







53BP1 positive cells







Exchanges

Dicentric









(Gottiftredi's Lab)

Chemoproteo mic profiling for Target-ID



A GSK Company

