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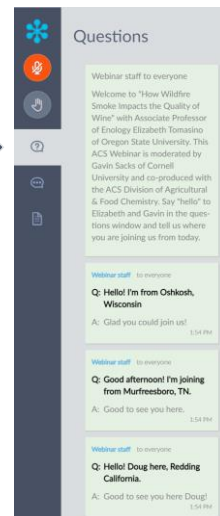
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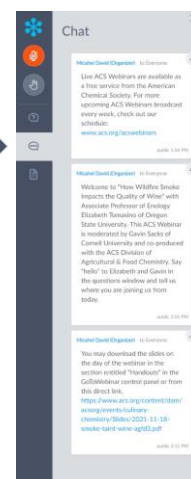


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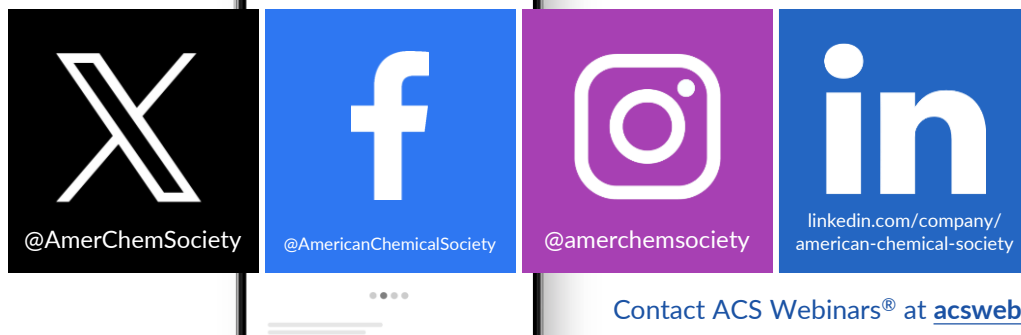


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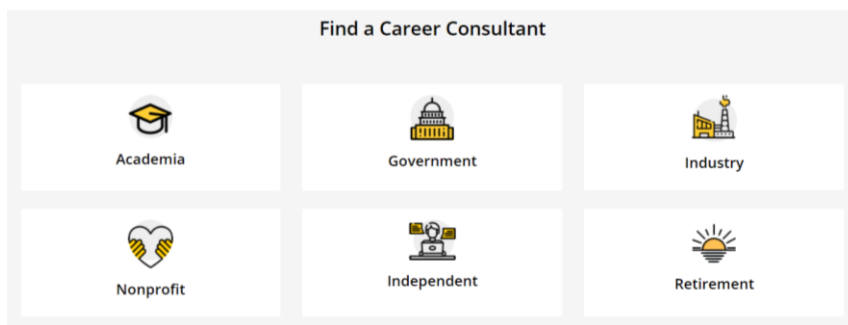
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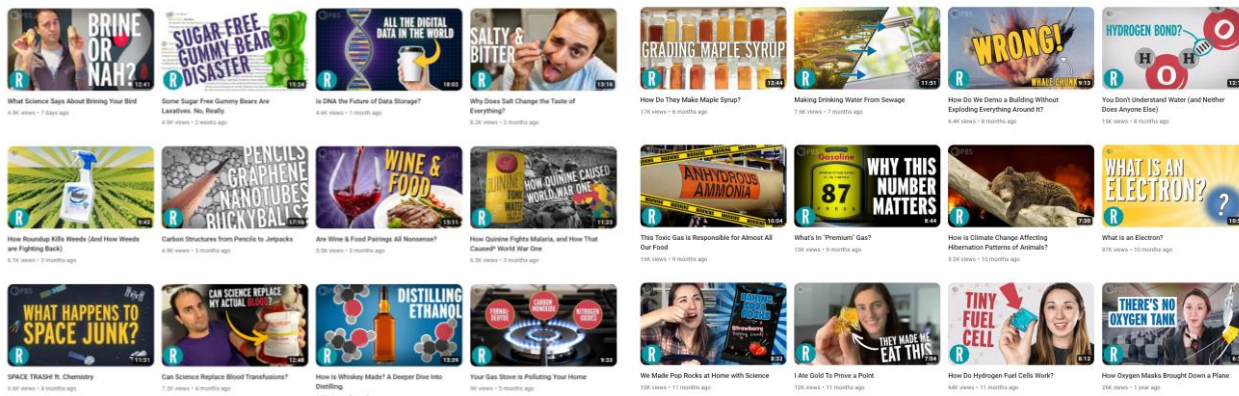



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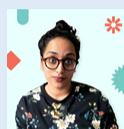
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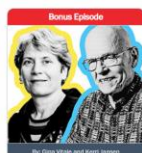
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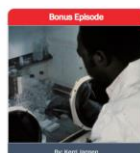
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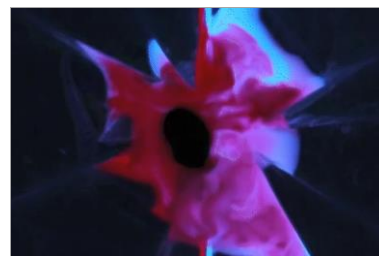
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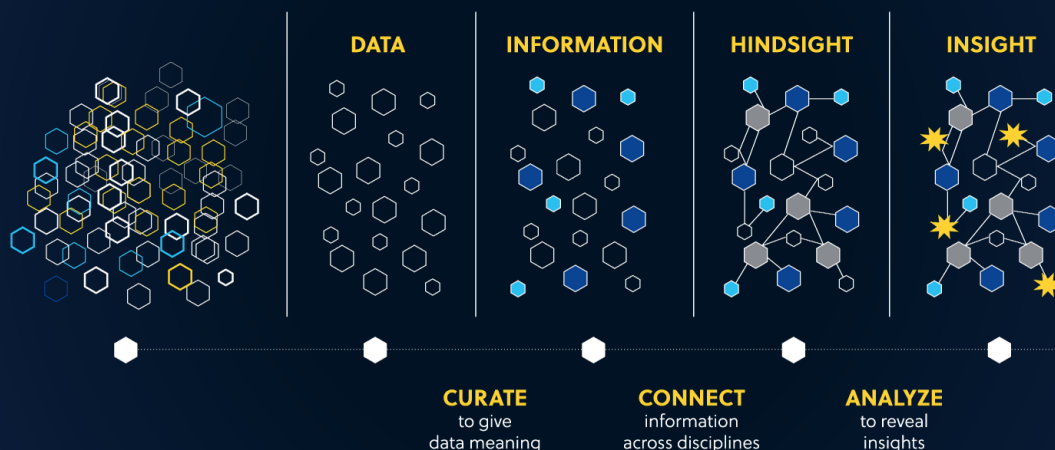
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The Resurgence of Covalent Inhibitors in Drug Discovery:

INSIGHTS DERIVED FROM SEARCHING THE CAS CONTENT COLLECTION™

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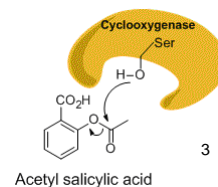
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Covalent Inhibitors are not new

- Aspirin – NSAID (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug), COX inhibitor that decreases inflammation through the suppression of prostaglandin and thromboxane synthesis (requires COX enzyme)
- Used as a therapeutic for 125 years, 17M prescriptions in 2020 ¹
- Off-target: Stomach ulcers, worsening asthma, among others²

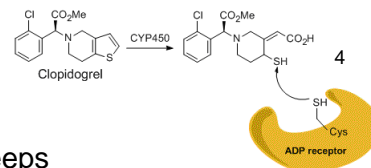


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 2) *American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. 29 November 2021*
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Covalent Inhibitors are not new



- Clopidogrel (Plavix) – alkylates receptor on platelets that keeps them from sticking together and forming clots.
- Before expiration of its patent in 2011 it was the #2 selling drug in the world¹
- Compound is a prodrug, so less side effects but there are incidences of thrombotic thrombocytopenia purpura² and hemorrhage³
- With both drugs, covalency was not planned but serendipitous

1) doi:10.1038/nm0111-40
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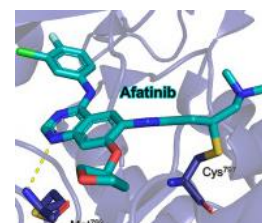
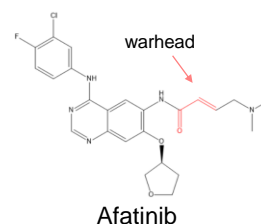
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Rise of Targeted Covalent Inhibitors (TCI)

- Toxic side effects arising from non-selective reactivity led many companies to shy away from covalent inhibitors in early 2000s
- Researchers tried incorporating electrophiles (warheads) that would only react when in position at site of action
- Afatinib, the first approved drug using TCI approach², bound to EGFR receptor putting α,β -unsaturated ketone in position to form covalent bond with Cys⁷⁹⁷



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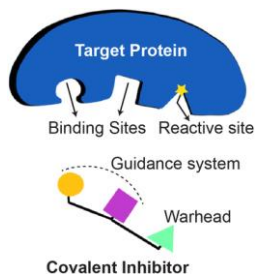


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Theory of Targeted Covalent Inhibitors (TCI)

Leverages a guidance system and warhead

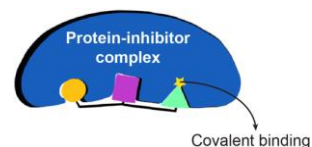
1. Guidance system brings molecule to site of interest



2. Aligns warhead to react with residue



3. Covalent bond is formed with the target



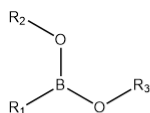
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Other Warheads Used in TCIs

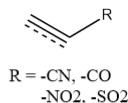
- Although α,β -unsaturated ketone functionality has been the most common warhead, many others have been incorporated as well.



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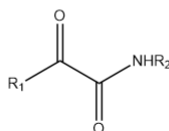
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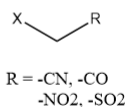
Alkenes, alkynes w/ EWG



Epoxide



α -ketoamide



Halogens w/ EWG

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Advantages of TCIs (Over Non-covalent Inhibitors)

- Due to high biochemical efficiency, TCIs may require less compound and have fewer off-target effects¹
- Prolonged binding can result in less-frequent drug dosing²
- Forming covalent bonds may help overcome endogenous substrates³
- If strength of binding does not need to be as high, “undruggable” enzymes with shallow or non-discrete binding sites, like those involved in protein-protein interactions, can be targeted⁴

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Literature Trends in TCI Publications

- With the tremendous rise in the research being done on targeted covalent inhibitors, an exercise was undertaken to look at the trends in the publications and the compounds themselves.
- To do this, searches were executed using the CAS Content Collection™.
- Year of publication and publishing institution were captured to look for any trends as well as warheads, targets and therapeutics areas.

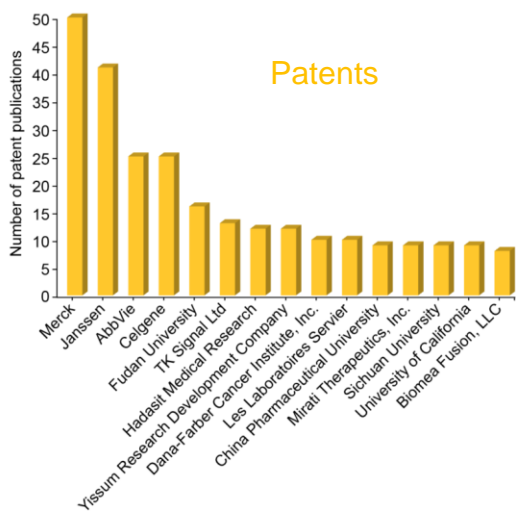
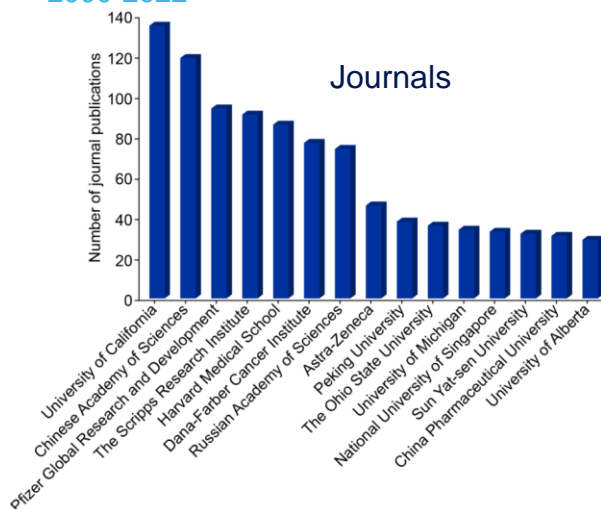
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Total Publications: Journals vs. Patents

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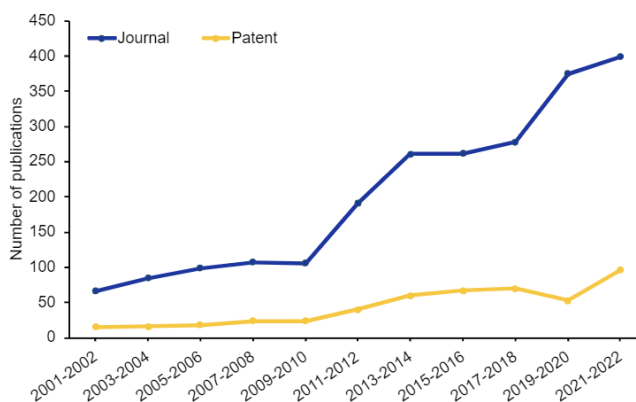
Total Publications and Patents Accelerating

Across the CAS Content Collection: Includes all warheads

- Year of publication and publishing institution were captured to look for any trends as well as warheads, targets and therapeutics areas.

Key inflection points:

- 2011-12: possibly due to several TCIs in clinic approaching first approvals
- 2019-20: Publications in journals up/patents down, Possibly due to Covid lock down?



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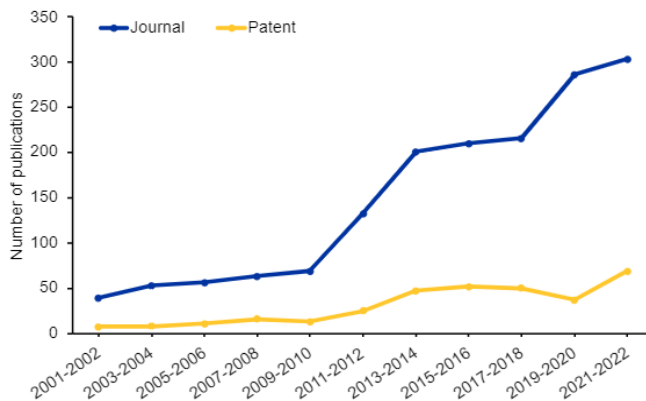
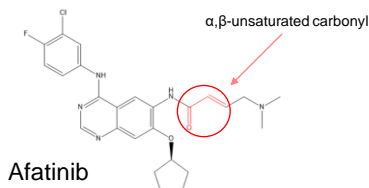


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Total Publications: α,β -unsaturated Carbonyls

Trend looks similar as total publications

- α,β -unsaturated carbonyls dominate publications
- Inflection 2011-12: Several α,β -unsaturated carbonyls in clinic (Afatinib and Ibrutinib among others)



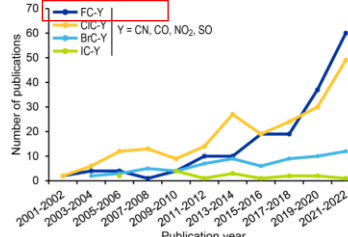
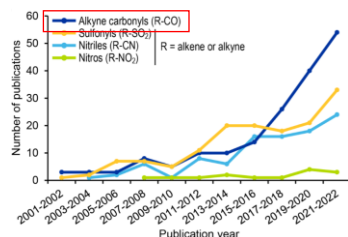
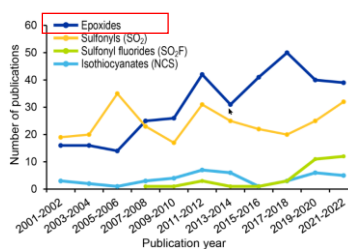
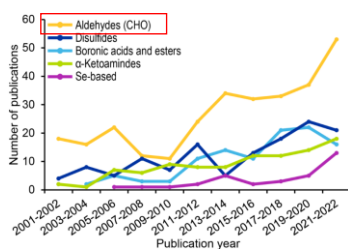
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Warheads Publication by Year

Significantly fewer publications than α,β -unsaturated carbonyls



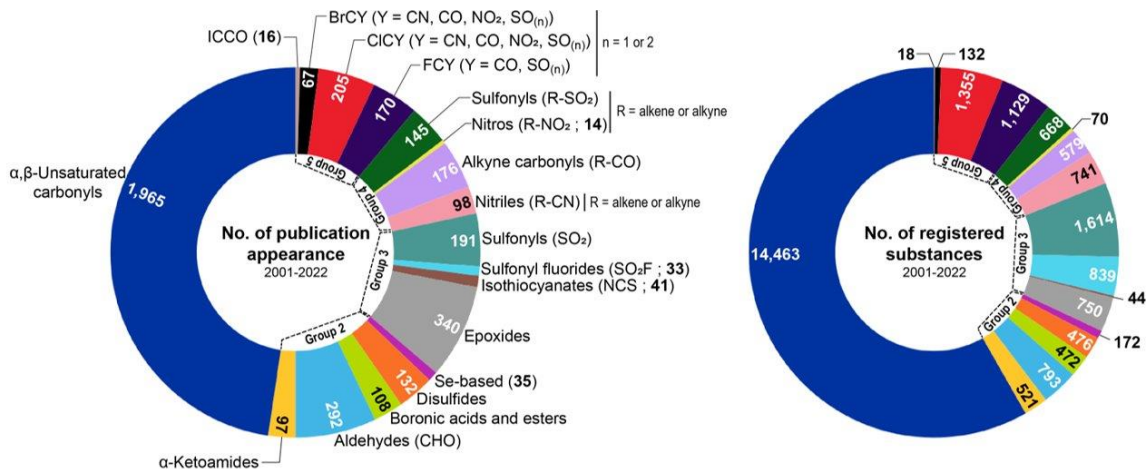
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Warheads by publication and CAS RN™

α,β -unsaturated carbonyls dominate publications and substance count



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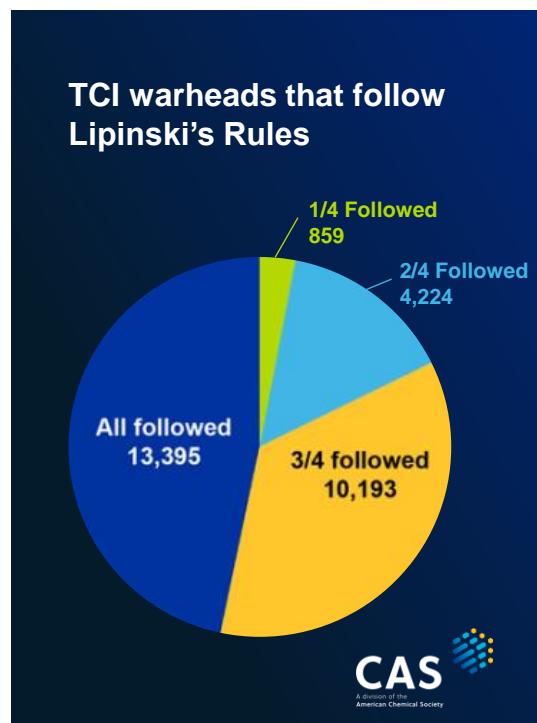
Landscape of TCI Warheads

Through Lipinski's rules

Overall, TCIs are compliant with Lipinski rules:

- 82% follow 3 or all 4 rules
- Perhaps due to overall lower average MW due to less rigorous binding affinity requirements?

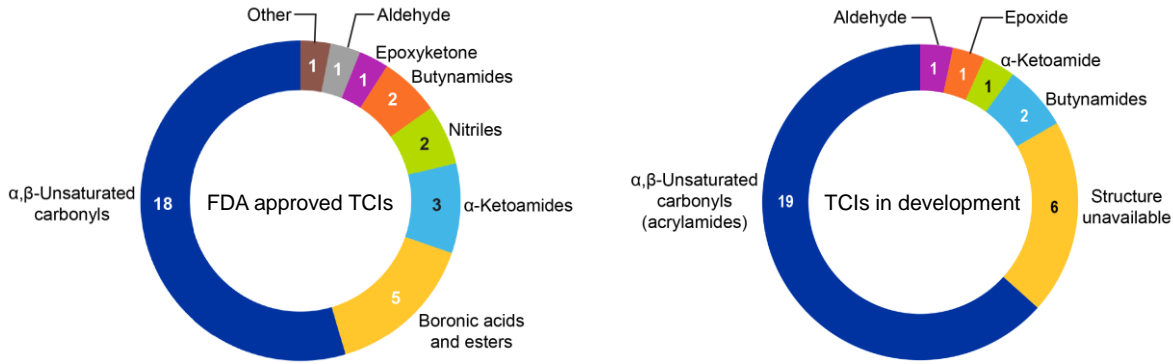
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Comparing Approved TCIs with Those in Clinic

Warhead distribution

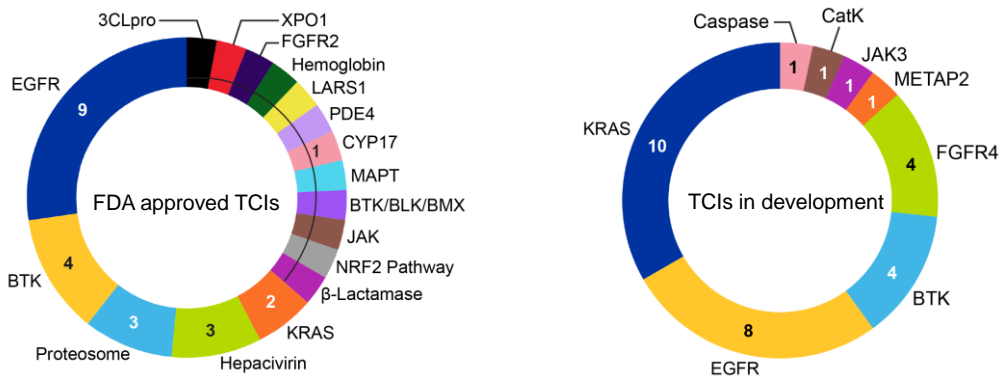


Similar warhead distribution



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Protein target distribution

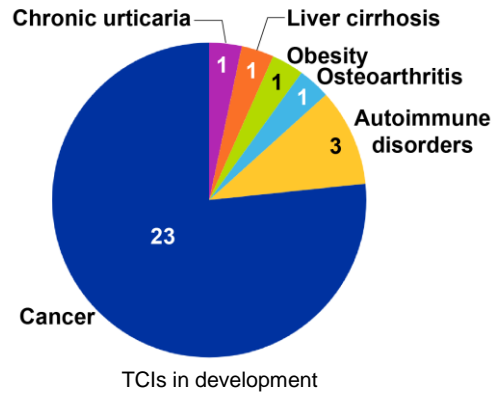
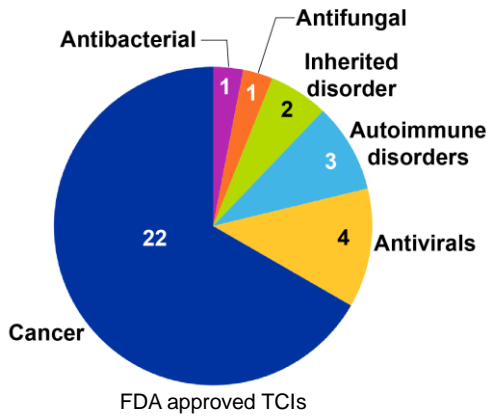


KRAS emerging as potential target;
EGFR and BTK continue to be targeted



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Disease/Indication distribution



Most TCIs in development continue to be for cancer therapy

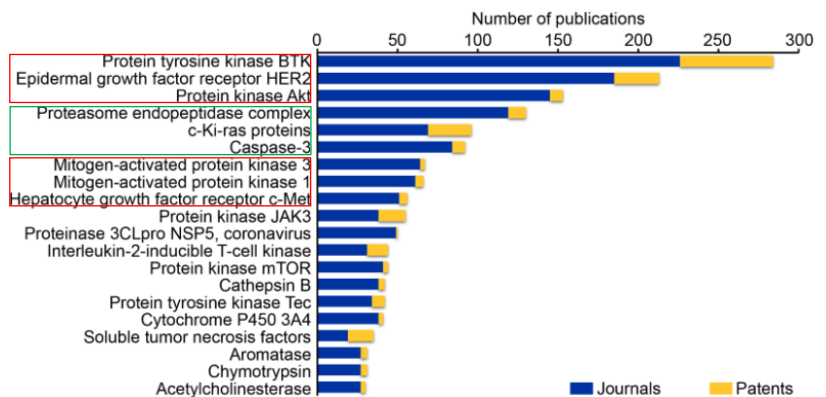
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Most Common Targets of TCIs and Cancer Links

- By searching the CAS Content Collection™, the top 20 targets associated with targeted covalent inhibitors by number of publications were identified.
- Kinases often activated in human cancer
- Have been investigated for cancer therapy



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Summary of Trends in Publications on TCIs

- Research in TCIs (evidenced by publications and approved drugs) has shown consistent growth over the last 20+ years
- The ability to target covalent bond formation has benefits in efficiency, specificity and fewer side effects compared to non-covalent inhibitors
- α,β -unsaturated carbonyls are the most frequent warhead used but a variety of warheads are being employed
- 82% of published TCIs have 0 or 1 Lipinski violation
- In a sampling of TCIs in the clinic or approved drugs, 73% are cancer therapies
- EGFR and BTK are the most common targets of approved TCIs but KRAS dominates among TCIs in clinic and many other targets found in literature

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Covalent Drugs Form a Precise Covalent Bond with the Drug Target

Covalent drugs represent some of the most impactful drugs of all time:

- Penicillin
- AZT
- Statins
- Cancer Alkylating Agents

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Typical ionic drugs bind weakly and fall off which leads to less effective drugs

Covalent Modifier



Covalent drugs create a foothold and bond to the target which leads to extremely effective drugs

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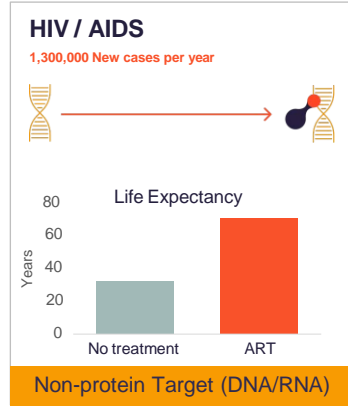
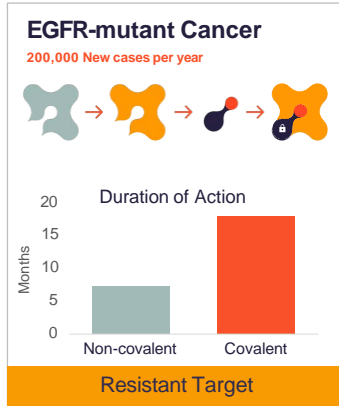
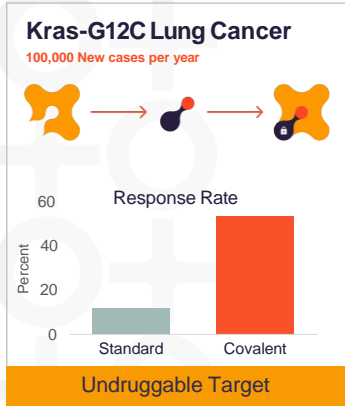
Covalent Properties Enable Remarkable Developmental Advantages

	Covalent drugs	Ionic drugs
Percent approved after Phase II (modern covalents)	20%	1%
Time from IND to approval (modern covalents)	6y	10y
Percent safe & essential medicines (WHO list)	25%	2%

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Covalency Can Solve Multi-billion Dollar Healthcare Problems



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So Why Are Less Than 2% Of Drugs Covalent?

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Prevailing perception that specificity is too difficult to achieve, raising safety concerns

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Lack of high-throughput screening technology for covalent drugs resulting in lengthy, costly discovery timelines

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Covalent Drug Perceptions and Reality Dramatically Diverge

Covalent drugs are as safe, and sometimes safer, than non-covalents

Grade % toxicities	Non-covalent	Covalent
EGFR	25%	5%
BTK	6%	4%
Proteasome	7%	7%

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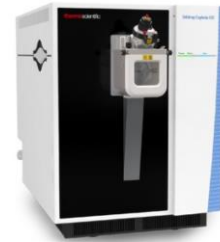
Covalents have led to repeated blockbusters and >\$10B acquisitions

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AbbVie to Buy Pharmacyclics in \$21 Billion Deal

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Amgen Strikes \$10.4 Billion Deal for Onyx

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Forget Tagrisso's \$3B sales target. It'll be double that by 2013, analyst says

We now have the technologies to evaluate the safety of covalent drugs



Mass Spectrometry

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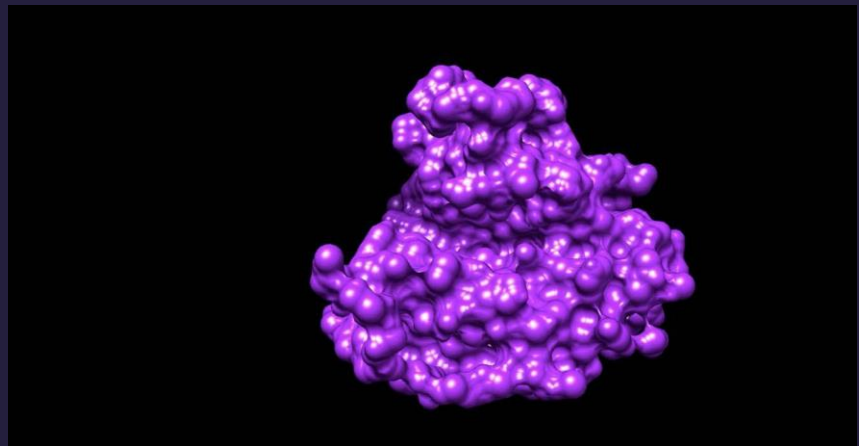
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Conventional Design of Precise Covalent Drugs is Challenging

Researchers must find a needle in a haystack.

Effective identification of a precise covalent drug results in profound pharmaceutical advantages including:

- Very High Potency
- Binary Specificity
- PK/PD Independence
- Built-in Biomarker

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A great example

Following the path of a proven, covalent drug in resistant lung cancer

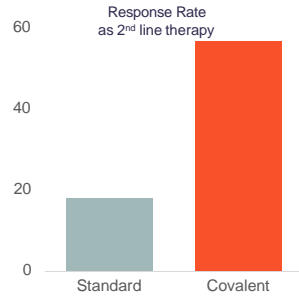
Cancer develops resistance to typical drug



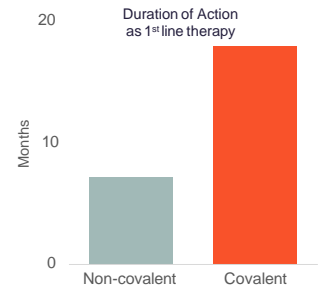
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EGFR-mutant Lung Cancer
\$6 Billion Annual Market as first-line therapy

Covalent drug is effective against resistance



Covalent outperformed the non-covalent drug



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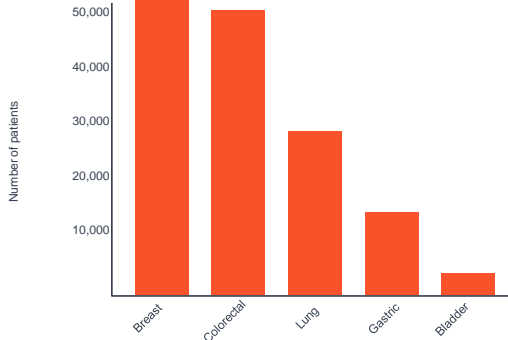
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**TOS-358 - The first clinical-stage
covalent inhibitor of PI3K α**

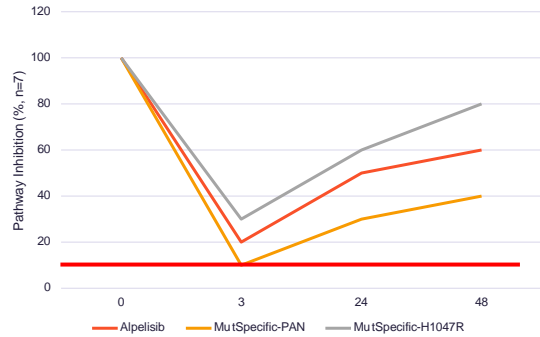
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PI3K α is one of the most significant unmet needs in oncology

PI3K α is one of the most mutated cancer oncogene (~15% of all cancers)



Current molecules do not durably inhibit the pathway and have proven ineffective in the clinic



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CRISPR deletion and full knockout (equivalent to 100% inhibition) induces cell death in PI3K-alpha mutant cells across different tumor types

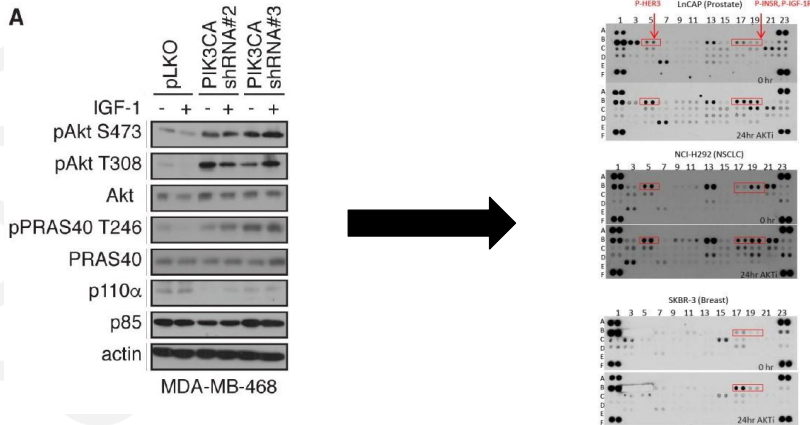
	Bladder	Colon	Lung	Gastric	Breast	NSCLC	Melano- noma	NSCLC	All	All	All	All
Mutated Gene	PIK3CA	PIK3CA	PIK3CA	PIK3CA	PIK3CA	EGFR	BRAF	KRAS	All	All	All	All
CRISPR Knockout Gene	PIK3CA	PIK3CA	PIK3CA	PIK3CA	PIK3CA	EGFR	BRAF	KRAS	PIK3CA	EGFR	KRAS	BRAF
Average Gene Effect	-1.03	-0.95	-0.86	-0.99	-1.02	-0.61	-0.91	-1.12	-0.36	-0.26	-0.39	-0.07

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Knockdown of PIK3CA leads to robust pathway re-activation

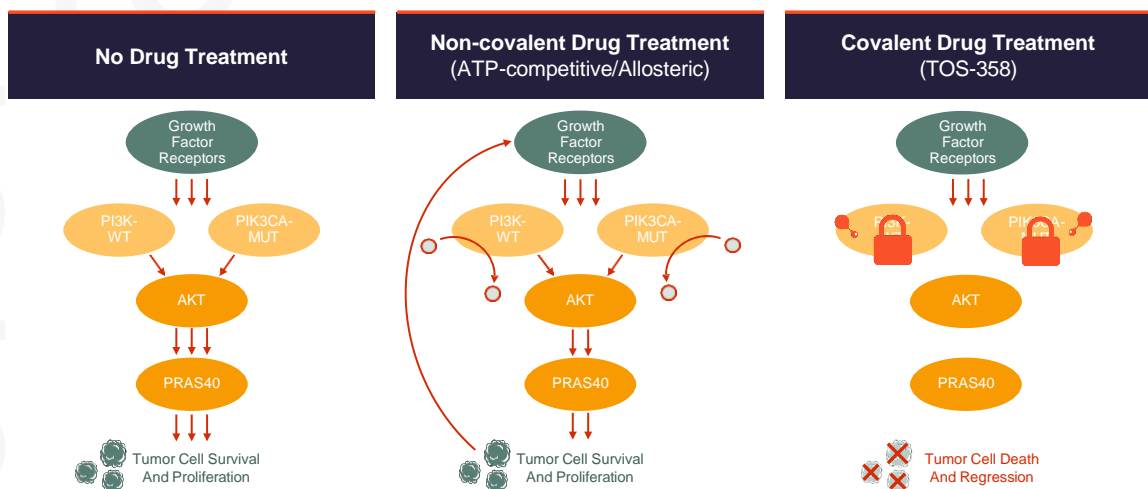


Robust RTK activation occurs across cell lines in response to PI3K-AKT inhibition

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Totus' goal was to develop a molecule that can achieve complete inhibition of PI3K α in a highly specific manner



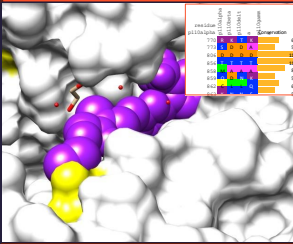
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Totus platform delivered the first highly specific covalent inhibitor against PI3K α , which is mutated in ~15% of all cancers

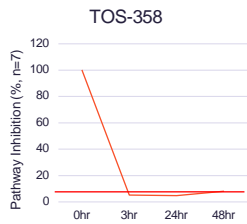
TOS-358- 4 months to discovery, 24 months to the clinic

First, Specific Covalent Inhibitor



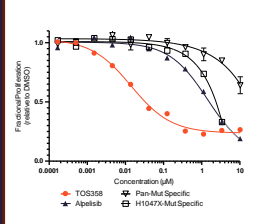
Targeting a unique cysteine in PI3K-alpha

Feedback inhibition



Sustained pathway inhibition across PI3K α -mutant cell lines

Superior Efficacy



No sustained hyperglycemia and no DLTs at maximal efficacious doses

TOS-358
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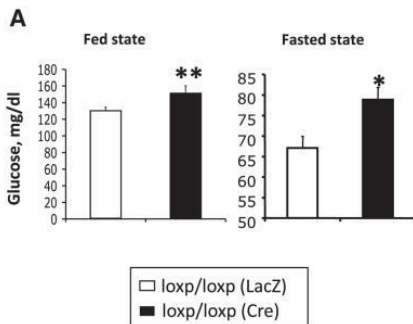
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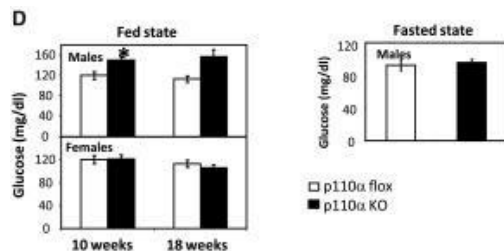
PI3K-alpha knockouts can induce limited glucose increases, but no sustained hyperglycemia

Acute Effects



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Chronic Effects

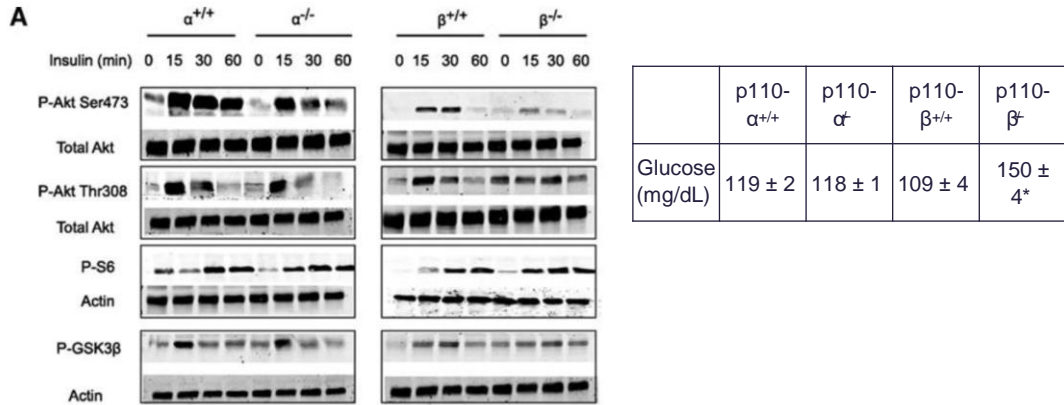


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PI3K-alpha knockout in liver does not induce sustained hyperglycemia



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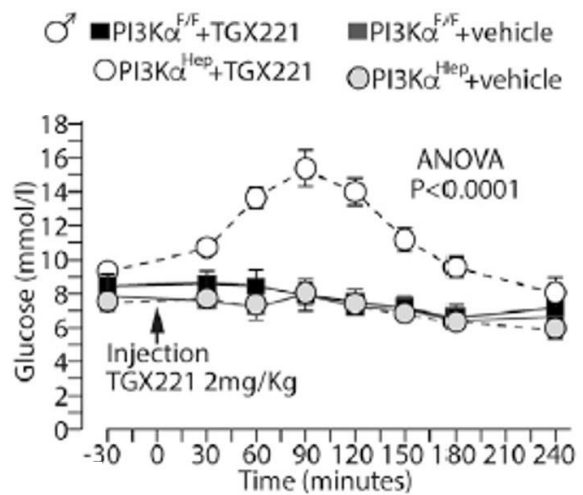
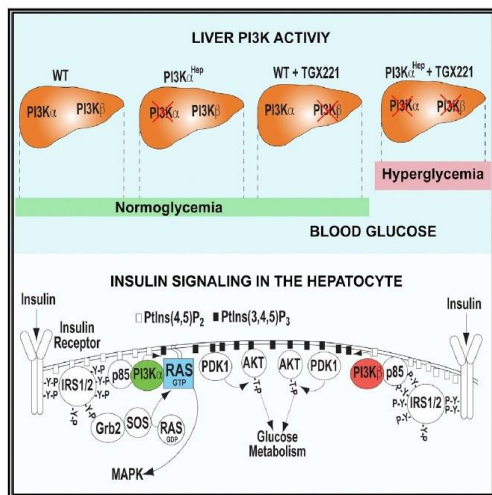
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PI3K-alpha liver knockout does not induce sustained hyperglycemia

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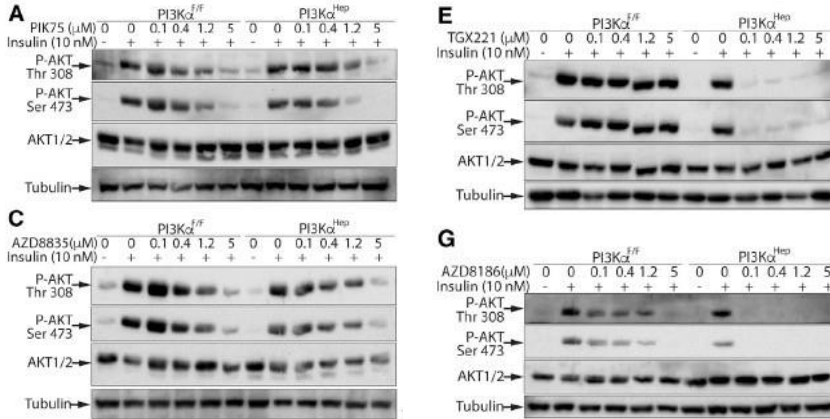
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“Alpha-selective” inhibitors block PI3K signaling in the absence of PI3K-alpha

Name	IC ₅₀ p110α	IC ₅₀ p110β	IC ₅₀ p110γ	IC ₅₀ p110δ
PIK75	5.8 nM	1.3 μM	76 nM	510 nM
AZD8835	6 nM	431 nM	90 nM	6 nM
TGX221	5 μM	5 nM	>10 μM	100 nM
AZD8186	35 nM	4 nM	675 nM	12 nM



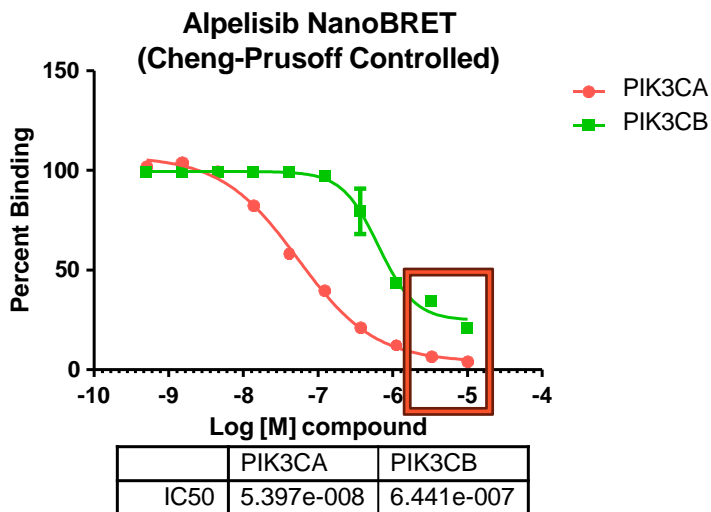
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Alpelisib achieves a poor cellular window of PI3Kα/PI3Kβ inhibition

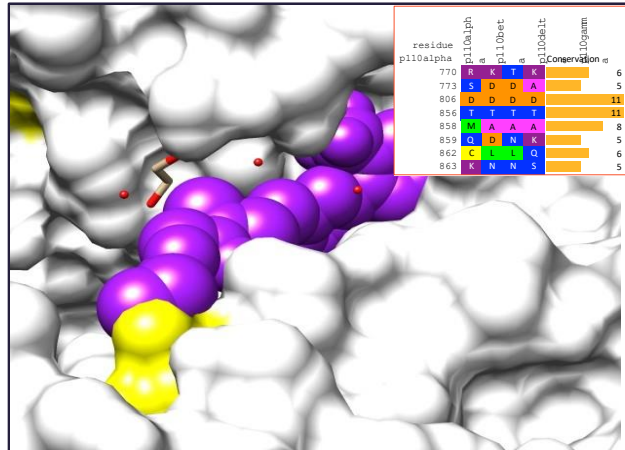


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TOS-358 bonds a unique cysteine in PI3K-alpha

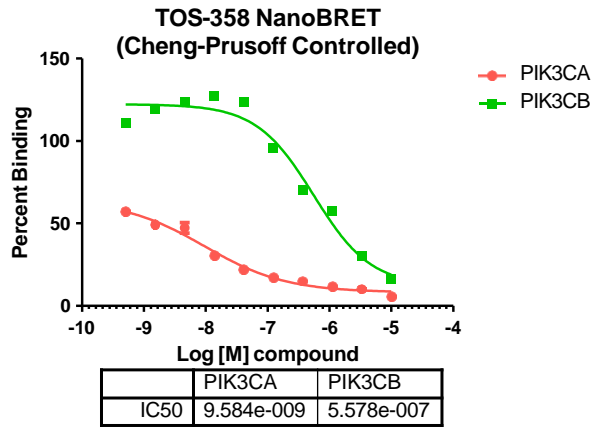
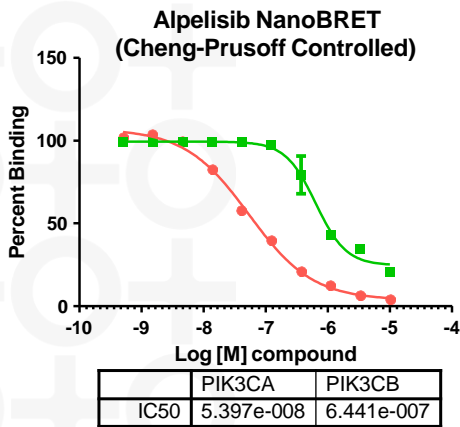


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TOS-358 achieves a significant cellular window of PI3Ka/PI3Kb inhibition

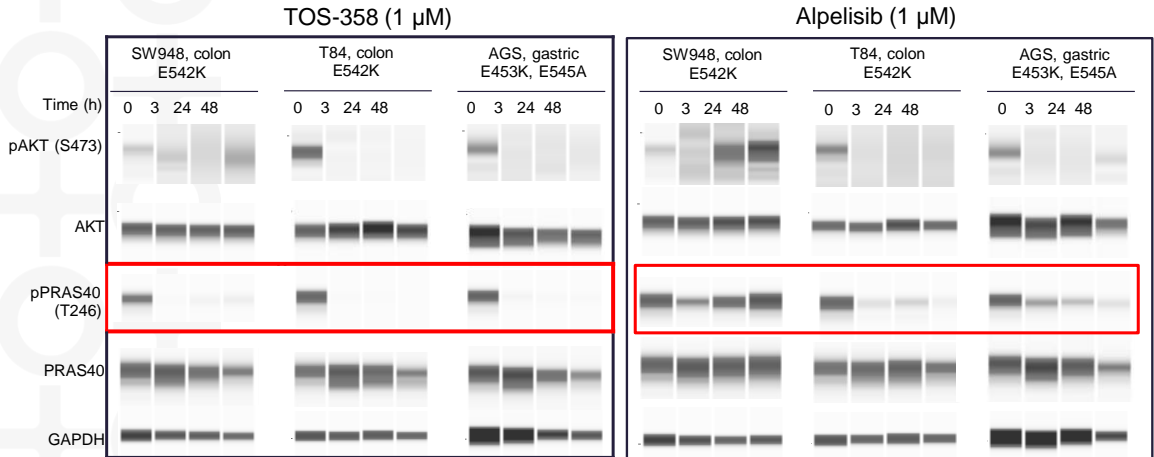


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TOS-358 achieves near complete inhibition of downstream signaling



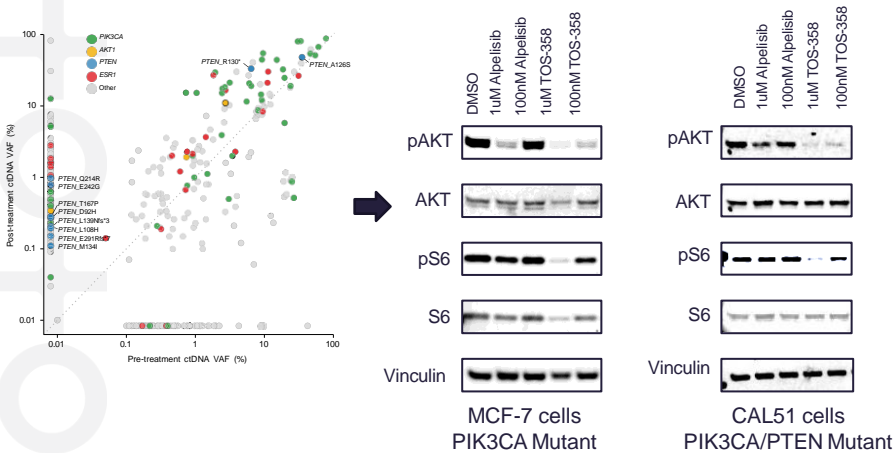
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TOS-358 can also inhibit signaling in Alpelisib-resistant settings

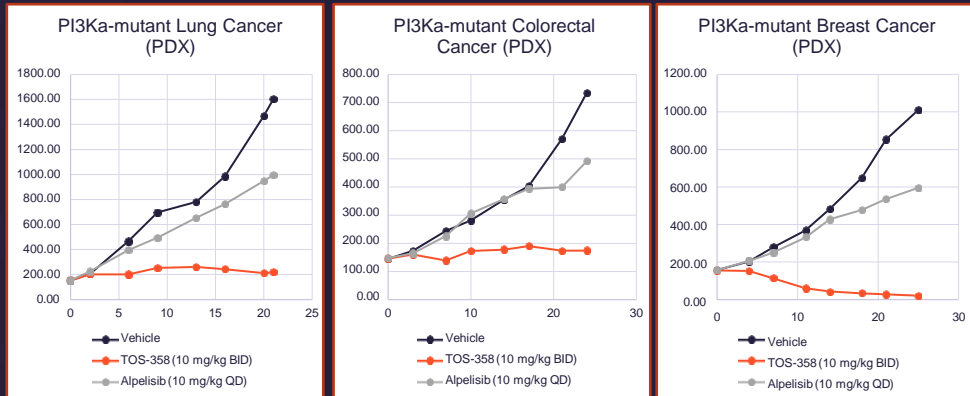


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TOS-358 can uniquely shut down PI3K α leading to superior efficacy across multiple tumor subtypes (Mouse T1/2= ~2 hours)

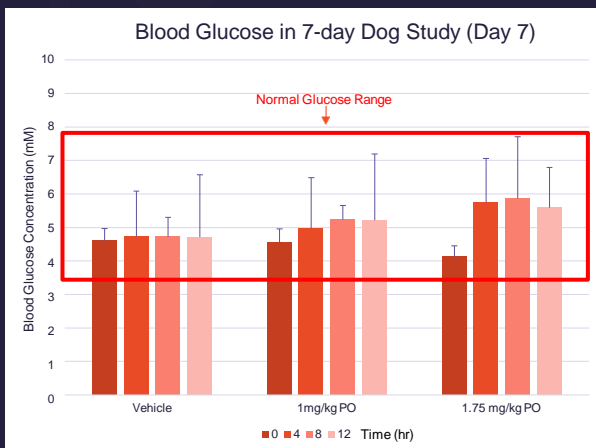


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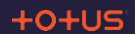
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TOS-358 can max out target engagement with no DLTs in preclinical models



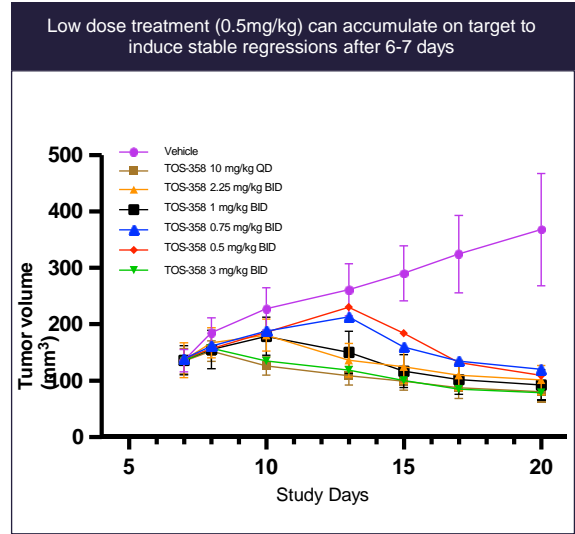
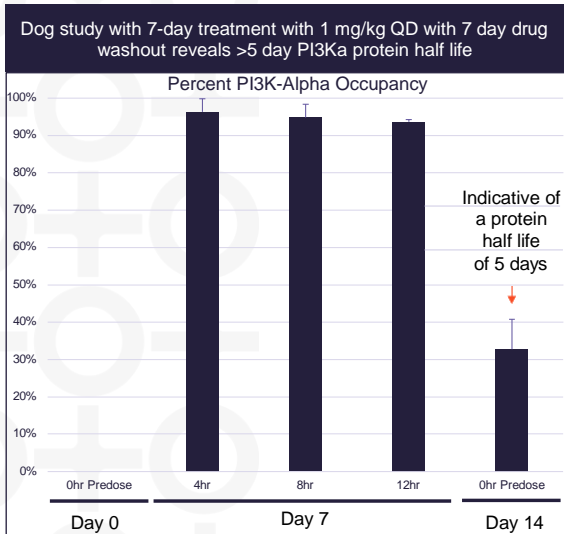
Therapeutic Window in 28-day GLP Studies			
	TOS-358	Alpelisib	Copanlisib
Rat	>100X	0.3X	0.2X
Dog	>10X	0.2X	0.6X

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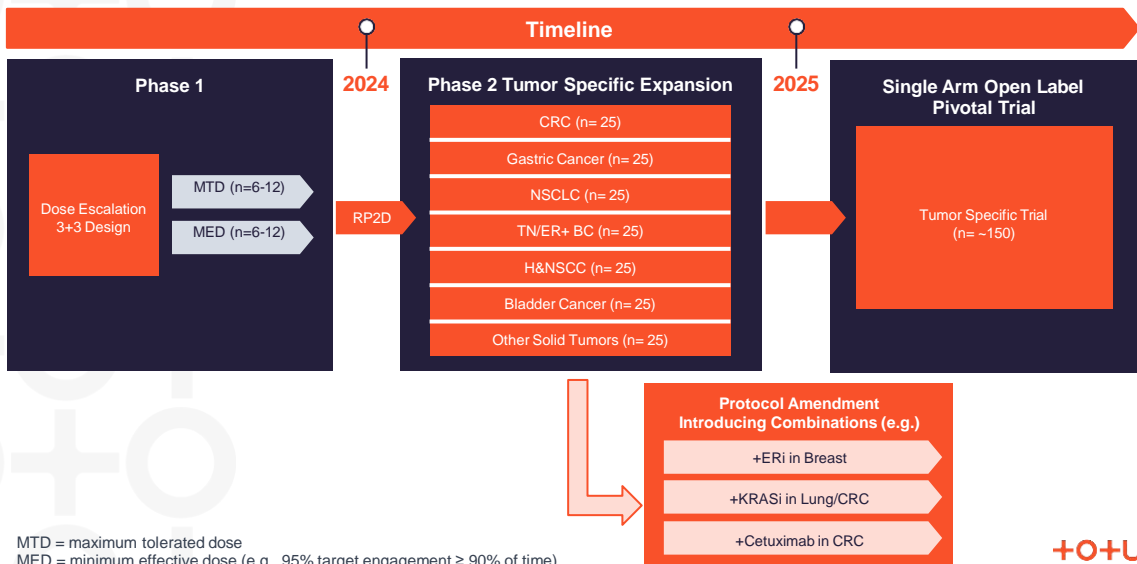
TOS-358 demonstrates profound and continuous inhibition at low doses through accumulation on slow turnover PI3Ka (dog, mouse)



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Totus has established a seamless clinical approach across multiple PI3Ka mutant tumors to support an accelerated approval path



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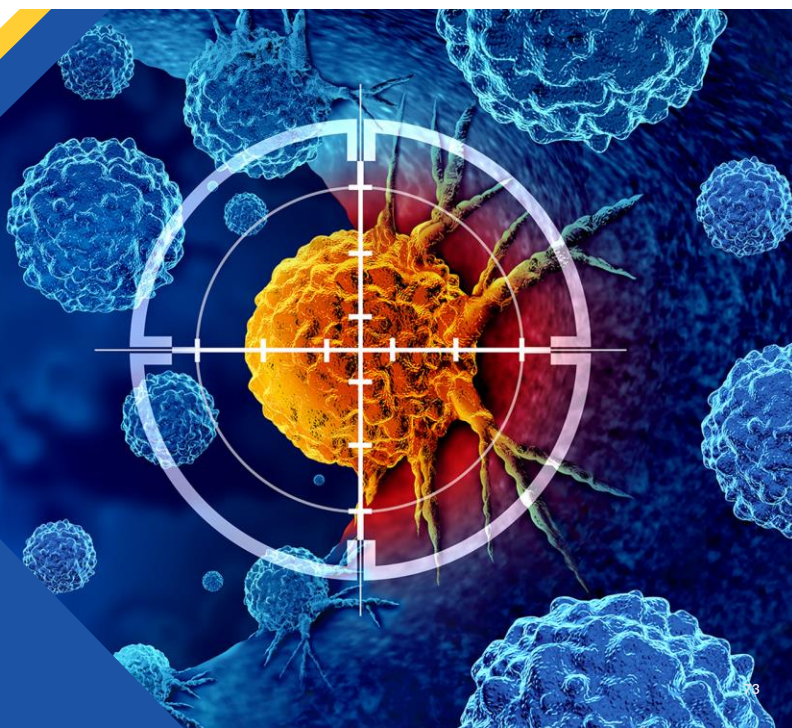


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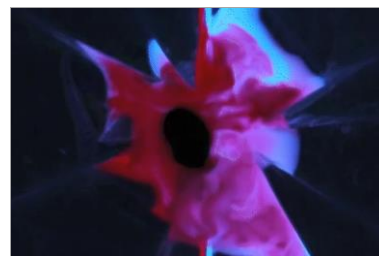
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