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# DNA Repair, Replication, & Mutagenesis Research at OHSU

## DNA Repair

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The major focus of the laboratory is to understand the fundamental mechanisms by which environmental exposures, endogenous chemicals and radiation lead to cancers, metabolic diseases, and aging



## DNA Damage & Repair



**DNA-Protein Crosslinks**



**Oxidative DNA Damage**



**UV-induced DNA Damage**



*Human polymorphic variations*

*Cellular response pathways*

*Genome-wide screens*

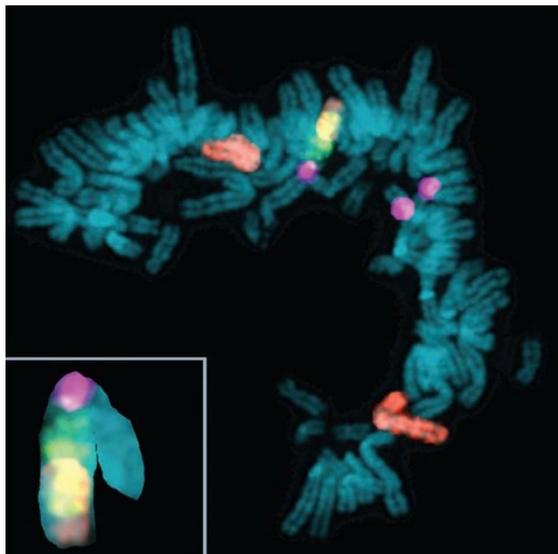
*Biochemical mechanisms*

*Disease-associated mutations*

# Matt Thayer Laboratory

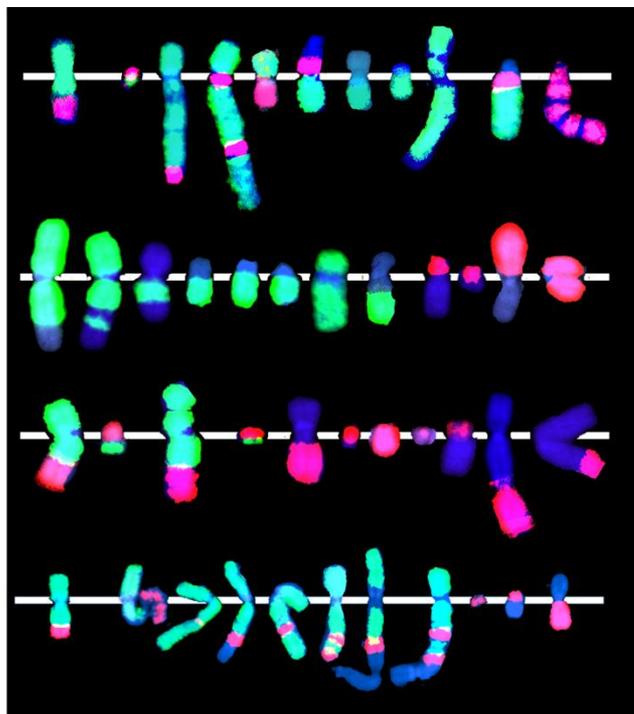
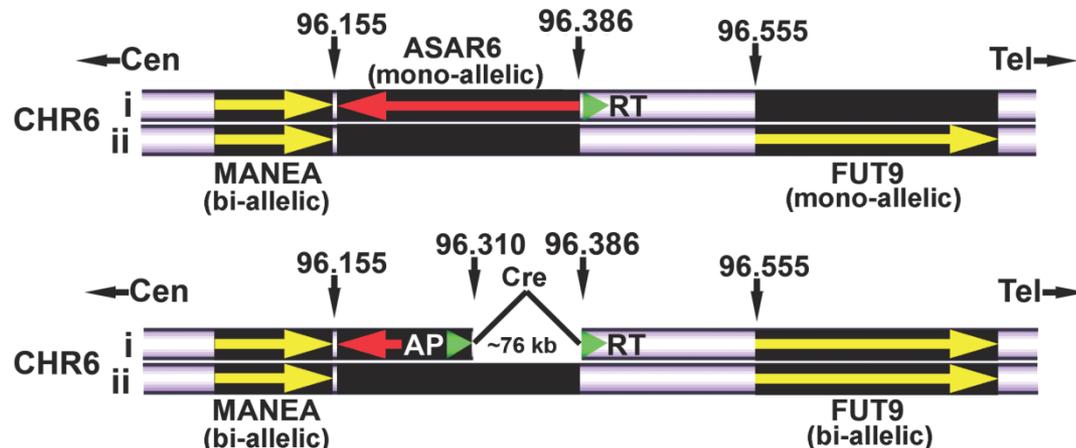
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## Chromosome Replication Timing



Disruption of discrete cis-acting loci result in delayed replication timing of the entire chromosome. BrdU (green) incorporation in a t(6;9); chromosome 6 (red), and the centromere of chromosome 9 (purple).

## Disruption of

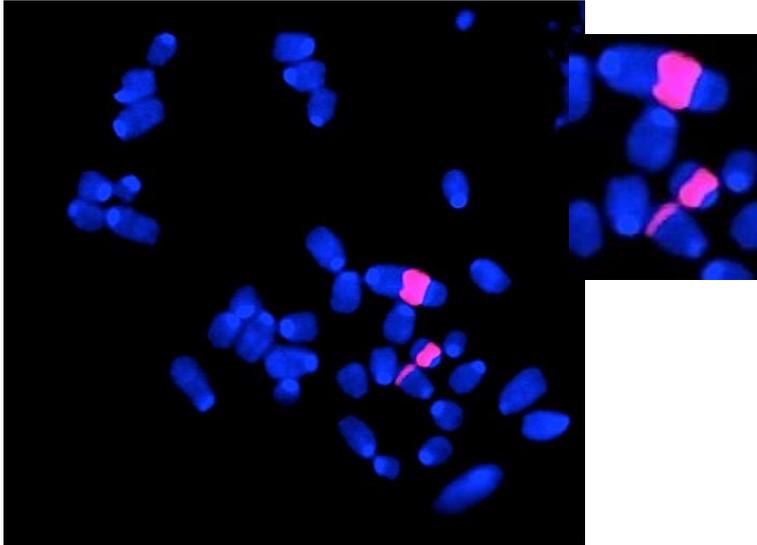


Cre/loxP-mediated disruption of the ASAR6 gene (encoding a large ncRNA) results in extremely late replication, activation of previously silent mono-allelic genes, and instability of human chromosome 6.

# Mitch Turker Laboratory

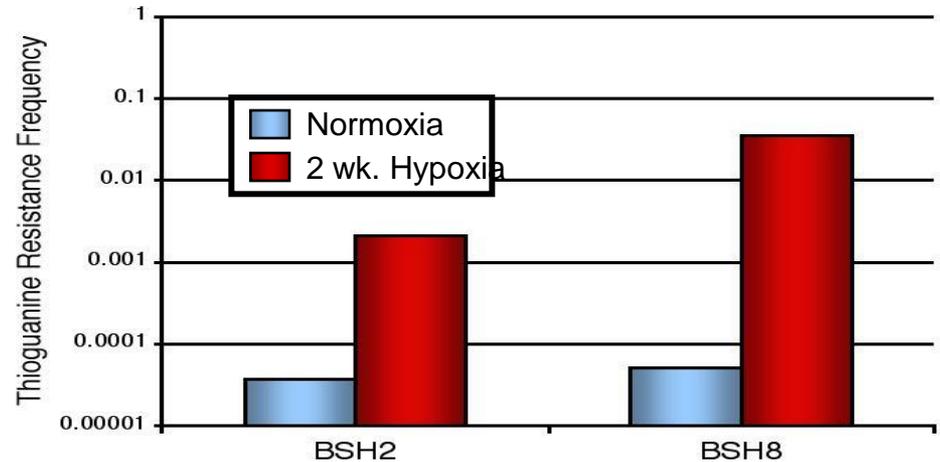
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## Mutation Formation



**Space radiation effects**- Pink sections represent portions of mouse chromosome 8 in an *Aprt* mutant kidney cell that have inserted in other chromosomes. The *Aprt* mutant cell arose in the intact kidney due to shattering of chromosome 8.

## Epigenetic Silencing



**Epigenetic Silencing**- Induction of epigenetic silencing of the human *BRCA1* promoter by hypoxia in mouse cells.

# Overview of Lloyd Lab Research Investigations

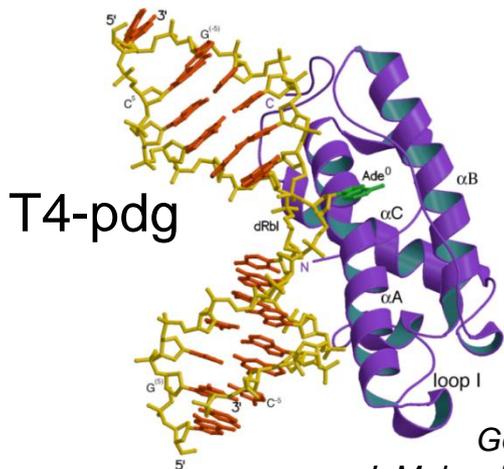
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## DNA Damage Resulting from Occupational & Environmental Exposures

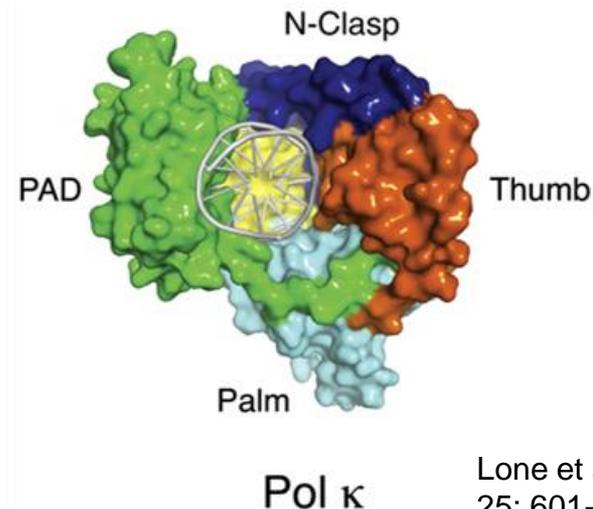
Repair

Tolerance

Replication & Mutagenesis

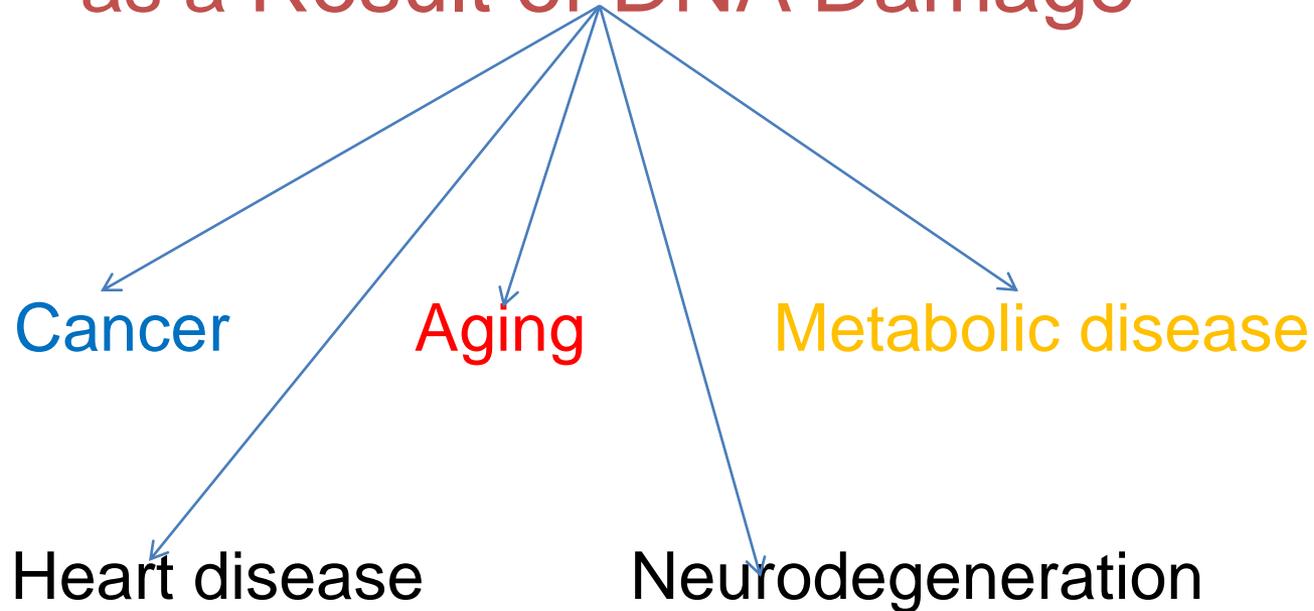


Golan et al, 2006  
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Lone et al., *Mol Cell* (2007),  
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# Disease Endpoints as a Result of DNA Damage



# Identification of Small Molecule Inhibitors of DNA Polymerase Kappa

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NIH Video conference

**R. Stephen Lloyd**



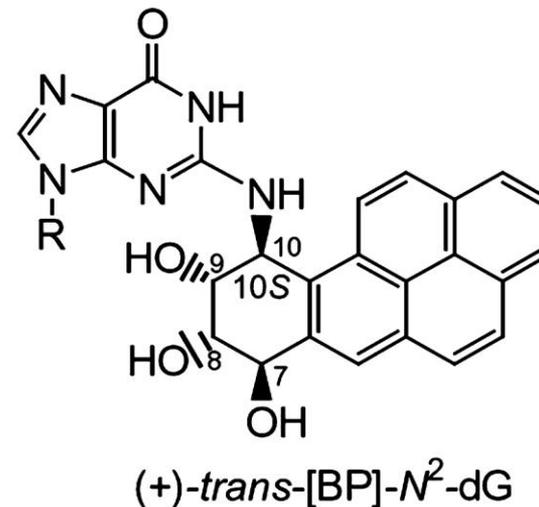
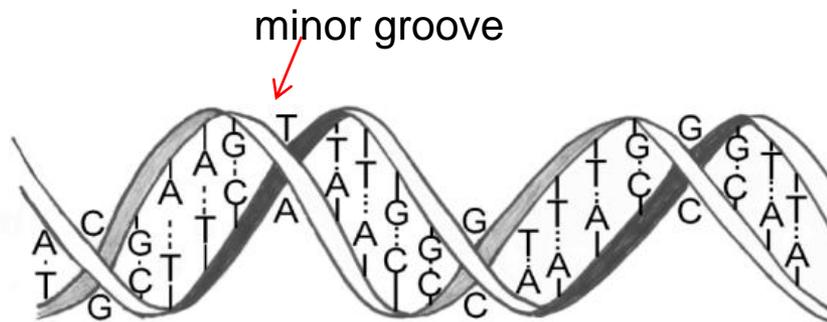
# DNA polymerase kappa (pol $\kappa$ )

Copies non-damaged DNA with low fidelity

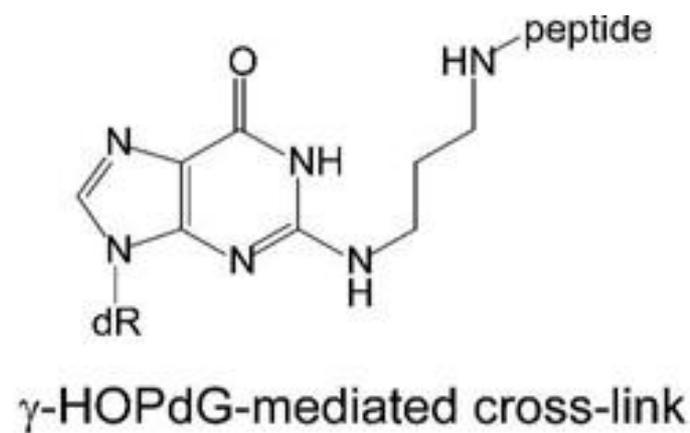
Proficient in the replication bypass of minor groove  $N^2$ -dG lesions:

Benzo[*a*]pyrene-induced lesions

Acrolein-induced lesions

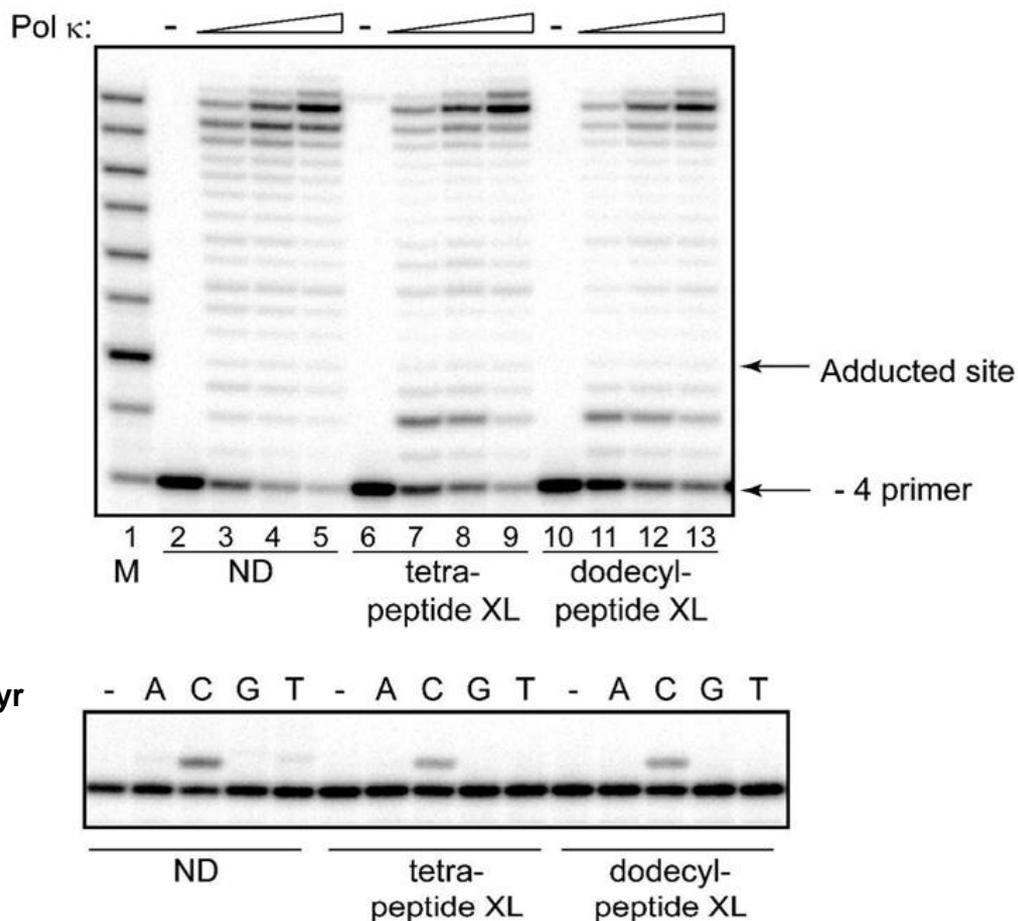


# Replication bypass of acrolein-mediated $N^2$ -dG DNA-peptide cross-link

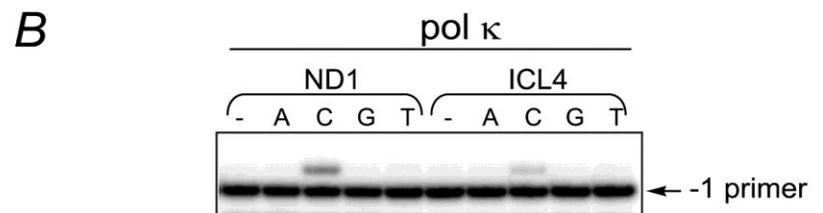
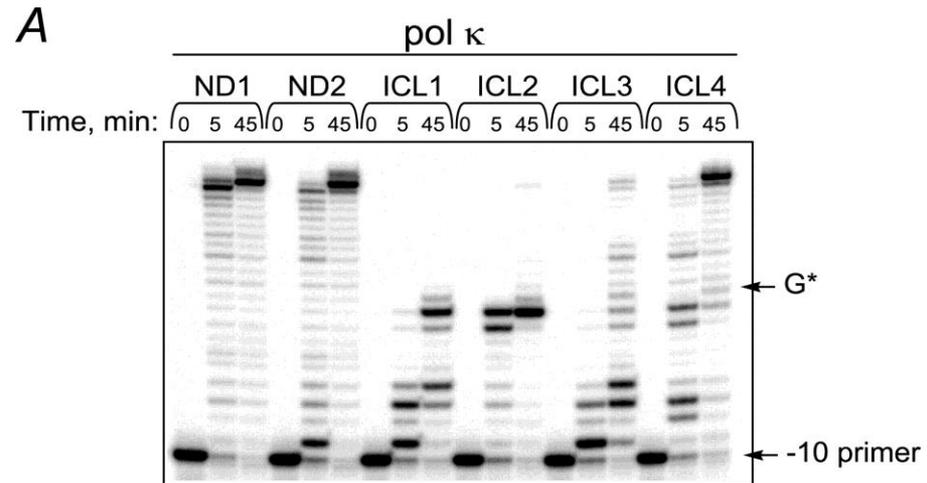
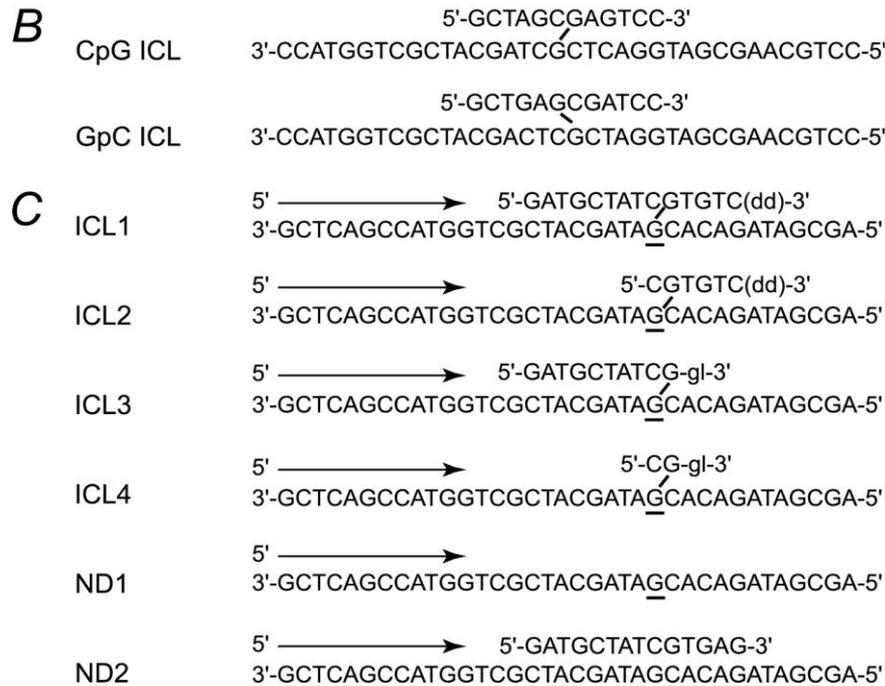
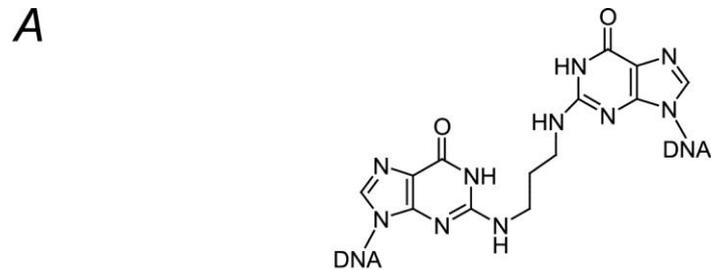


Lys-Trp-Lys-Lys

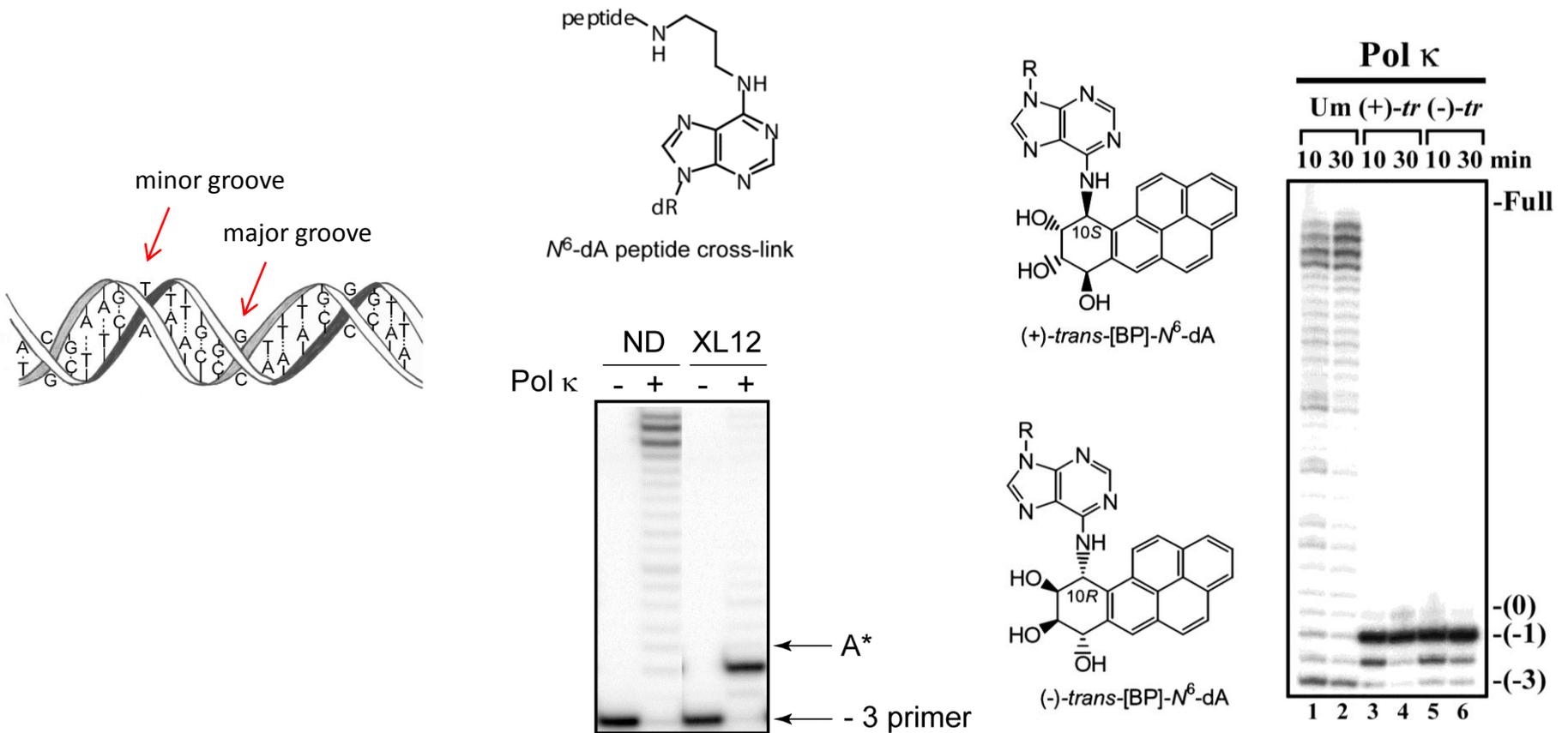
Lys-Phe-His-Glu-Lys-His-His-Ser-His-Arg-Gly-Tyr



# Replication bypass of acrolein-mediated $N^2$ -dG interstrand cross-link



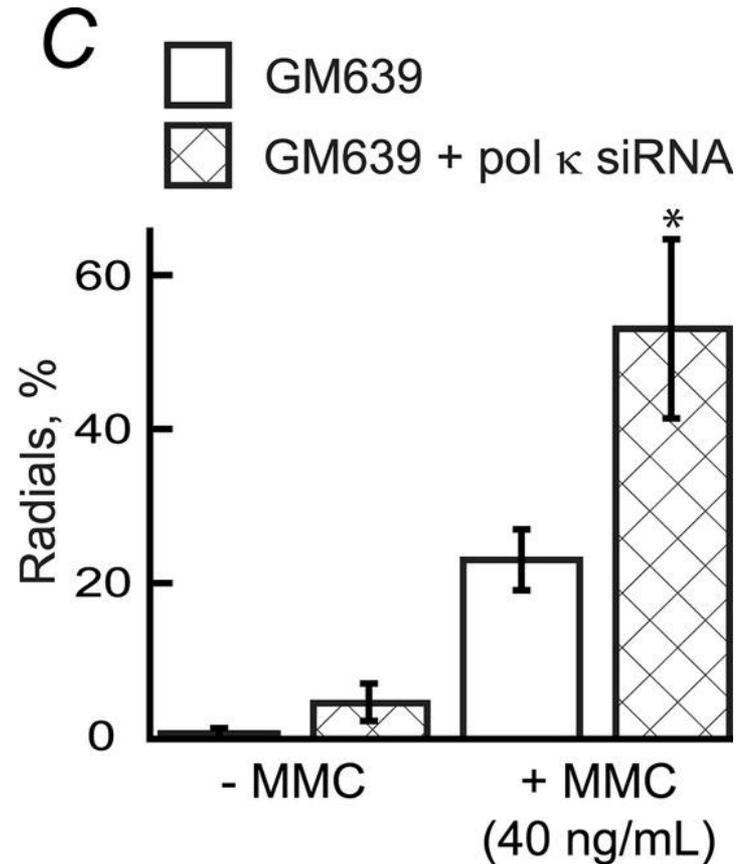
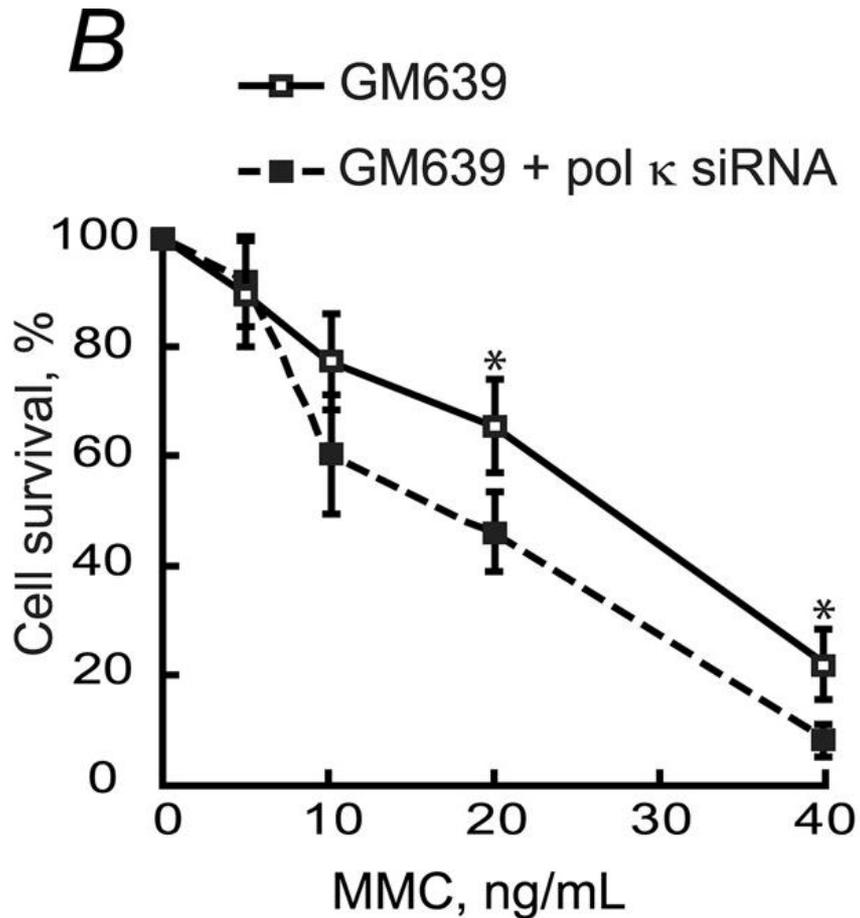
# Pol $\kappa$ cannot bypass major groove $N^6$ -dA lesions



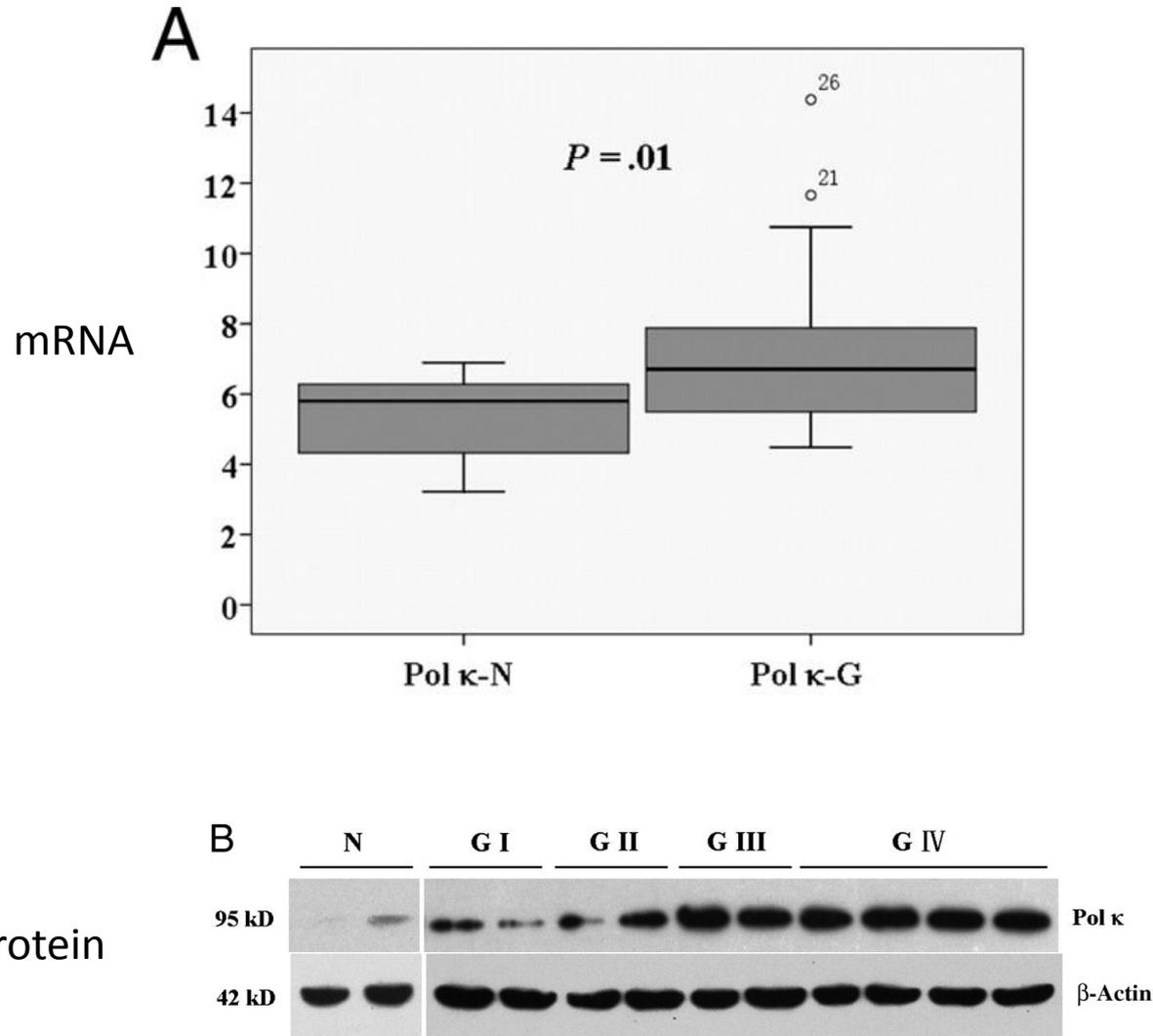
# A biological role for polymerase $\kappa$ ?

- Is there a potential role for polymerase  $\kappa$  in mediating cellular responses to DNA damaging agents?
- Is there evidence to associate polymerase  $\kappa$  with a specific cancer?

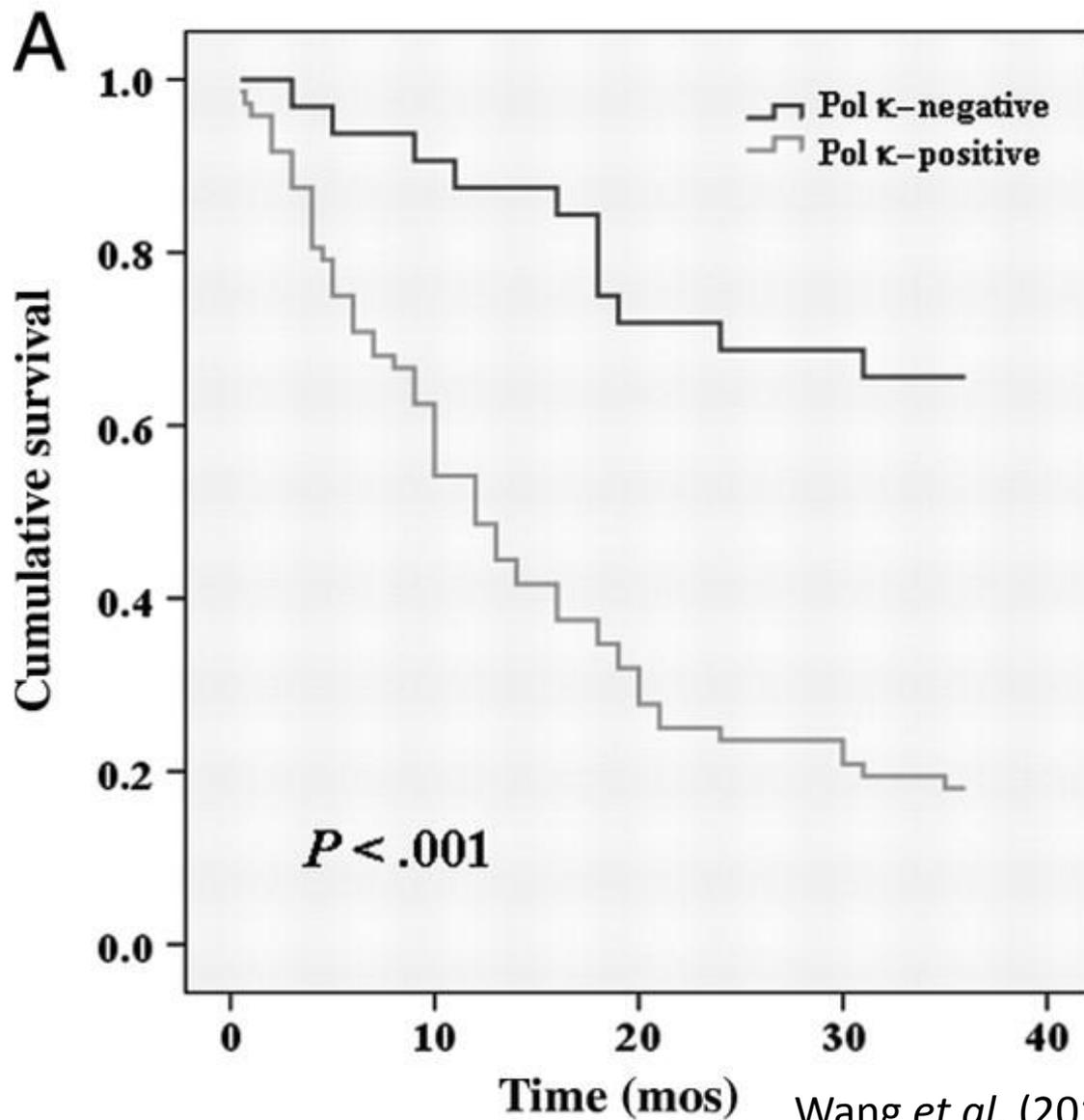
# Role of pol $\kappa$ in processing of mitomycin C-induced $N^2$ -dG interstrand cross-links



# Pol $\kappa$ is upregulated in gliomas



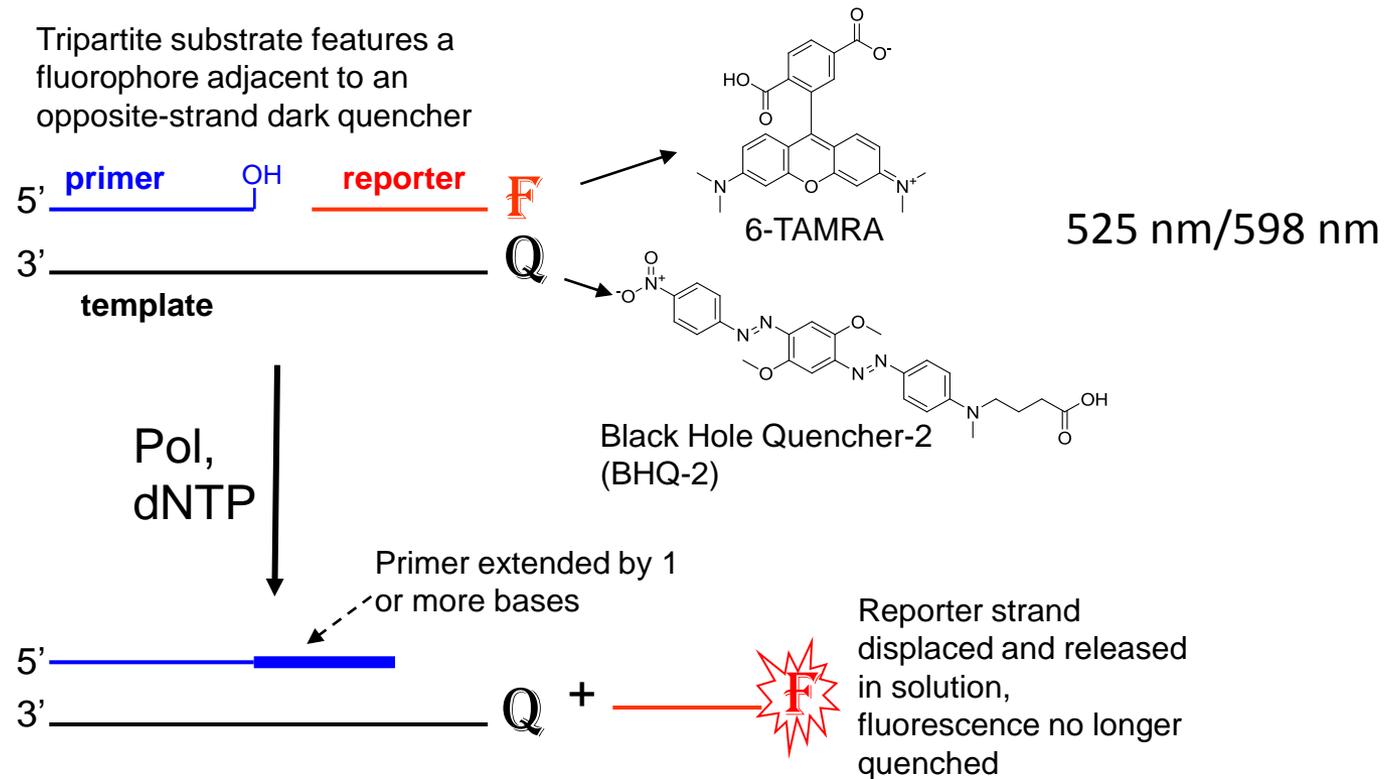
# Pol $\kappa$ is a prognostic factor in gliomas



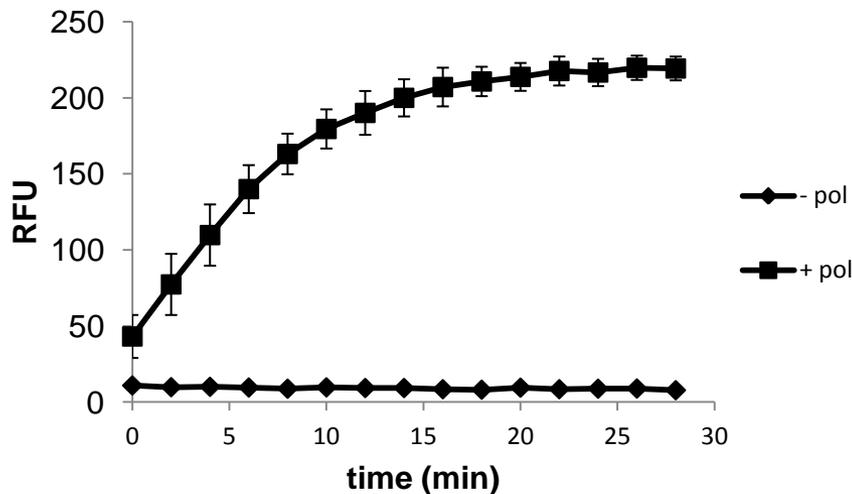
# Hypotheses

- Small molecule inhibitors of pol  $\kappa$  may be useful for treatment of cancer with dysregulated pol  $\kappa$  expression
- Small molecule inhibitors of pol  $\kappa$  may render tumor cells more susceptible to the cytotoxic effects of specific chemotherapeutic agents

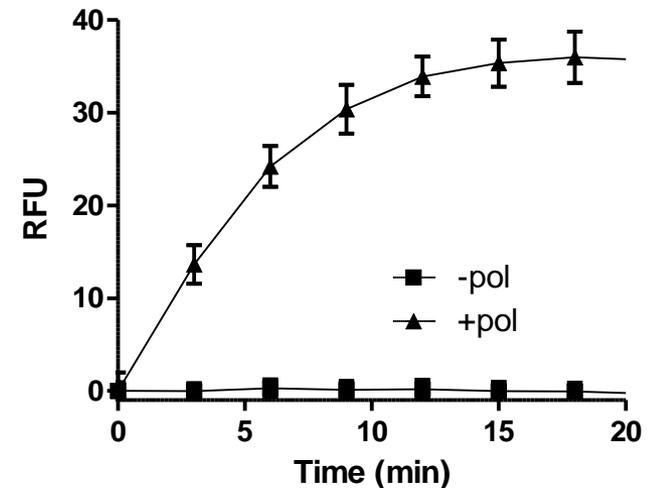
# Fluorescence-based strand displacement assay



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384-well plate  
Rxn volume = 10  $\mu$ l



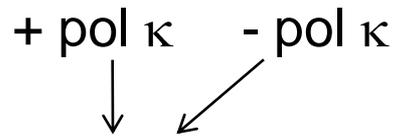
1536-well plate  
Rxn volume = 4  $\mu$ l

# Pilot HTS

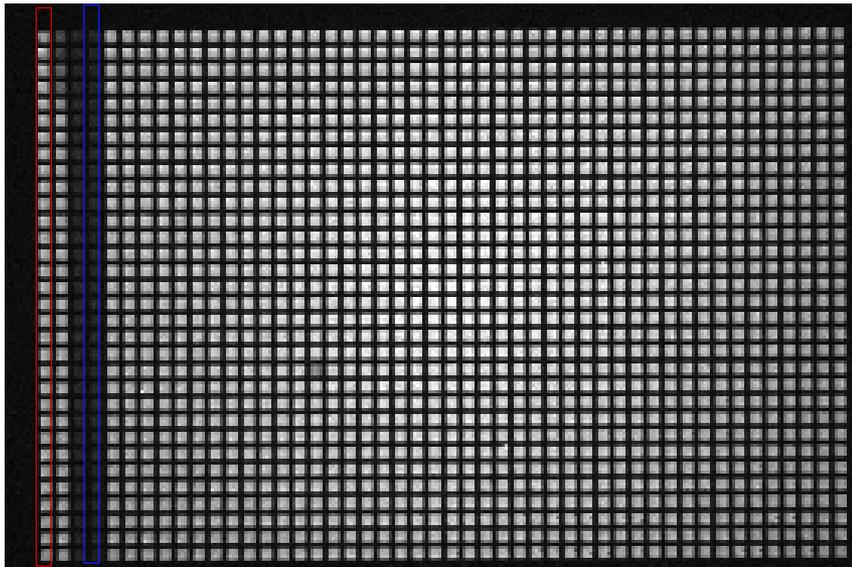
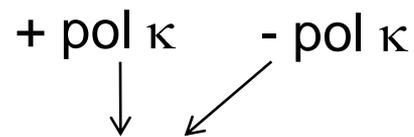
Pilot screens were conducted with several compound libraries including the Library of Pharmacologically Active Compounds (LOPAC<sup>1280</sup>) - total of ~15,000 compounds

# 1536-well assay plate image

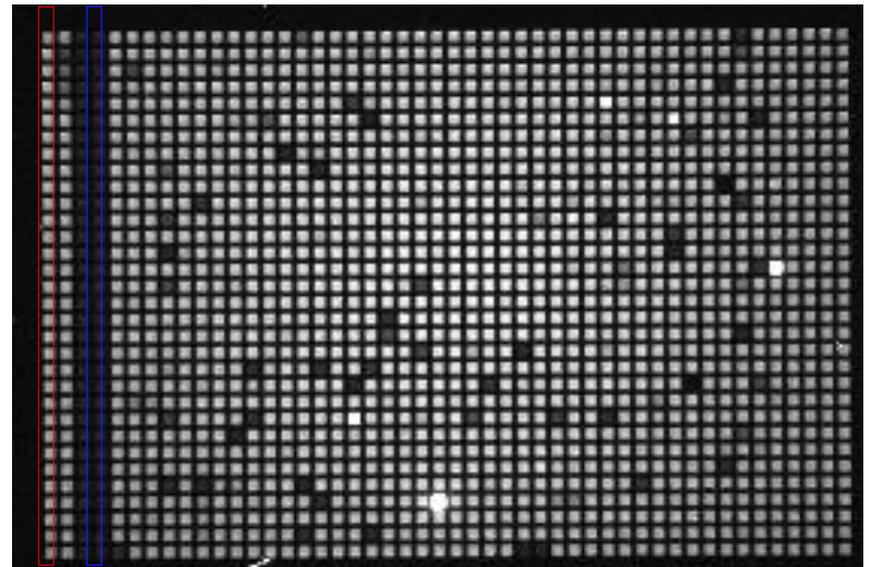
+ pol  $\kappa$    - pol  $\kappa$



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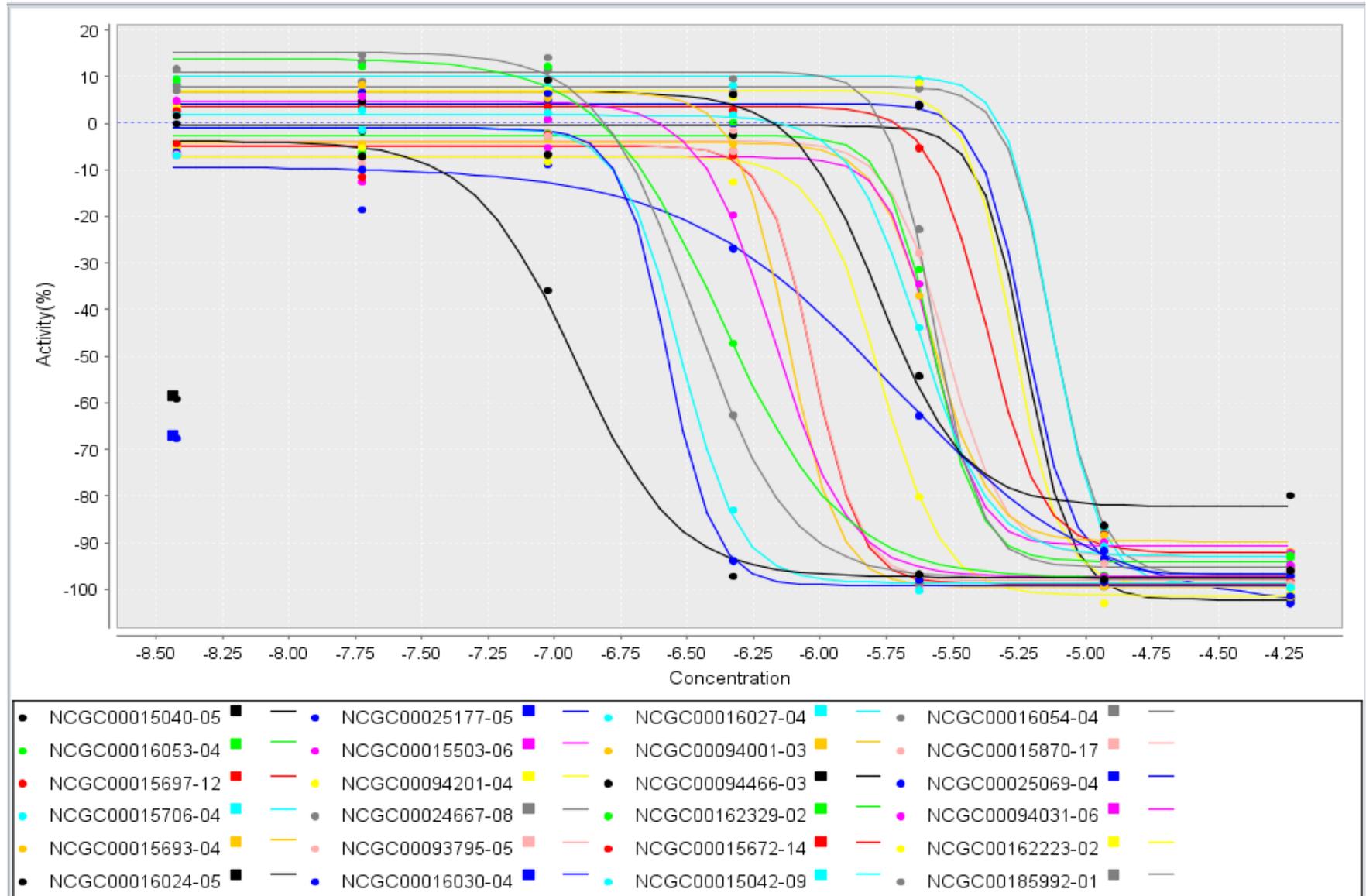


Lowest compound concentration plate



Highest compound concentration plate

# Summary of results from HTS



# Results of pilot HTS/secondary assay

## Pilot HTS

- ~ 500 hits were identified
- 60 top hits were selected for orthogonal confirmatory secondary assays

## Secondary Assay-radioactive gel-based primer extension assay

- 3/60 compounds did not inhibit pol  $\kappa$  at highest concentration tested (80  $\mu\text{M}$ )

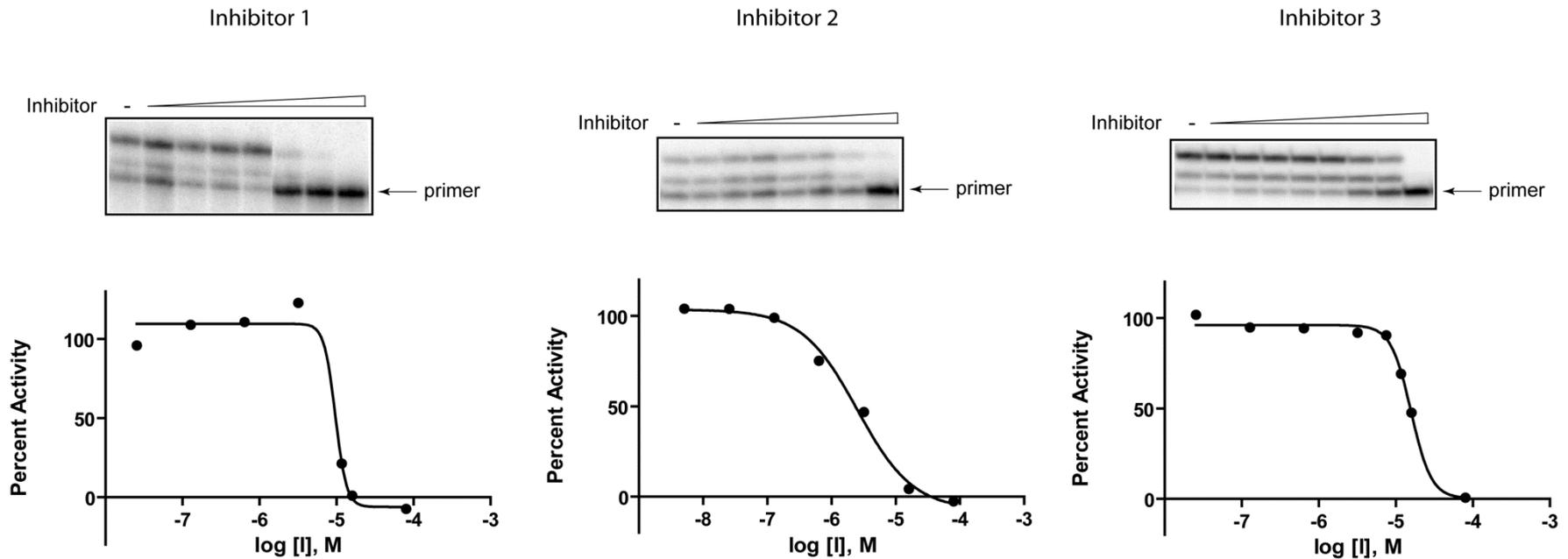


- 5/60 compounds couldn't be assayed because samples didn't migrate through the gel
- The remaining 52 compounds were ranked in the order of priority 1-

# Criteria for compound prioritization

- Does it contain problematic functional group?
- Does it exhibit high quality dose-response curve in HTS?
- Is it a FDA-approved drug?
- Is it optimizable by medicinal chemistry?

# Summary of radioactive gel-based assays using non-damaged DNAs



A representative data from three independent experiments are shown on the graph

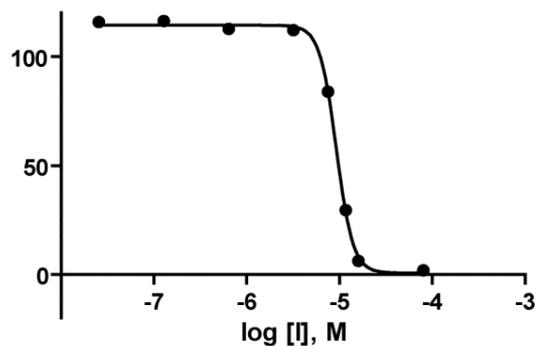
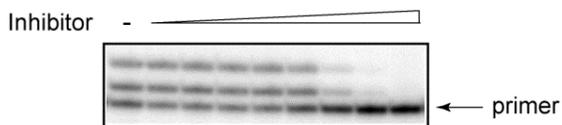
# Radiolabel gel-based DNA polymerase assay with high priority hits

sample name	HTS IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	gel assay IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)
hit 1	8.44	3.4 +/-0.9
hit 2	29.93	13 +/-1.7
hit 3	28.18	9.2+/-0.5
hit 4	25.12	20
hit 5	31.62	8.9 +/-1.1
hit 6	5.32	2.7 +/-0.8
hit 7	25.12	18 +/-6.5

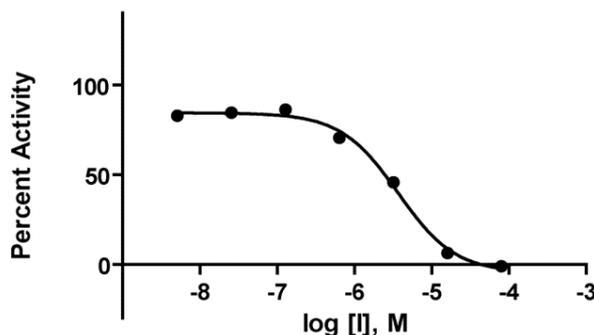
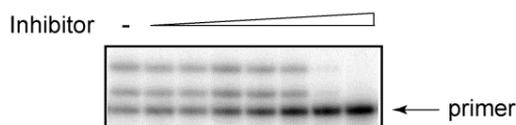
IC<sub>50</sub>, specificity, availability

# DNA polymerase assays with lead inhibitors using DNAs containing acrolein-derived ring-opened form of $\gamma$ -HOPdG

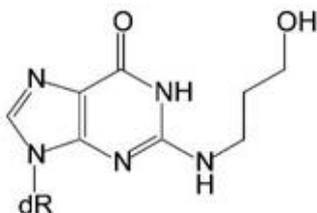
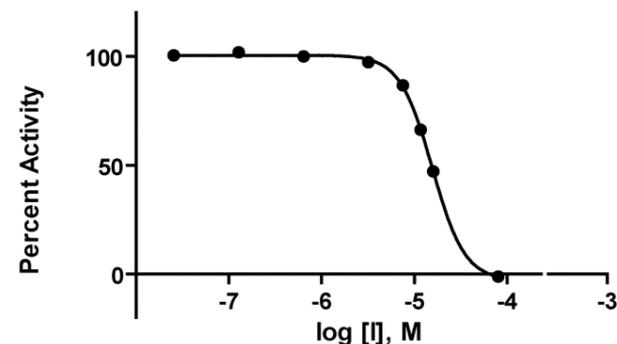
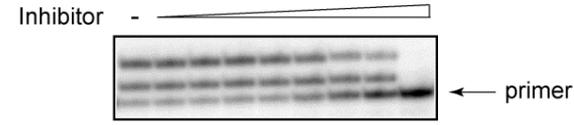
Inhibitor 1



Inhibitor 2



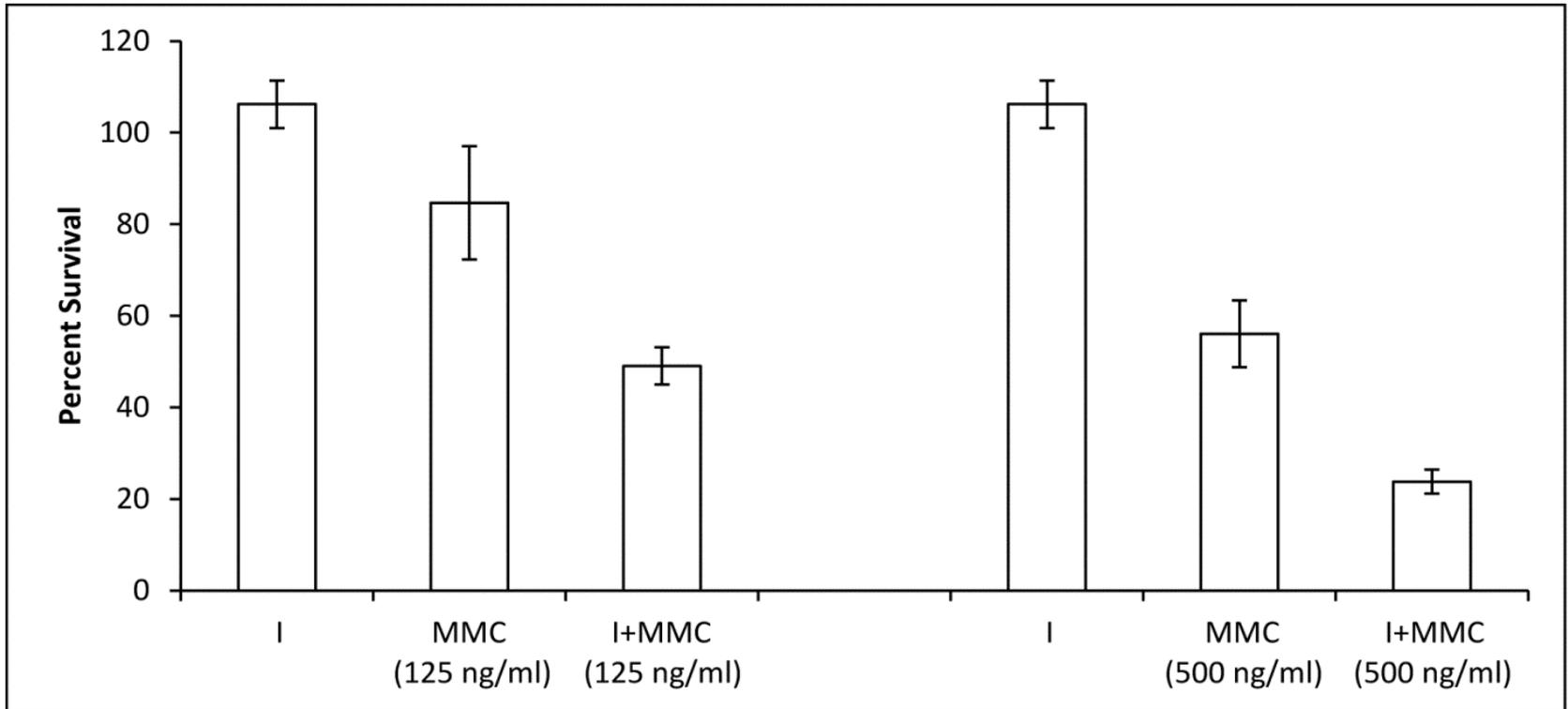
Inhibitor 3



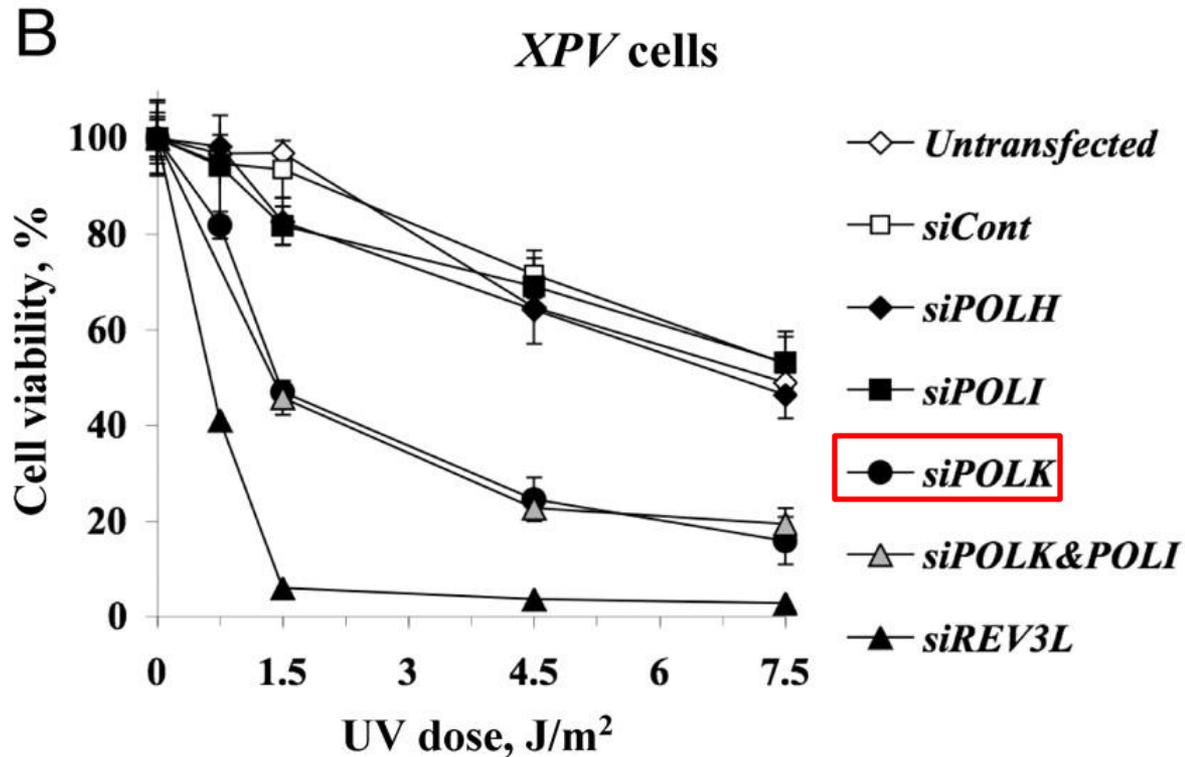
Representative data from three independent experiments are shown

# Inhibitor 1 potentiated cytotoxicity of MMC in human fibroblast cells

- Hypothesis: Human fibroblast cells + inhibitor are more sensitive to MMC than human fibroblast cells - inhibitor

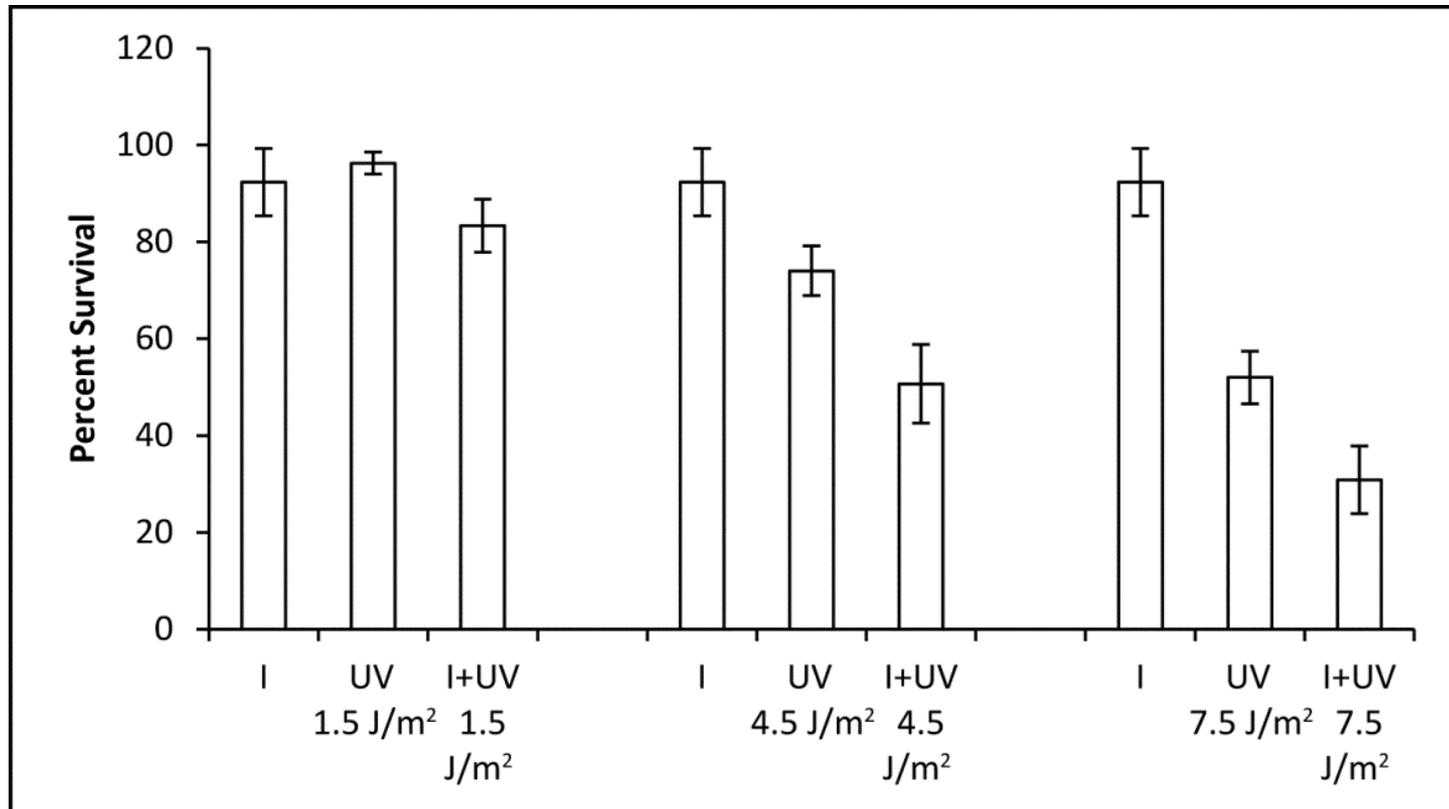


# Pol $\kappa$ -depleted Xeroderma Pigmentosum Variant (XPV) cells are sensitive to UV



# Inhibitor 1 potentiated cytotoxicity of UV in XPV cells

- Hypothesis: XPV cells + inhibitor are more sensitive to UV than XPV cells - inhibitor



# Current status

- In collaboration with NCGC, completed screen of ~400,000 molecules at 5 concentrations; similar screens have been carried out for polymerases  $\eta$  and  $\iota$  by Dr. Roger Woodgate (NCI) and  $\beta$  by Dr. Samuel Wilson (NIEHS); comparative inhibition analyses
- Co-crystallization trials with lead inhibitors and polymerases  $\kappa$  and Dpo4
- Design of a cell biology-based HTS for polymerase  $\kappa$

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# Deconstructing the Fanconi Anemia DNA Damage Response Network

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**NIH videoconference  
March 20, 2012**

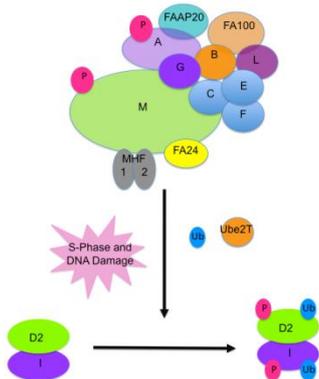
The major focus of the laboratory is to understand the underlying molecular defects in Fanconi anemia in order to improve treatments for FA patients, as well as identify new treatments for certain cancers that occur in the general population

# Fanconi anemia

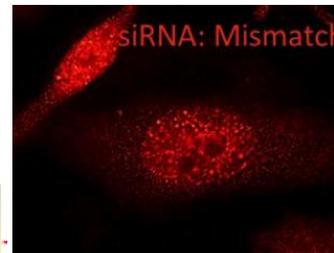
Discovery of new proteins in the FA pathway

Analysis of FA protein function

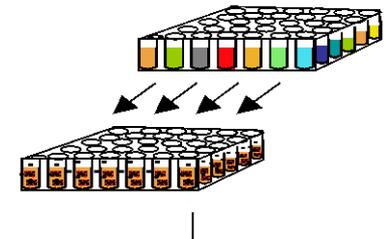
Assay for Small molecule inhibitors/activators of the FA pathway



10,000 g



Compound library



# Fanconi Anemia

Rare, multi-gene autosomal or X-linked disorder

Clinical features:

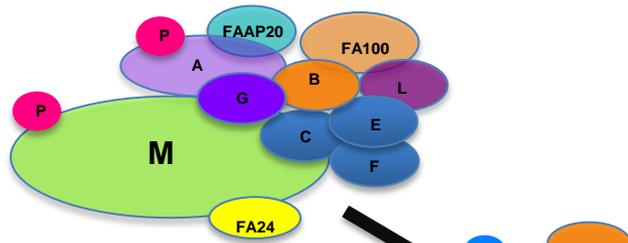
- Developmental defects
- Bone marrow failure (median onset 7 yrs, survival 16 yrs)
- Cancer predisposition (AML, solid tumors)

Cellular phenotype:

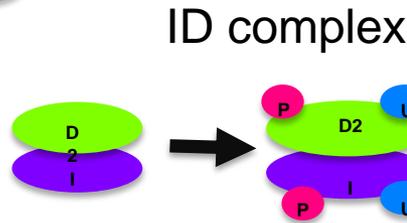
- Spontaneous cytogenetic abnormalities: chromosome breakage and radials
- Hypersensitive to DNA interstrand crosslinking agents (Mitomycin C, cisplatin)

# Fanconi Anemia Pathway-2012

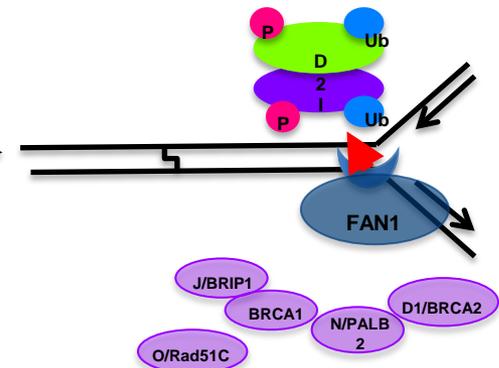
FA core complex-E3 Ubiquitin ligase



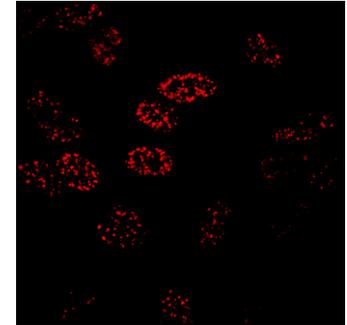
S-Phase and DNA Damage



ID complex



Repair via FA/HR/TLS



## Challenges

- Complexity
- Functional interdependence
- More FA proteins, and FA-associated proteins, to be discovered

# Targeting the DNA Damage Response

- May improve therapeutic index
  - Cancer cells often have defective DNA repair pathways
  - Synthetic lethality (PARP inhibitors)
- FA is novel, relatively unexplored arm of the DNA damage response

# Experimental Strategy



Eggs



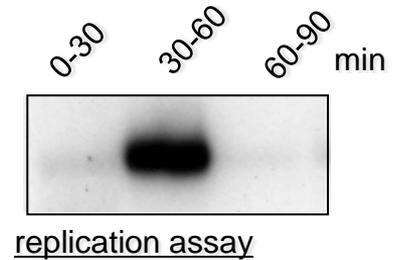
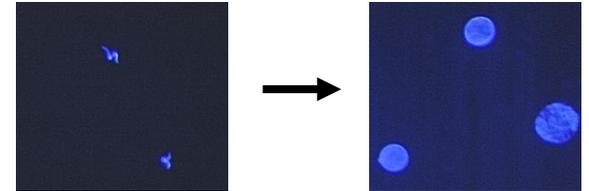
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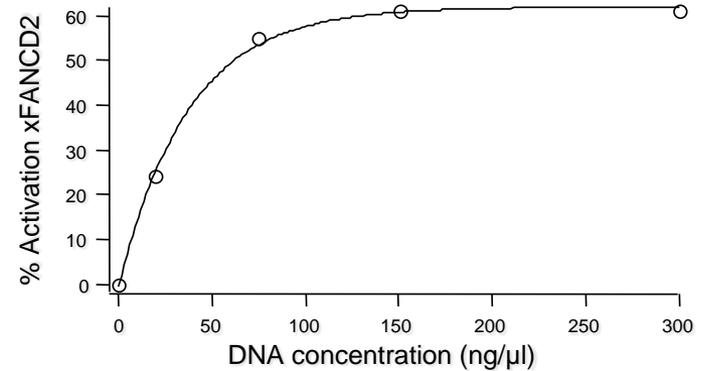
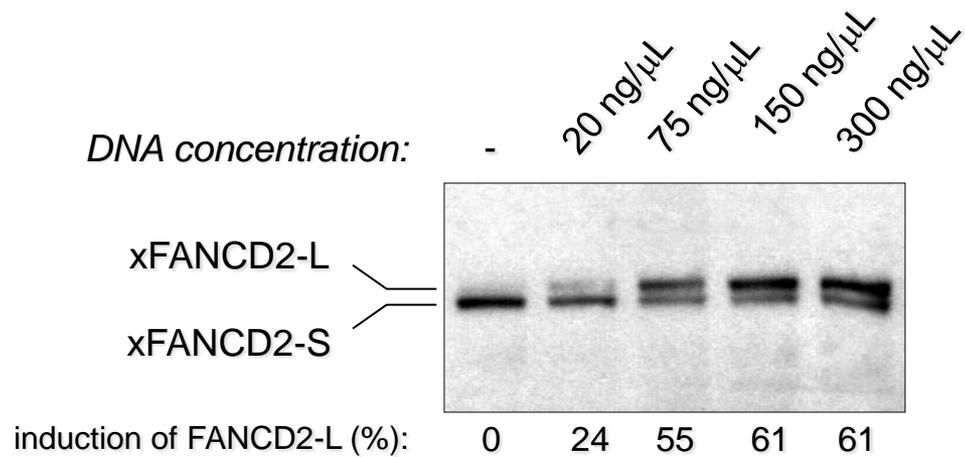
- Add DNA substrates
- Add chemicals
- Deplete proteins

extract

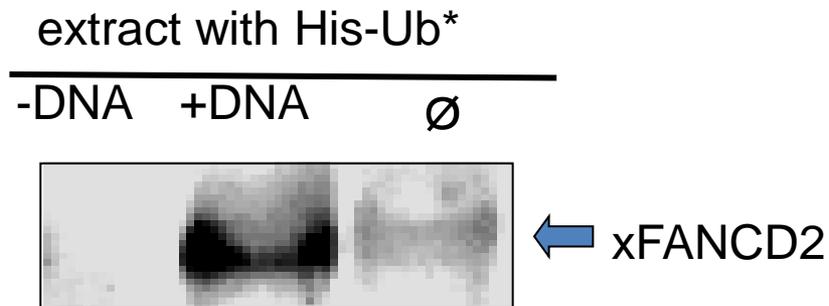
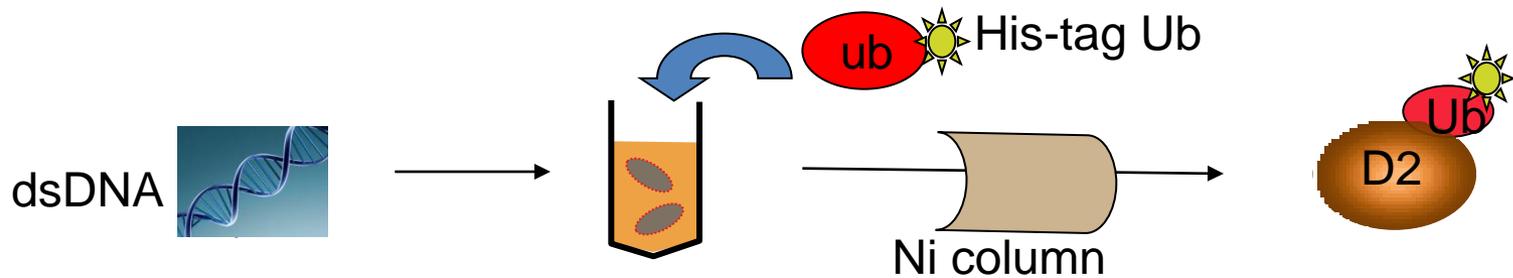
Capable of in vitro replication



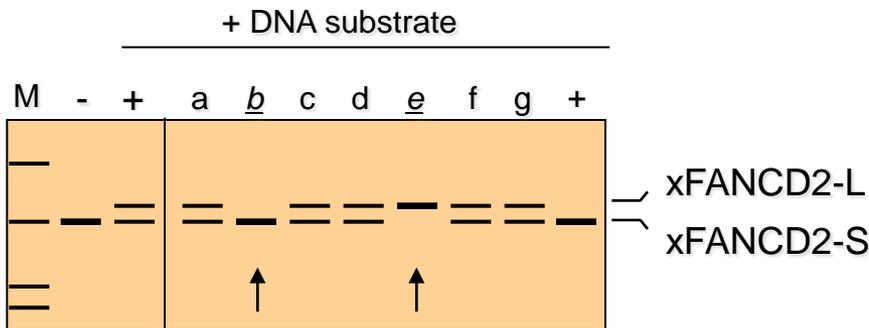
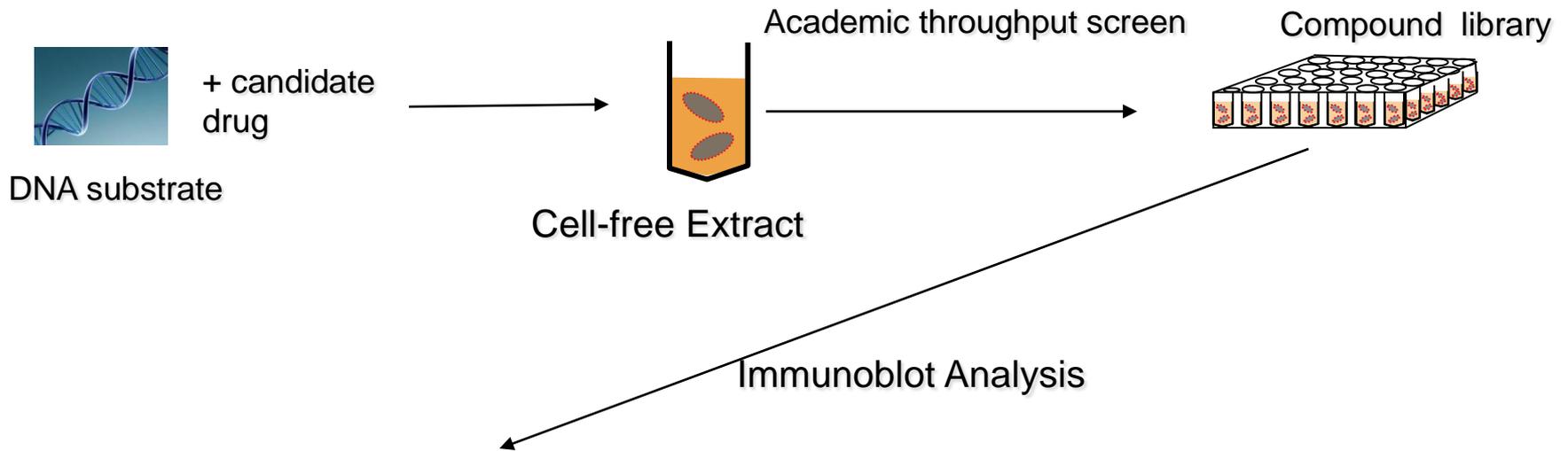
# DNA-dependent Stimulation of the FA Pathway



# DNA stimulates FANCD2 monoubiquitylation in egg extracts



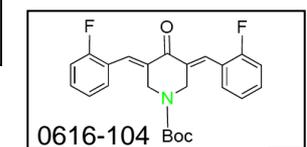
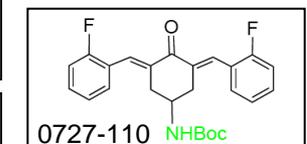
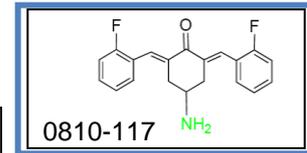
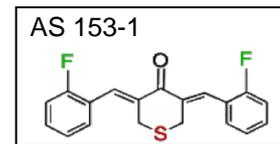
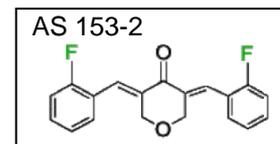
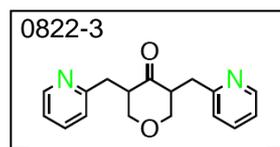
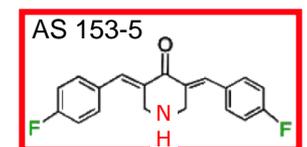
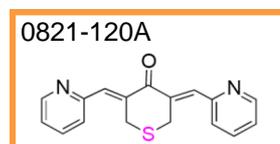
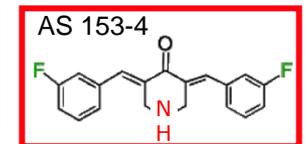
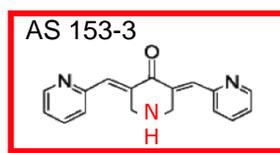
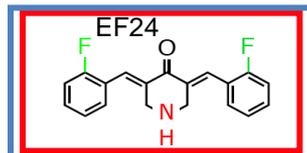
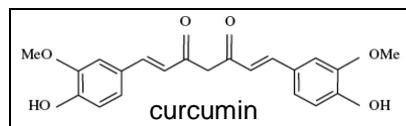
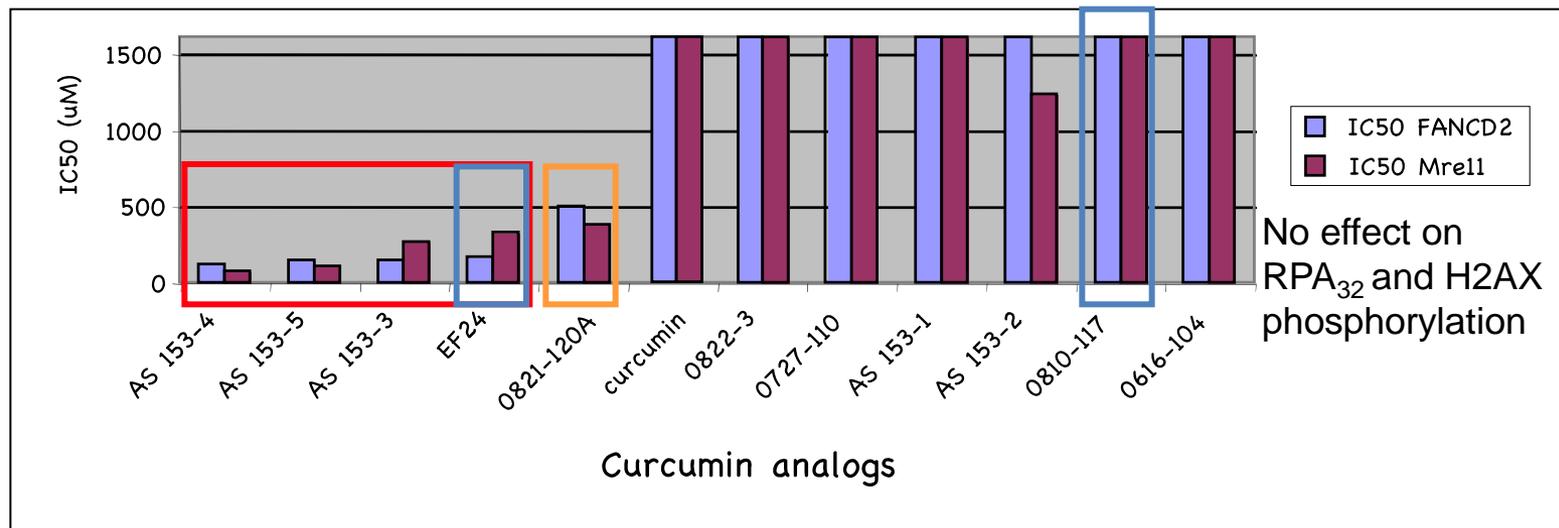
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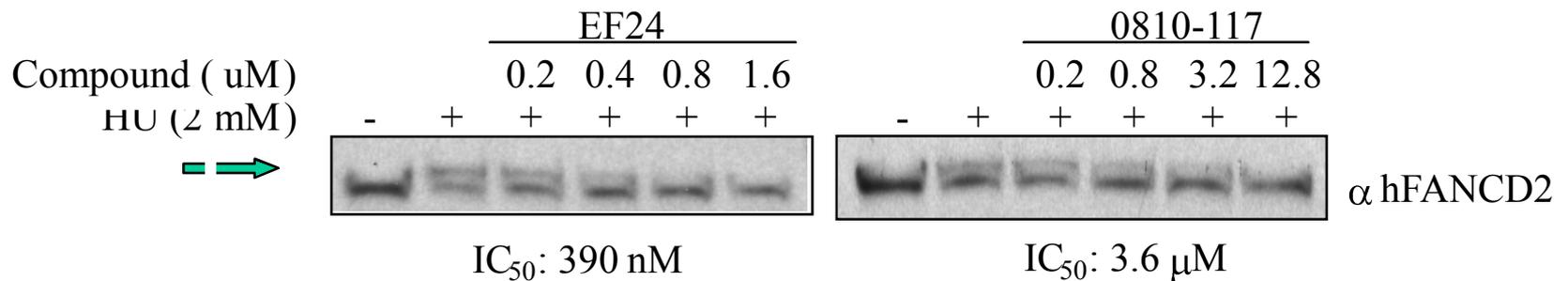
Assay via FANCD2 activation (L), or non activation (S only)

**Outcome:**  
Inhibition of FANCD2-Ub?

# Inhibition of FANCD2-Ub in Extracts by Curcumin Analogs



# Curcumin analogs inhibit HU-induced FANCD2 monoubiquitylation in Hela cells



Prediction: inhibiting the FA pathway in cells that have defects in genes That are synthetic lethal with FA will be selectively toxic

# Concept of Synthetic Lethality

Mutation

Phenotype

Gene A

Alive

Gene B

Alive

Gene A Gene B

Dead

A and B act redundantly or in a parallel pathway

Synthetic lethality occurs when two otherwise nonlethal mutations together result in an inviable cell

# Synthetic Lethality and Fanconi Anemia

**Table 1**

The 10 siRNA oligonucleotide targets that are most selectively toxic to FA pathway-deficient EUFA326 cells compared with the corrected EUFA326G cell line

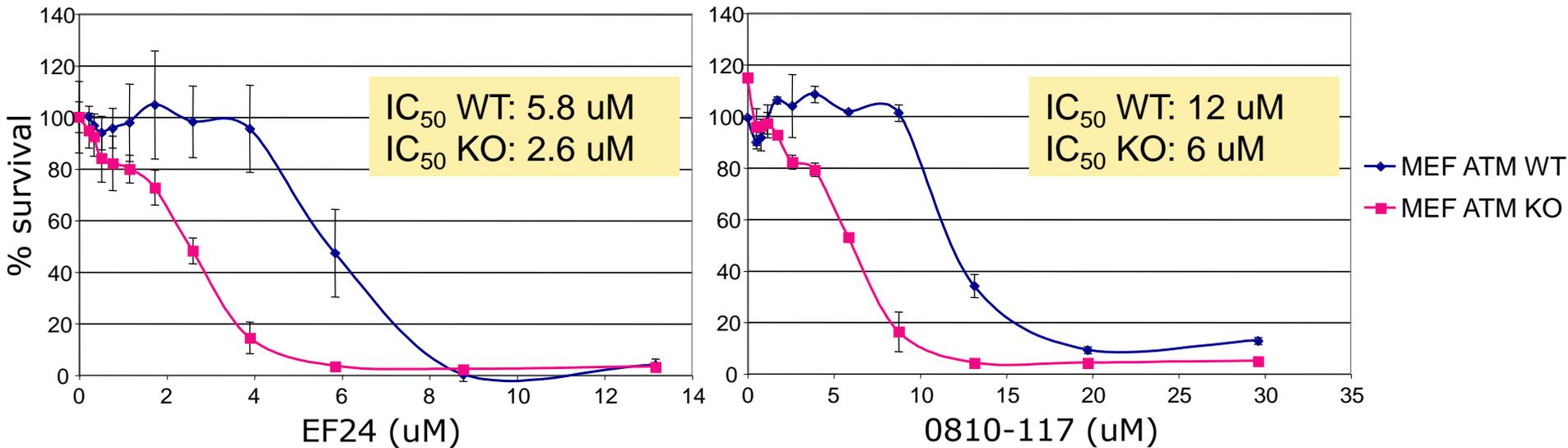
Rank	Gene target	Function	EUFA326/ EUFA326G viability
1	<i>TREX2</i>	DNA exonuclease	0.59 ± 0.09
2	<i>ADPRT (PARP1)</i>	BER	0.64 ± 0.10
3	<i>PLK1</i>	Cell cycle progression	0.68 ± 0.18
4	<i>UBE2B (RAD6)</i>	Switching of DNA polymerases	0.70 ± 0.14
5	<i>CDK7</i>	Transcription	0.73 ± 0.11
6	<i>TP53BP1</i>	Sensor of DSBs; activates ATM	0.73 ± 0.10
7	<i>ATM</i>	DSB response kinase	0.73 ± 0.05
8	<i>NEIL1</i>	BER	0.74 ± 0.09
9	<i>RAD54B</i>	HR	0.75 ± 0.08
10	<i>NBS1</i>	Sensor of DSBs; activates ATM	0.76 ± 0.20
Control	GFP/LacZ	Control	0.97 ± 0.06

Kennedy et al, J. Clin. Invest. 2007

Example: ATM deficiency (mutations, deletions, lower expression) in hematological malignancies

Malignancy	% of patients	Source
Mantle cell lymphoma	43%	Fang et al, PNAS 2003
Other lymphomas	10%	Fang et al, PNAS 2003
Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	34%	Starostik et al, Cancer Res. 2003
Acute lymphoblastic leukemia	28%	Haidar et al, Cancer 2003

# Differential toxicity of curcumin analogs in isogenic ATM-proficient and ATM- (KO) MEF cells



- EF24 and 0810-117 are twofold more toxic in ATM KO than in WT cells, consistent with a synthetic lethal effect

- EF24 is active at twofold lower concentrations than 0810-117

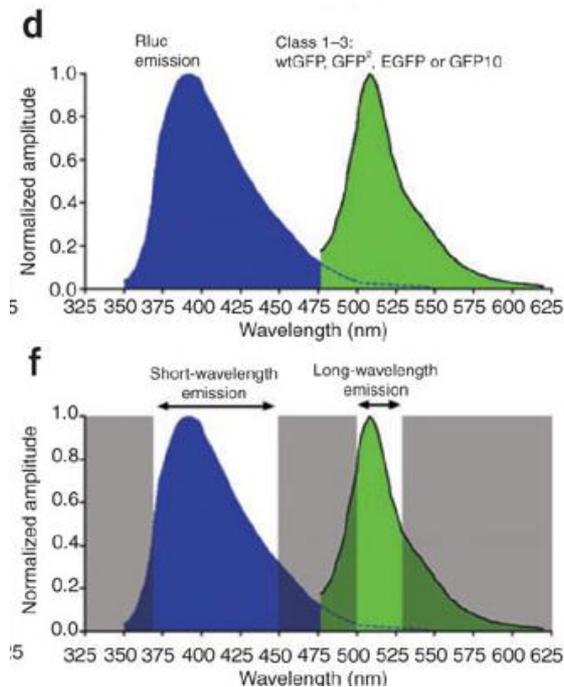
# Converting Ubiquitination Assay to High Throughput Screen

## Bioluminescence Resonance Energy Transfer: BRET<sup>2</sup>

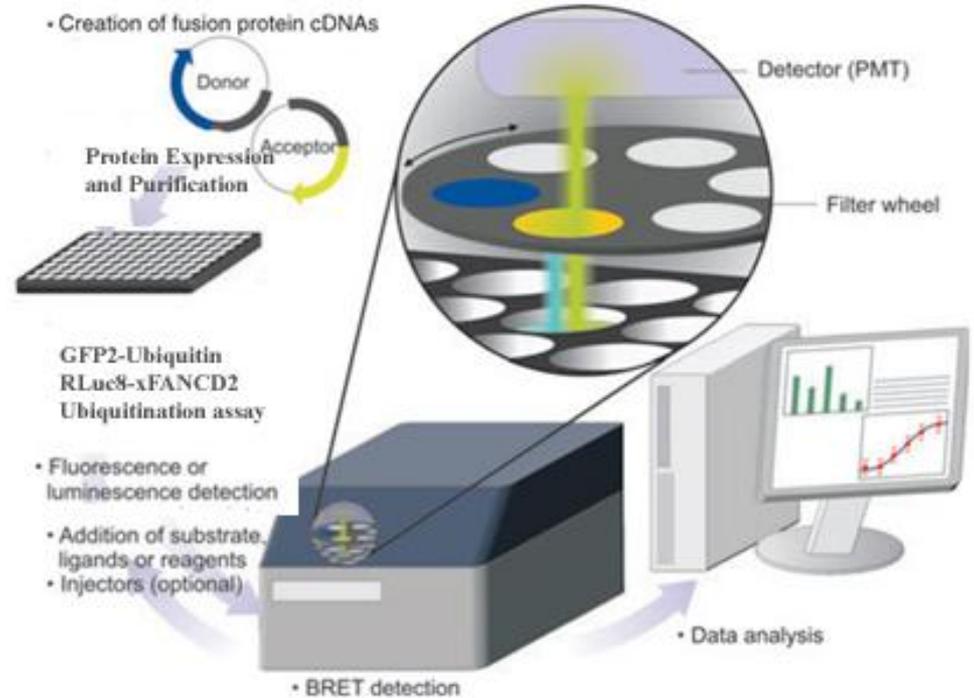
Donor: RLuc8-xFANCD2

Acceptor: GFP2-Ubiquitin

### Experimental Setup



Spectrum Separation



Filter Setup

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# OHSU Rare Disorders Research Consortium (RDRC)

# Rare Disease Research Consortium

- The OHSU Rare Disorders Research Consortium (RDRC) creates a local hub for rare disorders research by promoting interaction and sharing of expertise among the diverse investigators on campus.
- Supported by the OHSU Human Genetics Initiative and the Oregon Clinical & Translational Research Institute
- Approximately 150 staff and faculty involved with the consortium or rare disorders with over \$35 million in research funding
- Ability to span the entire translational pipeline
- Unique resources: Animal models, international patient referrals, cell lines, databases, specialized techniques
- Chairs:
  - **Susan Hayflick, MD**, Molecular & Medical Genetics
  - **Maureen Hoatlin, PhD, MBA**, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Abhijit Banerjee, Ph.D., M.B.A. Director of Business Development, OHSU

# Rare Disorders Research Strengths

- OHSU researchers study more than 90 rare disorders

## 1 A disease-level look at OHSU's capabilities in rare disease research

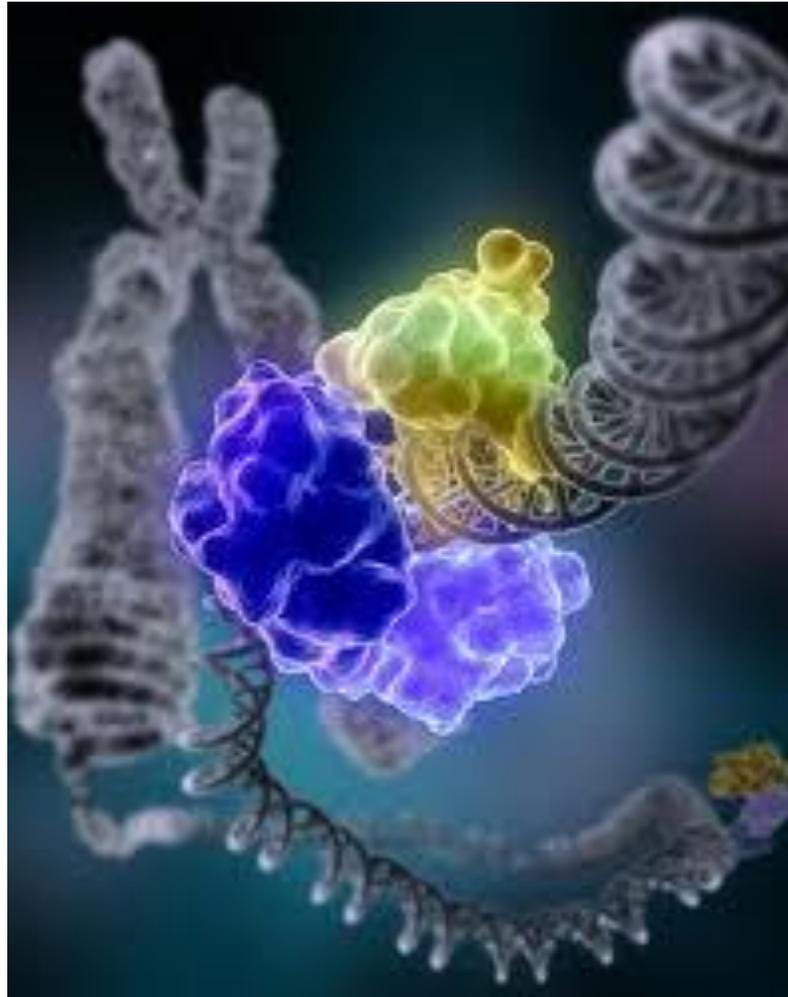
	Disease gene discovery	Mechanisms	Animal, cell, human research resources	Innovative diagnostics	Preclinical studies	Clinical trials
1 NBIA	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Limited capabilities	Nationally distinctive
2 Fanconi anemia	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Limited capabilities	Limited capabilities
3 Sterol defects	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Limited capabilities	Nationally distinctive
4 Ophthalmologic disorders	Limited capabilities	Limited capabilities	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive
5 CML	Limited capabilities	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive
6 Connective tissue disorders	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Moderate capabilities	Limited capabilities	Limited capabilities
7 Fatty acid oxidation disorders	Limited capabilities	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Nationally distinctive	Moderate capabilities	Moderate capabilities
8 Huntington's disease	Limited capabilities	Limited capabilities	Limited capabilities	Limited capabilities	Moderate capabilities	Nationally distinctive

- OHSU has significant capabilities in at least 8 rare disease areas, with pockets of strength in several others
- A similar effort will need to be taken for CNS and additional areas of focus

# OHSU Research Relevant to Rare Cancer Susceptibility and DNA Repair Disorders

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# RDRRC Website

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/clinical-research/hgi/consortium/>

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the RDRRC website. The browser's address bar shows the URL. The website header includes the OHSU logo and the tagline "Where Healing, Teaching & Discovery Come Together". A navigation menu is located below the header, with "RESEARCH" selected. The main content area features a sidebar with a "HUMAN GENETICS INITIATIVE" menu, a search bar for "HGI", and "QUICK LINKS". The main content area has a heading "RARE DISORDERS RESEARCH CONSORTIUM" followed by two paragraphs of text. To the right, there is a "Join the RDRRC" section with contact information and a "TOP RATED HOSPITAL" badge for 2011-2012.

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## RARE DISORDERS RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

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The RDRRC provides clinical investigators, basic scientists, and families with information about rare disorders studied on campus and the specific expertise of our investigator community, including gene hunting, psychosocial research, epidemiology, stem cell therapy, and more. We hope our website will serve as a resource to professionals and laypersons by providing information about consortium members, rare disorders studied at OHSU, local and national funding opportunities, and linking families with appropriate researchers and rare disorder clinical studies. OHSU has a strong foundation of rare disorders research; we hope to enhance this through facilitating new collaborations and pooling knowledge and resources.

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