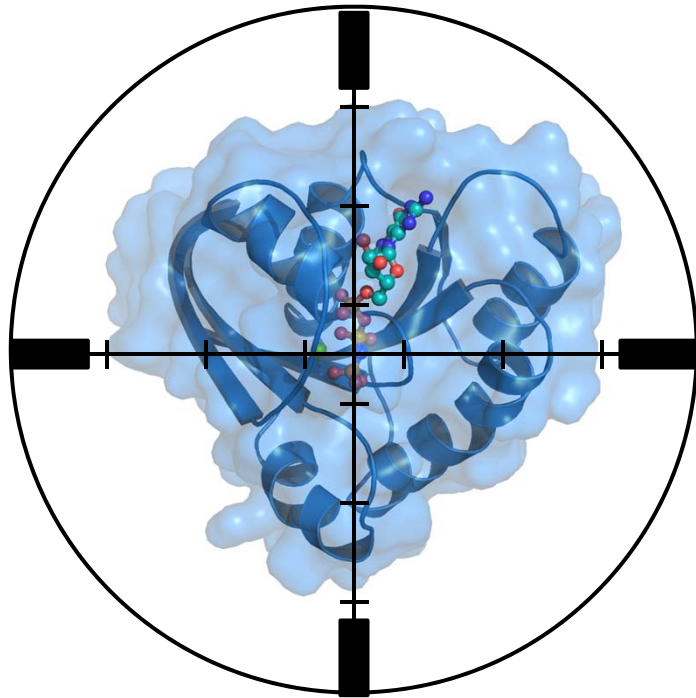


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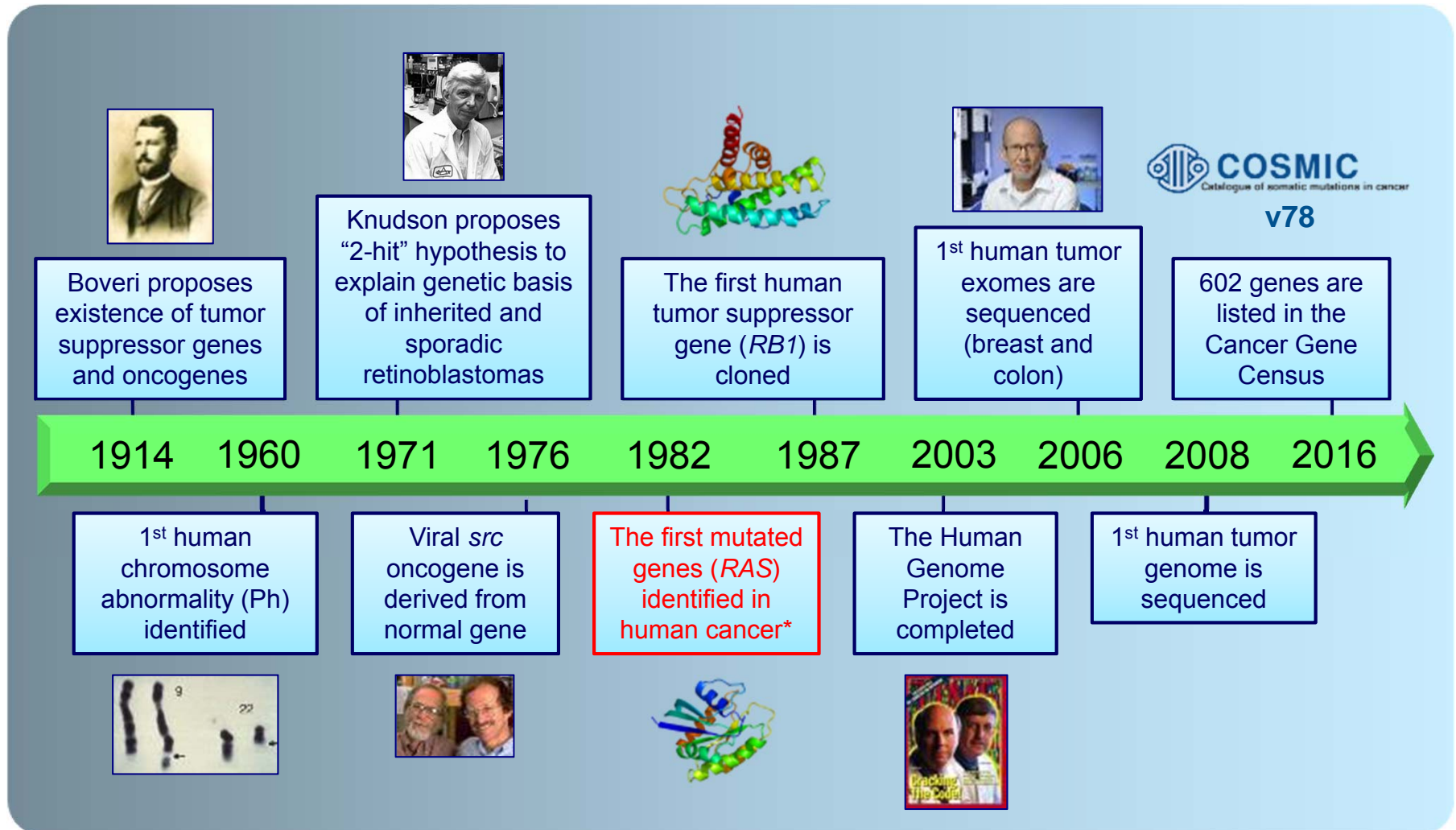
## Drugging undruggable RAS: State-of-the-art

*RAS – the beating heart of cancer*



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Sarah Graham Kenan Professor of Pharmacology  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center

# Genetic basis of cancer



The three RAS genes (HRAS, KRAS and NRAS) comprise the most frequently mutated gene family in cancer (~25%)

# RAS mutations are associated with the major causes of cancer deaths

## RAS mutation frequency

%	Cancer
97	Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma
52	Colorectal adenocarcinoma
43	Multiple myeloma
32	Lung adenocarcinoma
28	Skin cutaneous melanoma
25	Uterine corpus endometrioid carcinoma
13	Thyroid carcinoma
13	Uterine carcinosarcoma
12	Stomach adenocarcinoma
11	Acute myeloid leukaemia
11	Bladder urothelial carcinoma
8	Cervical adenocarcinoma
6	Head & neck squamous cell carcinoma

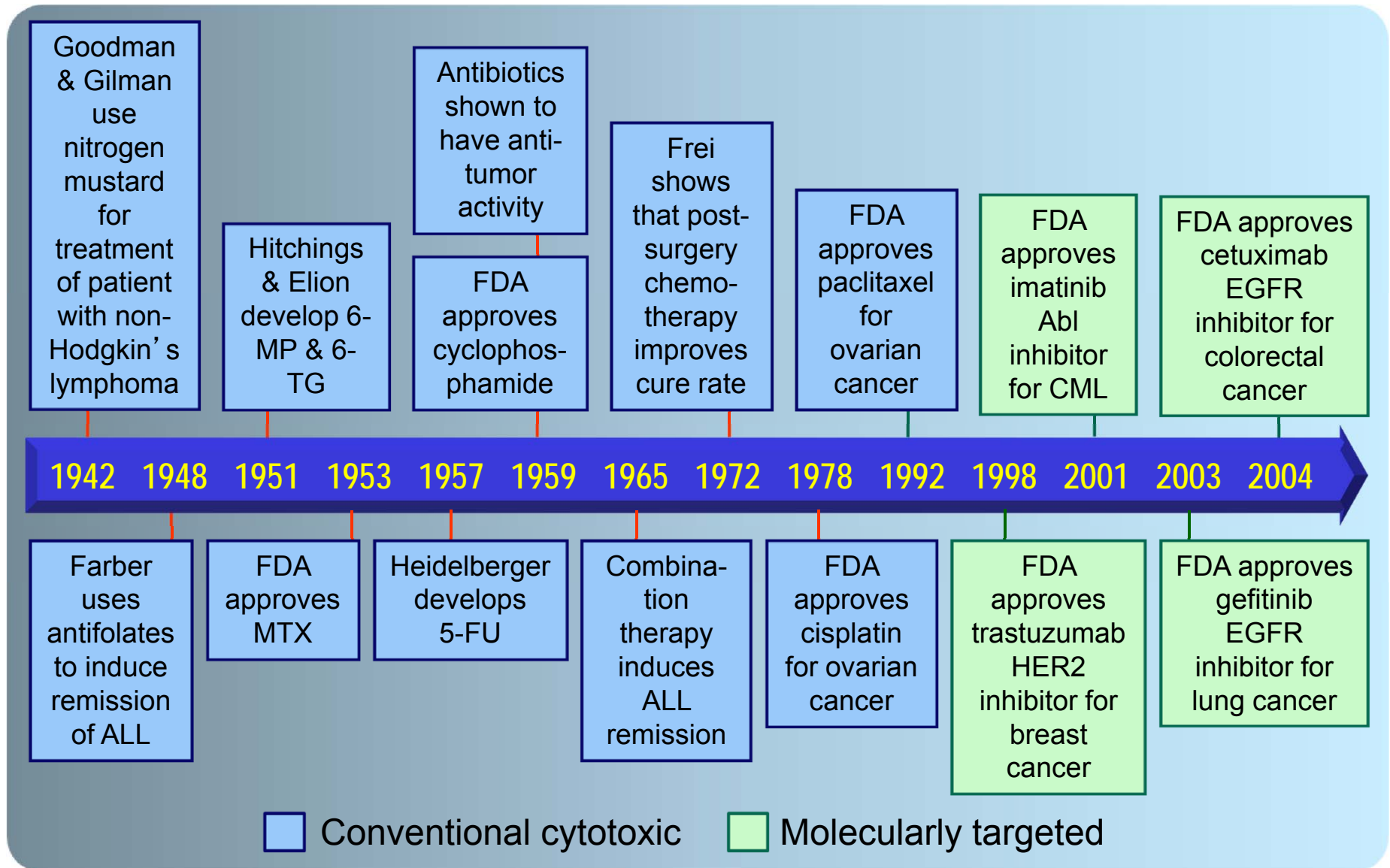
Cox et al (2014) Nat Rev Drug Discov 13:828

## Estimated US cancer deaths

Site	Deaths	%
Lung & bronchus	158,080	26.5
Colon & rectum	49,190	8.3
Pancreas	41,780	7.0
Breast	40,890	6.9
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	27,170	4.6
Prostate	26,120	4.4
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	20,150	3.4
Urinary bladder	16,390	2.7
Brain & nervous system	16,050	2.7
Esophagus	15,690	2.6
Ovary	14,240	2.4
Kidney & renal pelvis	14,240	2.4
Myeloma	12,650	2.1

Siegel et al (2016) CA Cancer J Clin 66:7


# History of cancer chemotherapy: the signaling targeted era begins in 1998



# FDA approved signal transduction inhibitors I

- 1998 Trastuzumab (**HER2**) for HER2 metastatic breast cancer (1998) and gastric cancer (2010)
- 2001 Imatinib (**BCR-Abl**) for CML (2001) and GIST (2002)  
Gefitinib (**EGFR**) for NSCLC (2003)
- 2004 Cetuximab (**EGFR**) for metastatic CRC (2004) and SCCHN (2006)  
Bevacizumab (**VEGF**) for CRC (2004), NSCLC (2006), breast (2007), glioblastoma (2009) and RCC (2009)  
Erlotinib (**EGFR**) for NSCLC (2004) and PDAC (2005)
- 2005 Sorafenib (**Raf, VEGFR, PDGFR**) for RCC (2005)
- 2006 Sunitinib (**Flt3, VEGFR, PDGFR**) for GIST and RCC (2006), and pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors (2011)  
Dasatinib (**BCR-Abl, Src, Lck, Yes, Fyn, Kit, EphA2 and PDGFR**) for imatinib-resistant CML and Ph-positive ALL (2006) and Ph-positive CML (2010)  
Panitumumab (**EGFR**) for CRC (2006)
- 2007 Lapatinib (**EGFR, HER2**) for metastatic breast cancer (2007)  
Temozolimide (**mTOR**) for RCC (2007)  
Nilotinib (**BCR-Abl, Kit, PDGFR**) for CML (2007)
- 2009 Everolimus (**mTOR**) for RCC (2009), pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors (2011), HER2-negative breast cancer (2012) and renal angiomyolipoma associated with TSC (2012)  
Pazopanib (**VEGFR**) for RCC (2009)
- 2011 Vemurafenib (**B-Raf**) for B-Raf(V600E) metastatic melanoma (2011)  
Vandetanib (**VEGFR, EGFR, Ret**) for thyroid cancer (2011)

# FDA approved signal transduction inhibitors II

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- 2012
- Crizotinib (**Alk, Met**) for *ALK* rearranged NSCLC (2011)
  - Axitinib (**VEGFR, PDGFR, Kit**) for RCC (2012)
  - Vismodegib (**Smoothened**) for metastatic basal cell carcinoma (2012) and basal cell carcinoma (2012)
  - Regorafenib (**VEGFR1-3, TIE-2, PDGFR $\beta$ , FGFR1, RET, KIT, Raf**) for metastatic CRC (2012) and GIST (2013)
  - Pertuzumab (**HER2**) for HER2 metastatic breast cancer (2012)
  - Axitinib (**VEGFR1-3**) for advanced RCC (2012)
  - Ponatinib (**Abl, Src**) for Ph positive CML (2012)
  - Cabozantinib (**MET, VEGFR2**) for metastatic medullary thyroid cancer (2012)
  - Bosutinib (**Ab, Src**) for Ph positive CML (2012)
- 2013
- Dabrafenib (**B-Raf**) for B-Raf(V600E) metastatic melanoma (2013)
  - Regorafenib (**VEGFR2, TIE2, etc**) for GIST (2013)
  - Trametinib (**MEK1/2**) for B-Raf V600E/K metastatic melanoma (2013)
  - Afatinib (**EGFR, HER2/4**) for EGFR mutant NSCLC (2013)
  - Imbruvica (**Btk**) for mantle cell lymphoma (2013), CLL (2014) and Waldenström's macroglobulinemia (2015)
- 2014
- Ramucirumab (**VEGFR2**) for gastric cancer (2014)
  - Idelalisib (p110 delta) for CLL, follicular B-cell NHL and small lymphocytic lymphoma (2014)
  - Ceritinib (**ALK**) for metastatic NSCLC (2014)

# FDA approved signal transduction inhibitors III

2015

Palbociclib (**CDK4/6**) for ER-positive, HER2-negative breast cancer (2015)  
Lenvatinib (**VEGFR1**) for iodine-refractory thyroid cancer (2015) and RCC (2016)  
Nivolumab (**PD-1**) for NSCLC (2015) and Hodgkin lymphoma (2016)  
Cobimetinib (**BRAF**) for BRAF V600E/K mutant melanoma  
Alectinib (**Alk, Met**) for *ALK* rearranged NSCLC  
Osimertinib (**EGFR**) for EGFR T790M mutant NSCLC

2016

Cabozantinib (**MET, VEGFR2**) for RCC  
Venetoclax (**BCL-2**) for 17p deletion-positive CLL  
Atezolizumab (**PD-L1**) for urothelial carcinoma

Despite more than three decades of intense effort, to date, no effective anti-RAS drug has reached the clinic

# Drug discovery 101

Target identification and validation



Assay development and high-throughput screening



Medicinal chemistry and lead development



Cell culture mechanism and activity



Animal model pharmacology and activity



Clinical trial evaluation of safety and efficacy



FDA approval



Patient treatment



# 34 years and counting...how far have we gotten?

Mutant RAS genes identified in cancers (1982)



Assay development and high-throughput screening



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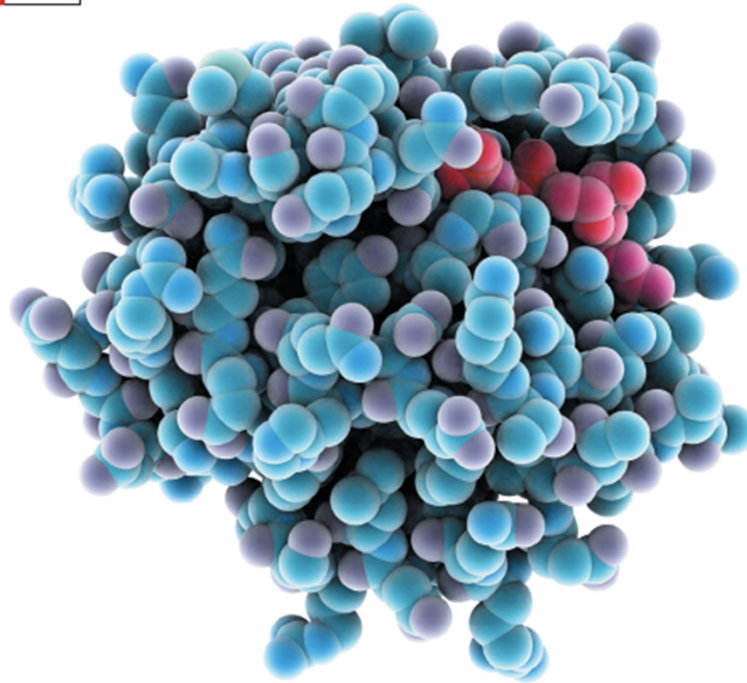
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Patient treatment

# A RAS research frenzy has begun, again

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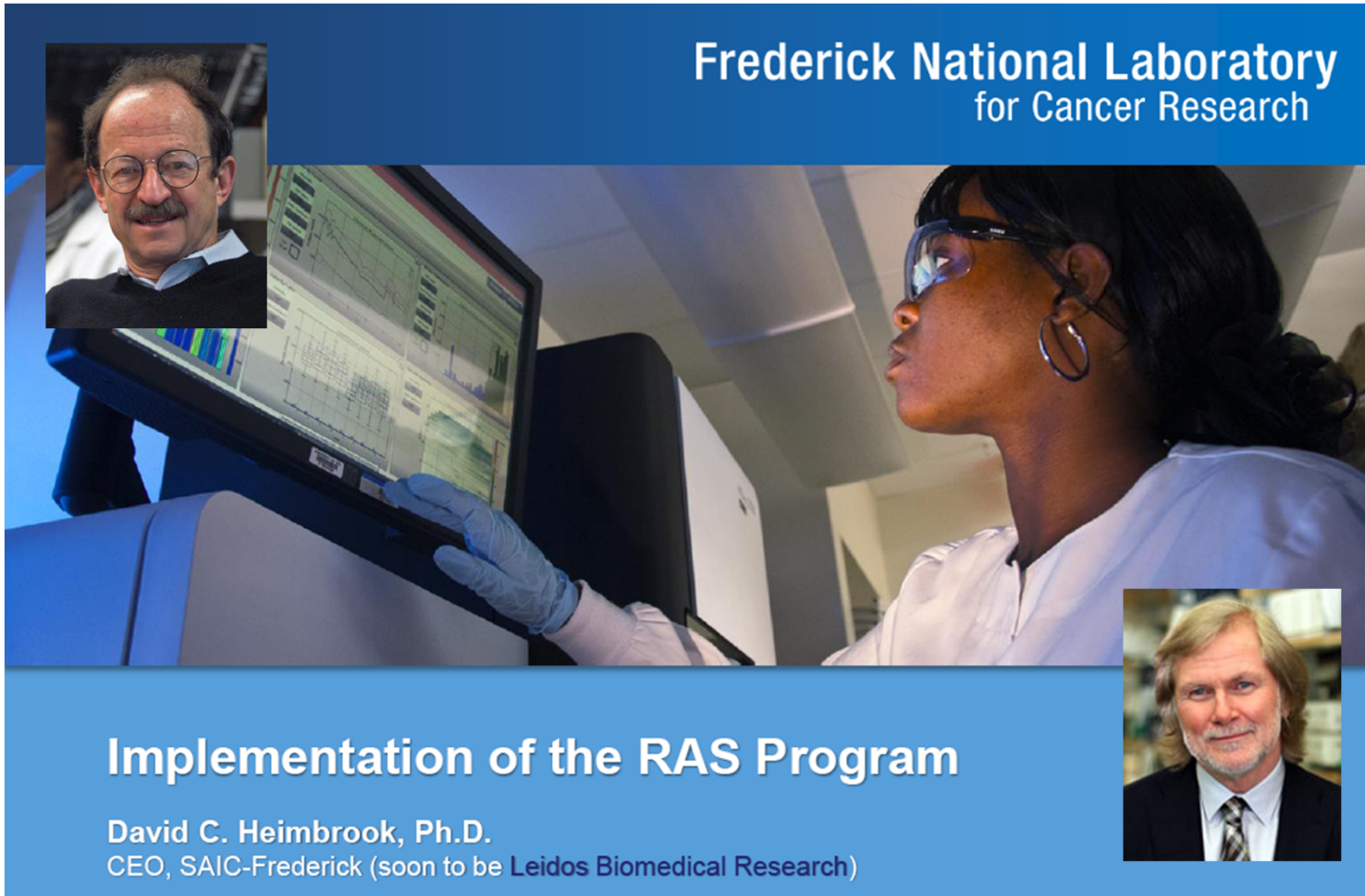
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## THE RAS RENAISSANCE

*Thirty years of pursuit have failed to yield a drug to take on one of the deadliest families of cancer-causing proteins. Now some researchers are taking another shot.*

Ledford (2015) Cancer: The Ras renaissance. Nature 520:278

# The NCI RAS Initiative is announced in 2013



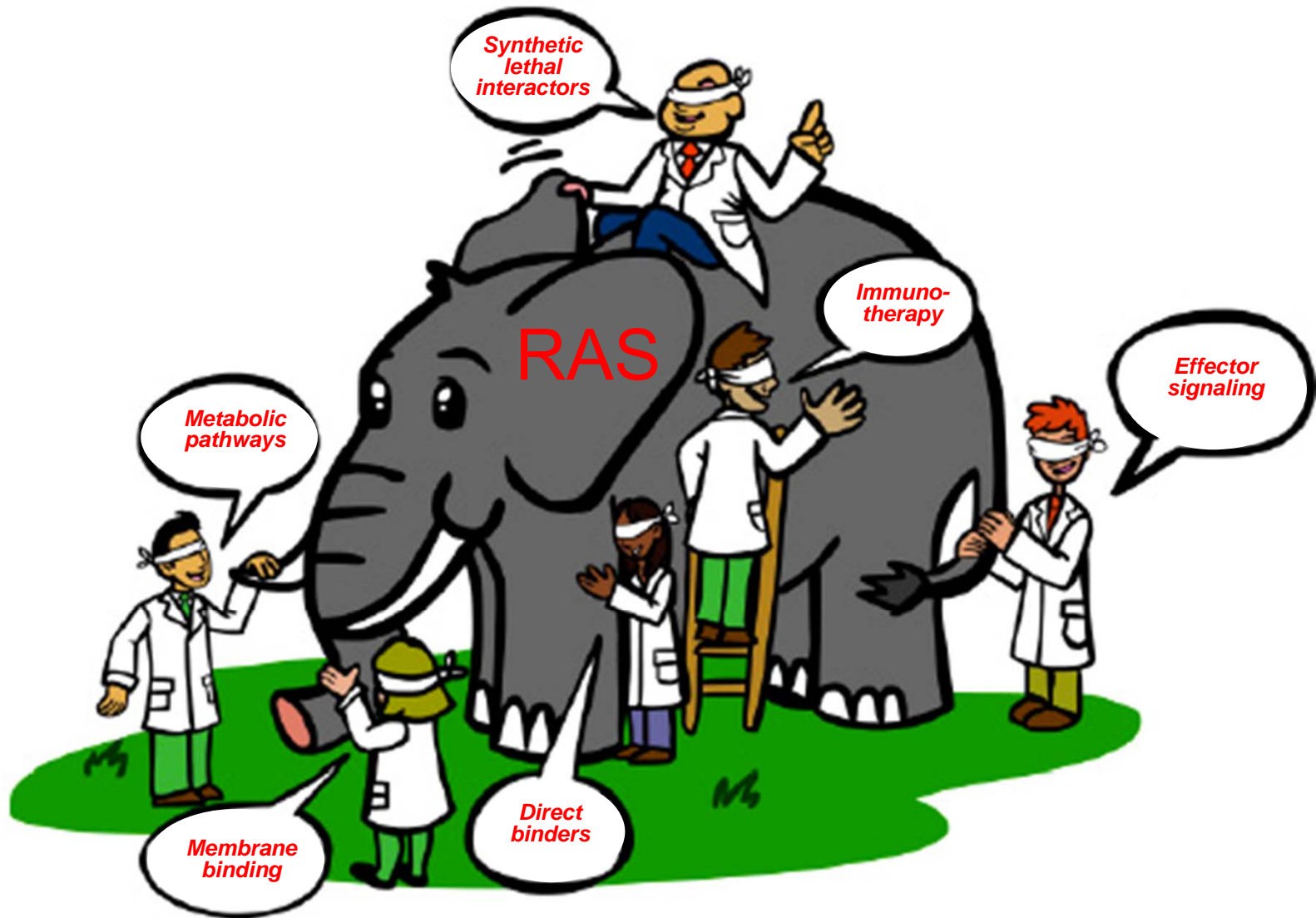
**Frederick National Laboratory  
for Cancer Research**

**Implementation of the RAS Program**

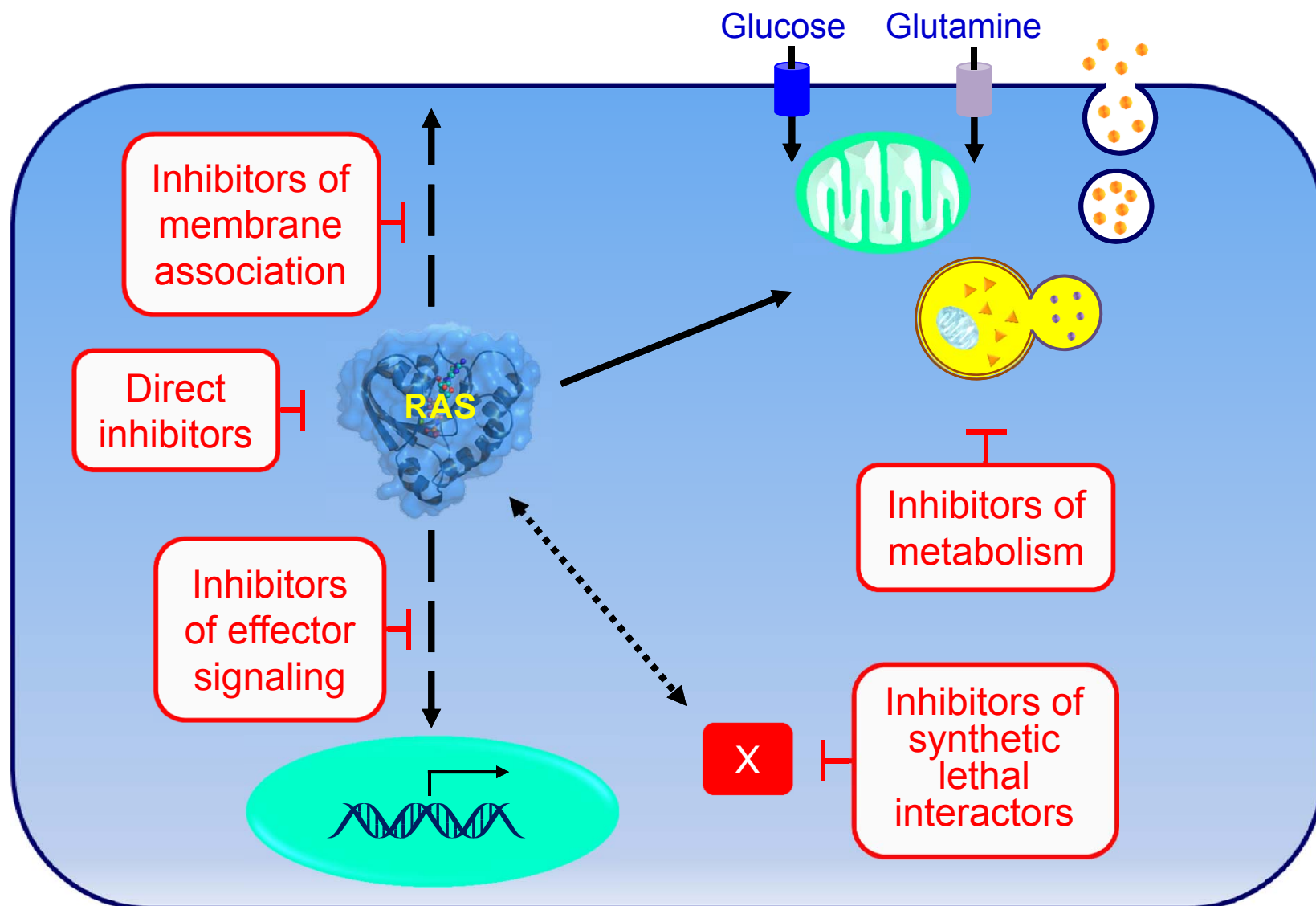
David C. Heimbrook, Ph.D.  
CEO, SAIC-Frederick (soon to be **Leidos Biomedical Research**)

<http://news.sciencemag.org/scienceinsider/2013/06/us-cancer-institute-megaproject-.html>

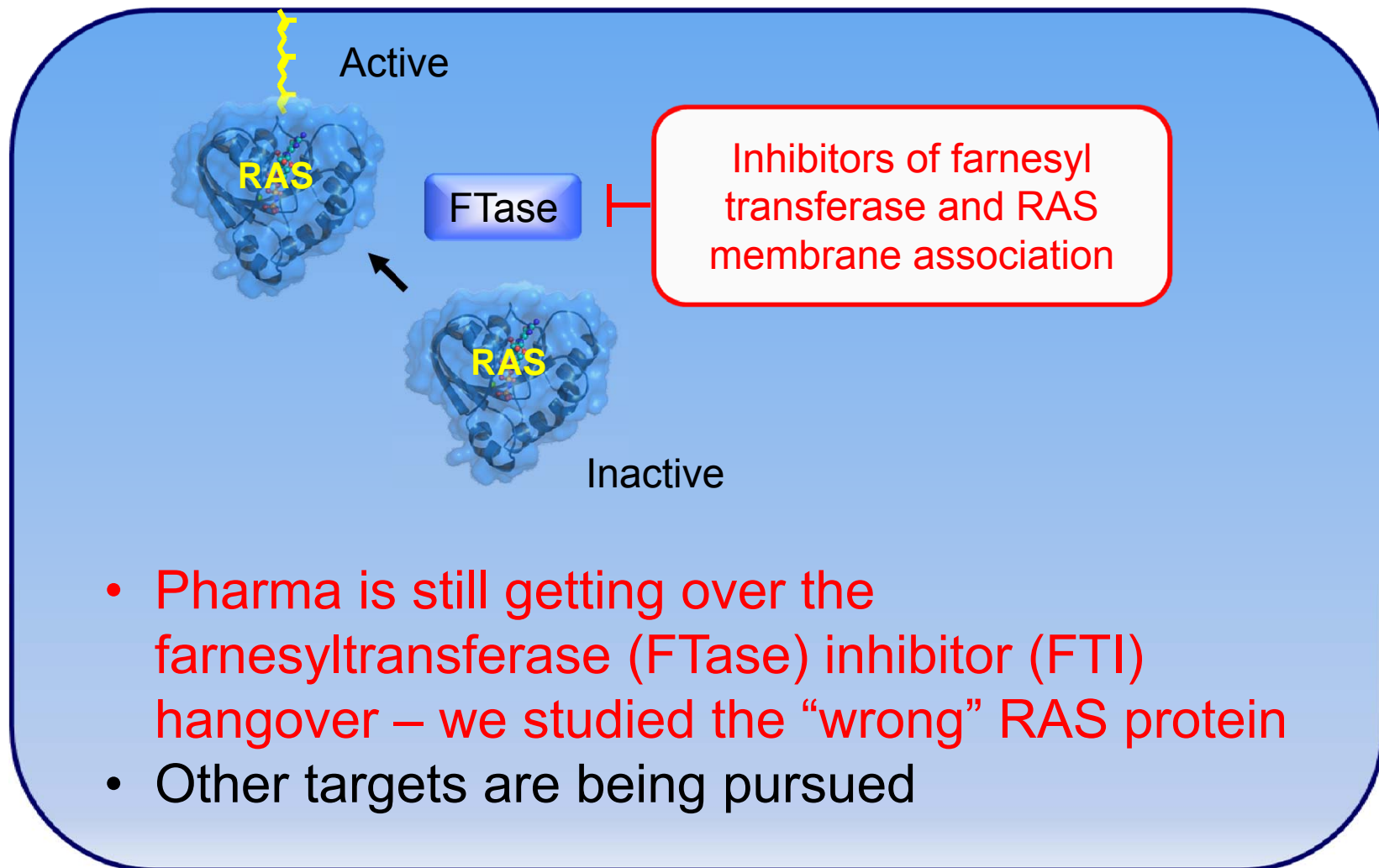
# What is the “best” way to target RAS?



# Approaches for targeting RAS



# Targeting RAS membrane association: targeting the “wrong” RAS



# Failure of FTIs: RAS is undruggable?

Mutant RAS genes identified in cancers (1982)



FTase critical for RAS membrane association (1982)



FTIs block HRAS-transformed cells in culture (1993)



FTIs cause HRAS mammary tumor regression in mice (1995)



Phase I clinical trials begin (1999)



Phase II clinical trials begin (2000)



Phase III clinical trials (2002)



FTIs fail in RAS mutant cancer (2004)

# FTIs are not effective against *KRAS*-mutant pancreatic cancers

A phase II study of farnesyl transferase inhibitor R115777 in pancreatic cancer: a Southwest Oncology Group (SWOG 9924) study.

Macdonald et al (2005) Invest New Drugs 23:485

Phase III trial of gemcitabine plus tipifarnib compared with gemcitabine plus placebo in advanced pancreatic cancer.

Van Cutsem et al (2004) J Clin Oncol 22:1430

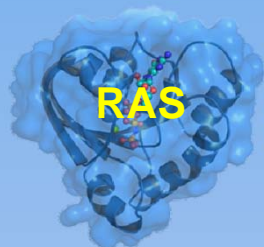
Phase II and pharmacodynamic study of the farnesyltransferase inhibitor R115777 as initial therapy in patients with metastatic pancreatic adenocarcinoma.

Cohen et al (2003) J Clin Oncol 21:1301



# Targeting RAS membrane association

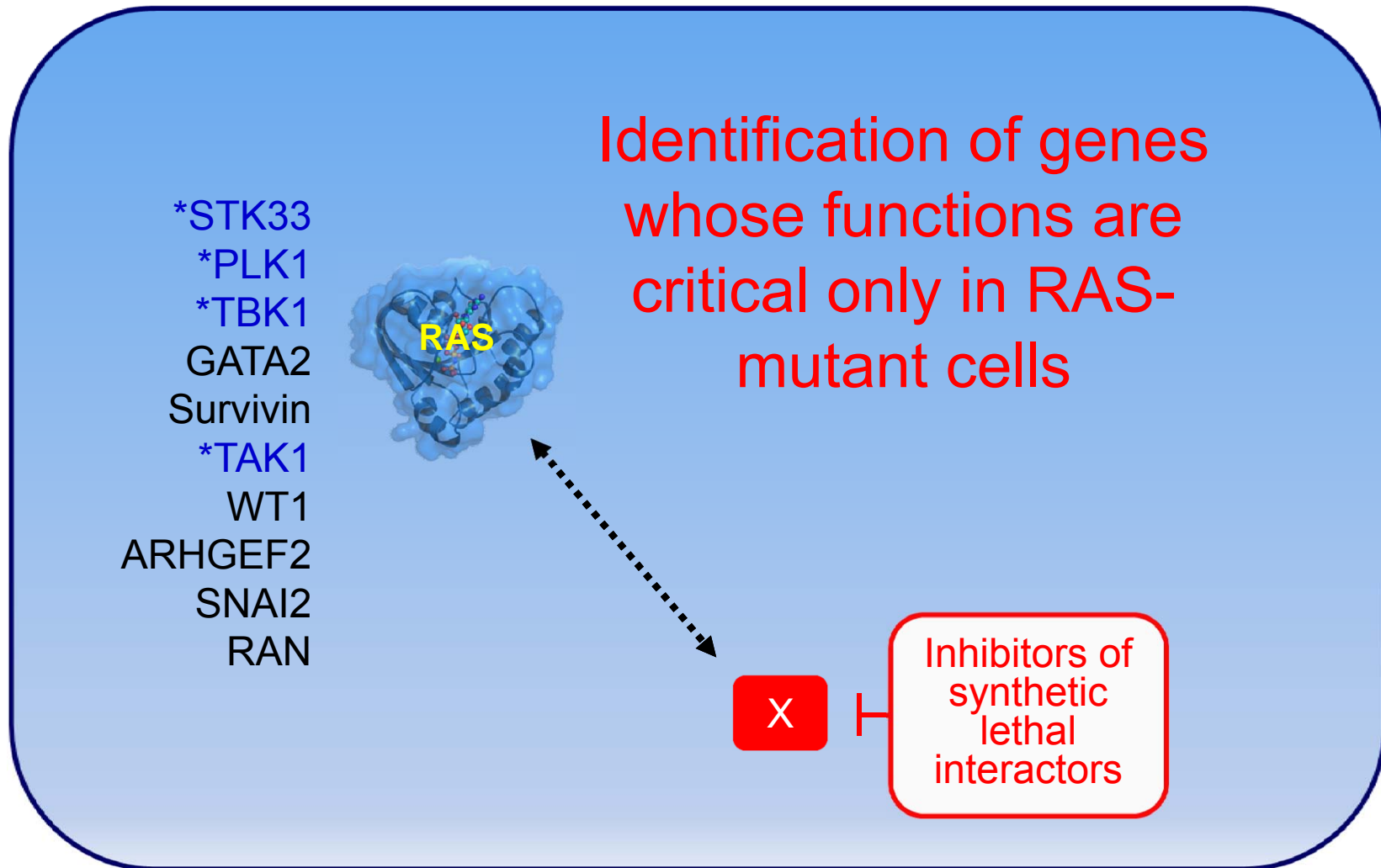
Inhibitors of  
membrane  
association



- FTase
- GGTase I
- PDE $\delta$
- RCE1
- ICMT
- DHHC

- Pharma is still getting over the farnesyltransferase inhibitor hangover
- Other targets are being pursued – but these enzymes support the function of many other proteins – innocent bystanders?

# RAS synthetic lethal interactors: another misstep



\*Protein kinases identified – pharma jumps on the bandwagon

# RNAi off-target activities are a concern

## STK33 Kinase Activity Is Nonessential in KRAS-Dependent Cancer Cells

Carol Babij<sup>1</sup>, Yihong Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Robert J. Kurzeja<sup>2</sup>, Anke Munzli<sup>3</sup>, Amro Shehabeldin<sup>2</sup>, Manory Fernando<sup>1</sup>, Kim Quon<sup>1</sup>, Paul D. Kassner<sup>3</sup>, Astrid A. Ruefli-Brasse<sup>1</sup>, Vivienne J. Watson<sup>1</sup>, Flordeliza Fajardo<sup>1</sup>, Angela Jackson<sup>1</sup>, James Zondlo<sup>2</sup>, Yu Sun<sup>2</sup>, Aaron R. Ellison<sup>2</sup>, Cherylene A. Plewa<sup>2</sup>, Tisha San Miguel<sup>3</sup>, John Robinson<sup>2</sup>,

5818 Cancer Res; 71(17) September 1, 2011

ACR American Association for Cancer Research

“...our findings refute earlier proposals that STK33 inhibition may be a useful therapeutic approach to target human KRAS mutant tumors.”

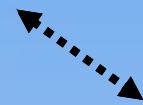
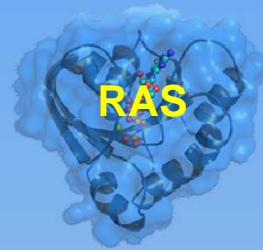
## STK33 kinase inhibitor BRD-8899 has no effect on KRAS-dependent cancer cell viability

Tuoping Luo<sup>a,b,1</sup>, Kristina Masson<sup>a,1</sup>, Jacob D. Jaffe<sup>a</sup>, Whitney Silkworth<sup>a</sup>, Nathan T. Ross<sup>a,2</sup>, Christina A. Scherer<sup>a</sup>, Claudia Scholl<sup>c</sup>, Stefan Fröhling<sup>c</sup>, Steven A. Carr<sup>a</sup>, Andrew M. Stern<sup>a</sup>, Stuart L. Schreiber<sup>a,b,d,3</sup>, and Todd R. Golub<sup>a,d,e,3</sup>

2860–2865 | PNAS | February 21, 2012 | vol. 109 | no. 8

“...our data are most consistent with the view that inhibition of STK33’s kinase activity does not represent a promising anti-KRAS therapeutic strategy.”

# RAS synthetic lethal interactors: another misstep



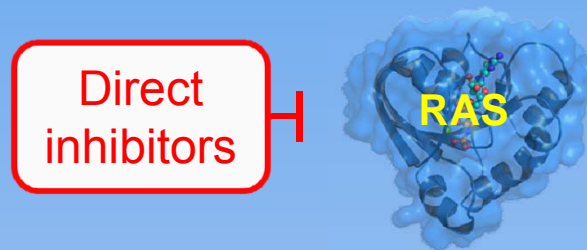
Inhibitors of  
synthetic  
lethal  
interactors

“On the basis of experience to date, *RAS* synthetic lethality has so far fallen way short of its original promise and remains unproven as an approach to finding effective new ways of tackling *RAS*-mutant cancers”

Downward (2015) Clin Cancer Res 21:1802

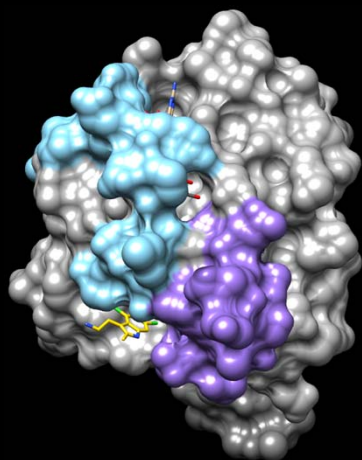
Is there still hope that this may work?

# Direct RAS binders: undruggable?

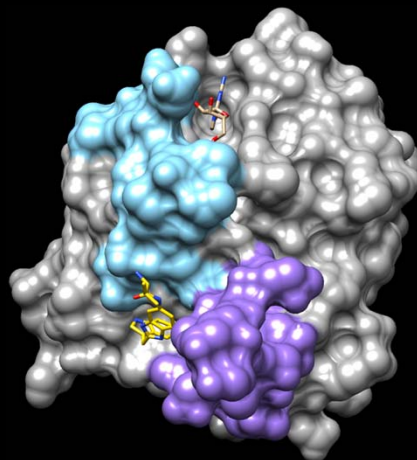


**Druggability** is a term used in drug discovery to describe a biological target such as a protein that is known or is predicted to **bind with high affinity** to a drug. Furthermore, by definition, the binding of the drug to a druggable target must **alter the function of the target** with a therapeutic benefit to the patient.

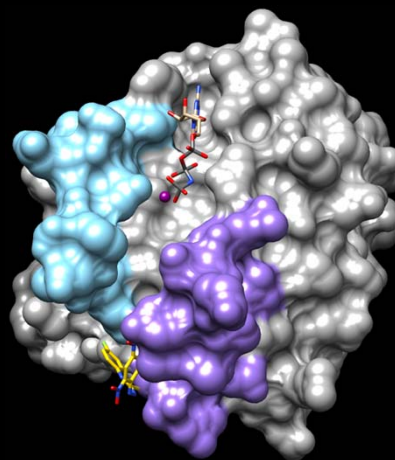
# Cell-active direct RAS binding molecules have been identified



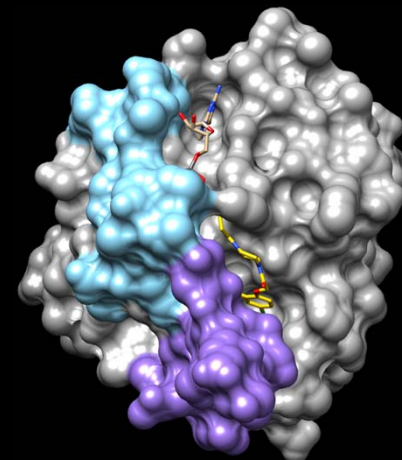
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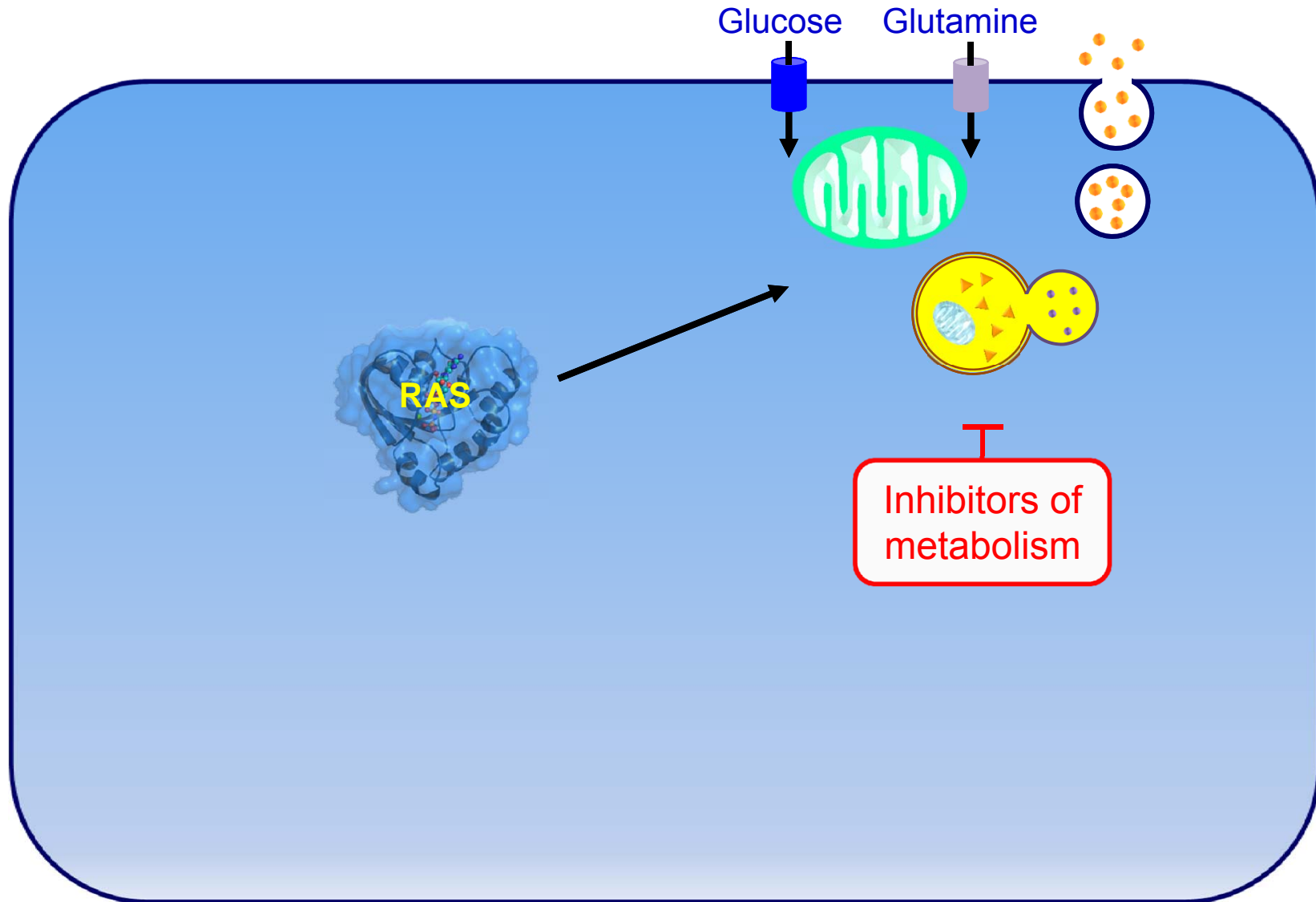


Shokat  
2013

Whether potent and selective inhibitors can be developed into clinically active and effective anti-RAS drugs remains unclear

Cox et al (2014) Nat Rev Drug Discov 13:828

# Targeting metabolism: Warburg revisited



# Warburg effect



Otto Heinrich Warburg



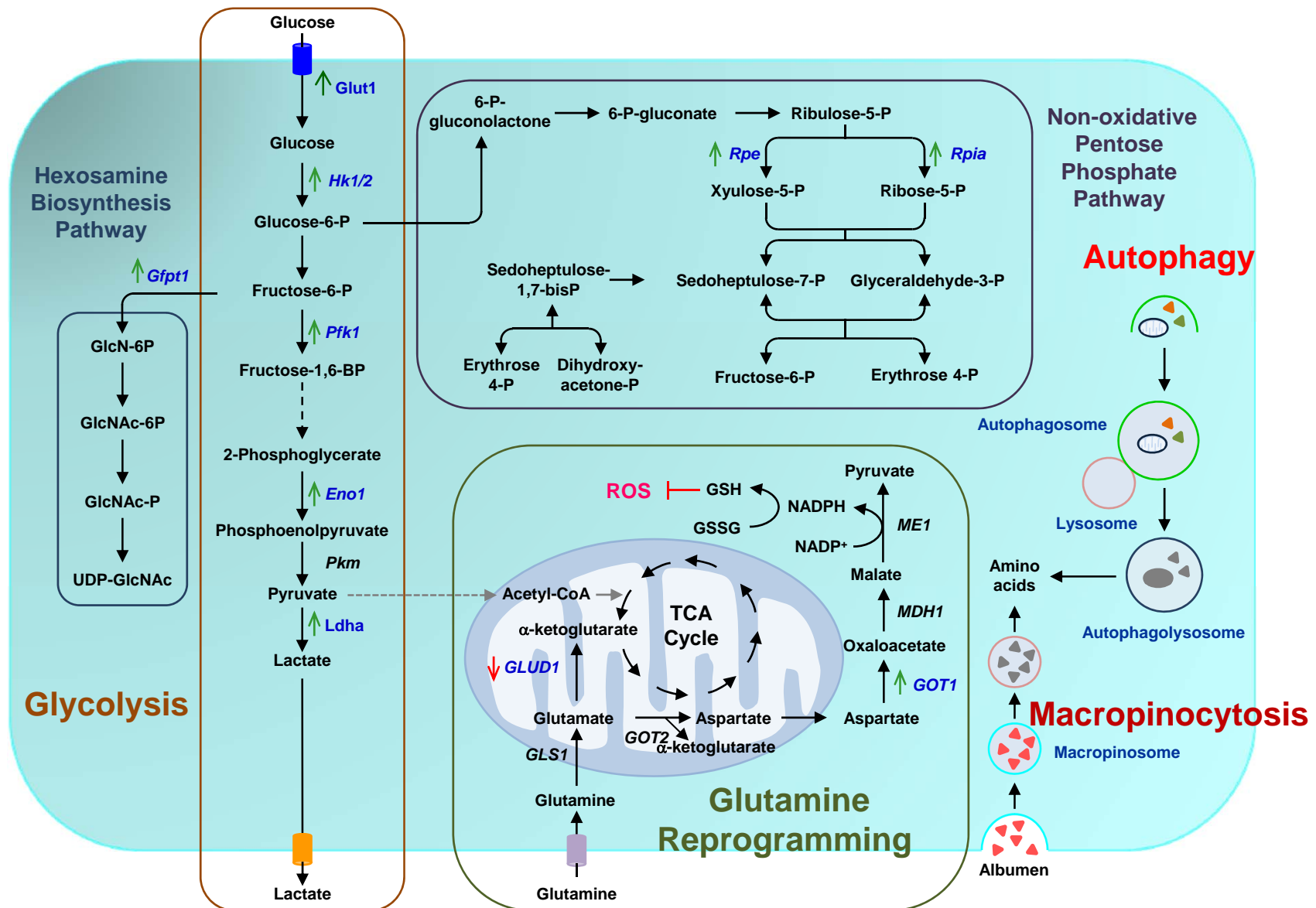
**The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1931**

“Cancer, above all other diseases, has countless secondary causes. But, even for cancer, there is only one prime cause. Summarized in a few words, the prime cause of cancer is the replacement of the respiration of oxygen in normal body cells by a fermentation of sugar.”

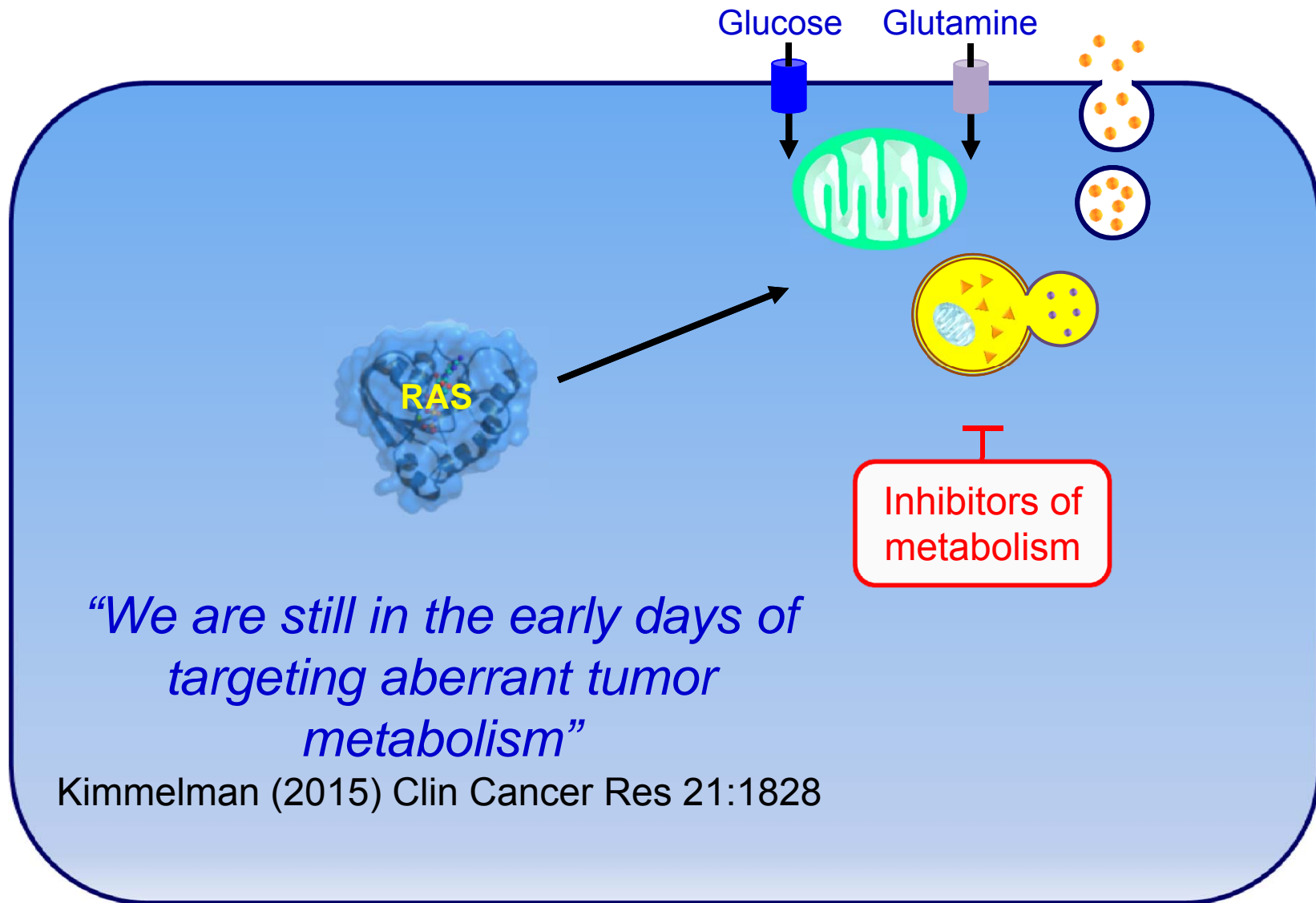
Warburg O, Posener K, Negelein E (1924) über den Stoffwechsel der Tumoren. Biochem Z 152: 319



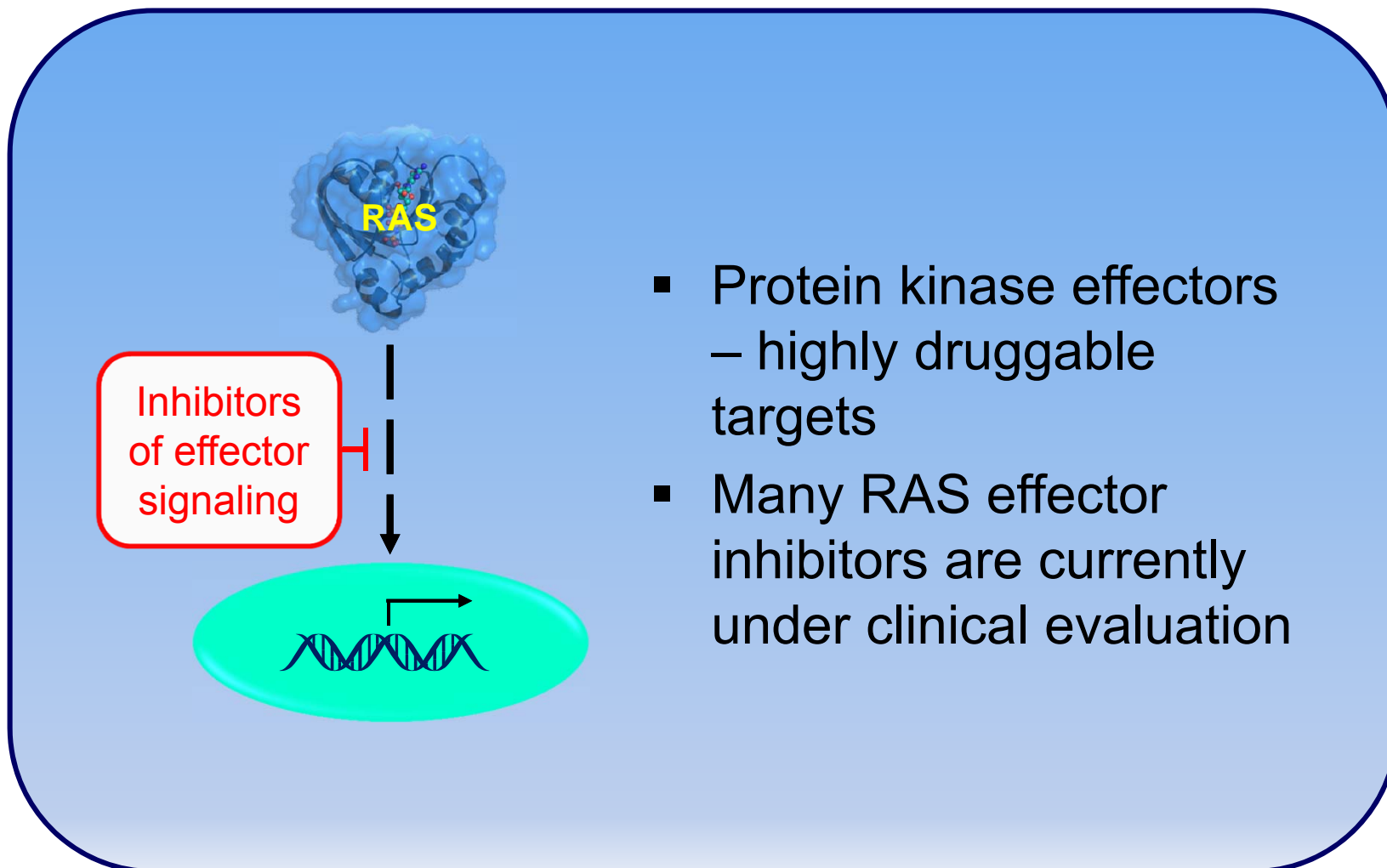
# RAS drives aberrant metabolism to feed the cancer cell



# Targeting metabolism: **early days**



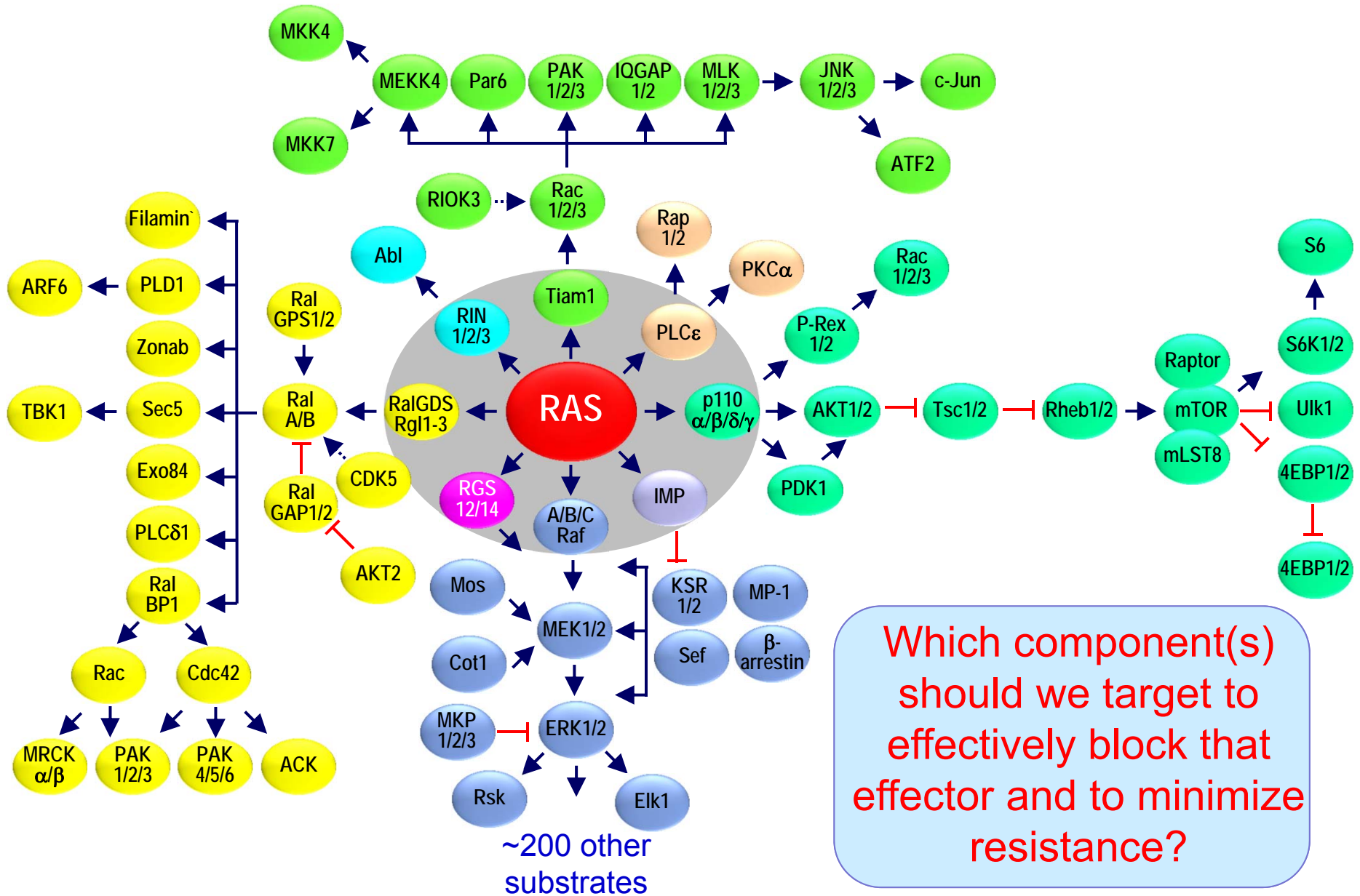
# Targeting RAS effectors: **our best bet?**



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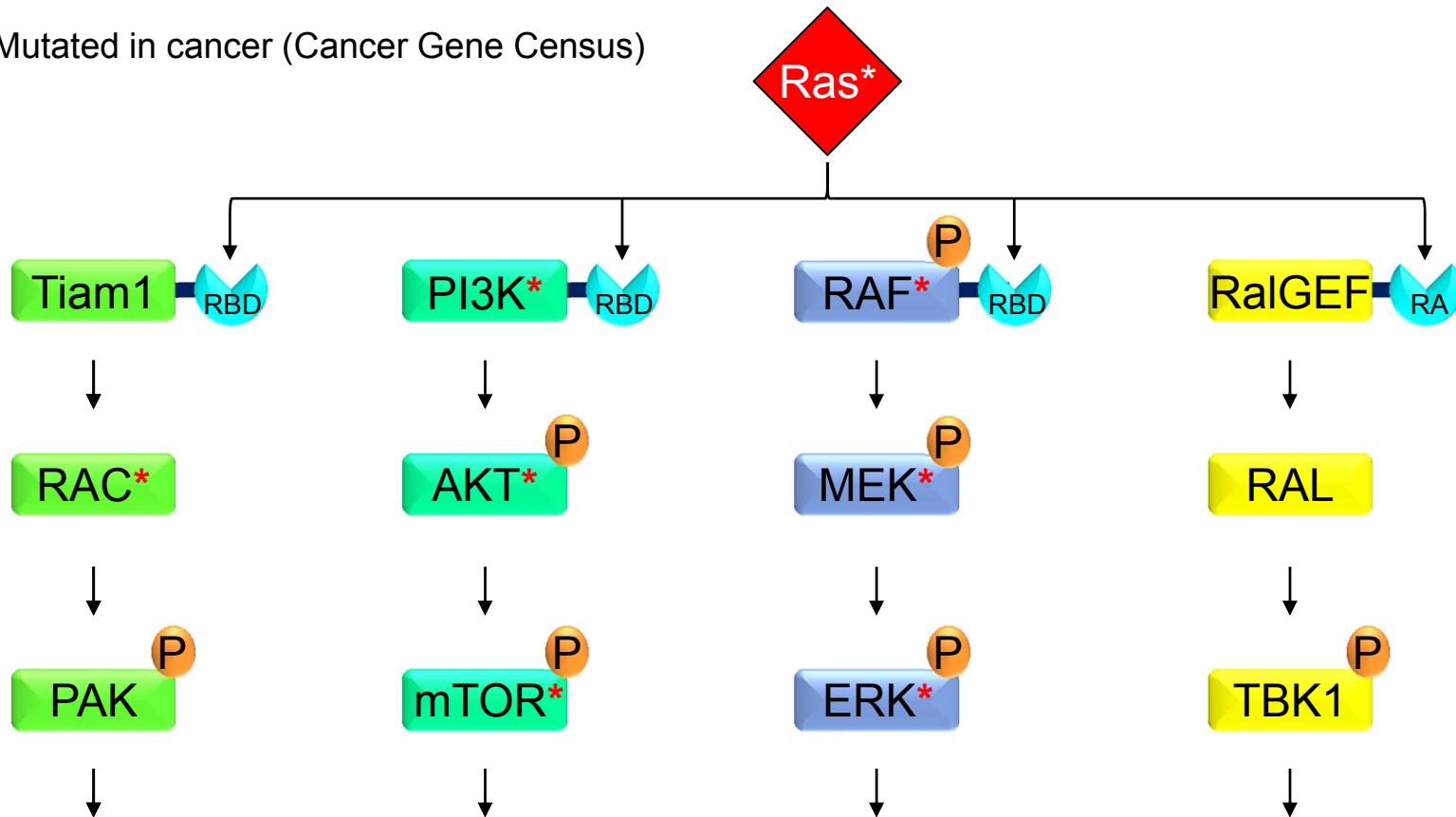
Ryan (2015) Trends Cancer 1:183

# RAS effector signaling is complex



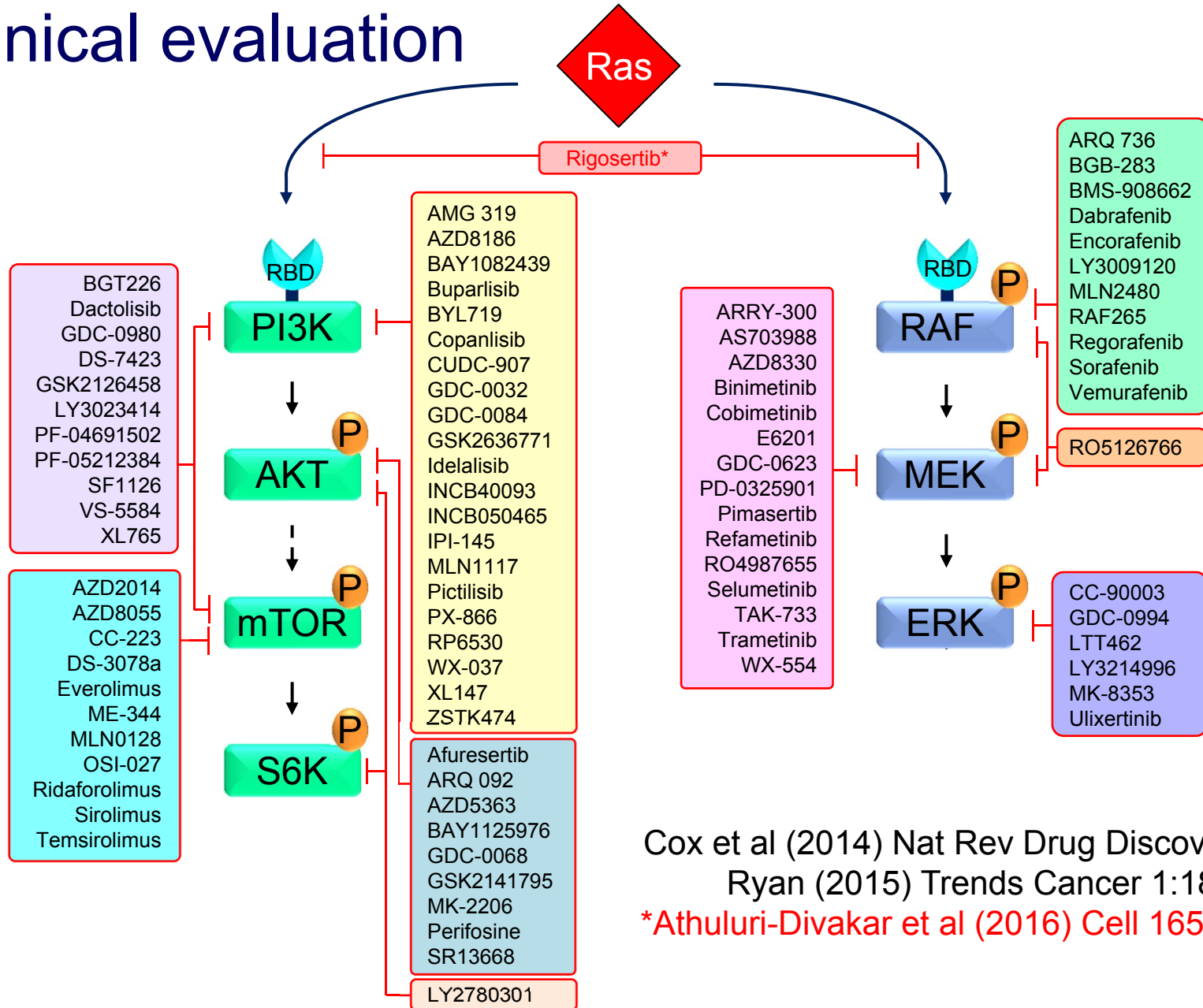
# Validated effectors of RAS-dependent cancer growth

\* Mutated in cancer (Cancer Gene Census)



 = RAS Binding (RBD)/RAS Association (RA) domains

# Inhibitors of RAS effector signaling under clinical evaluation

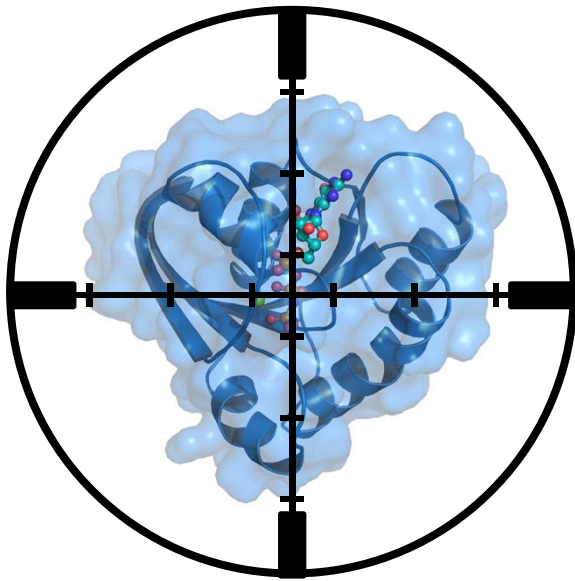


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\*Athuluri-Divakar et al (2016) Cell 165:643

# Is RAS druggable?

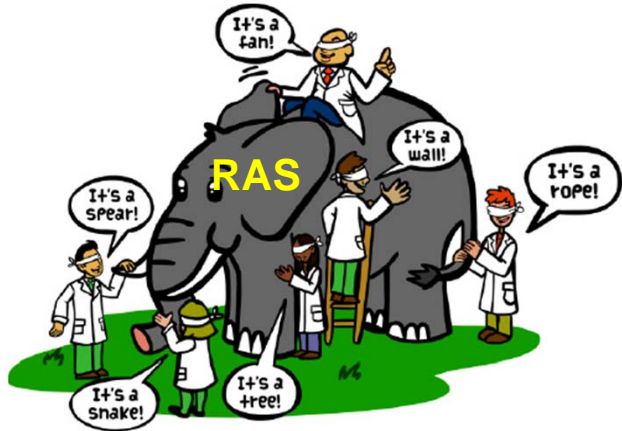


*Can we kill RAS?*

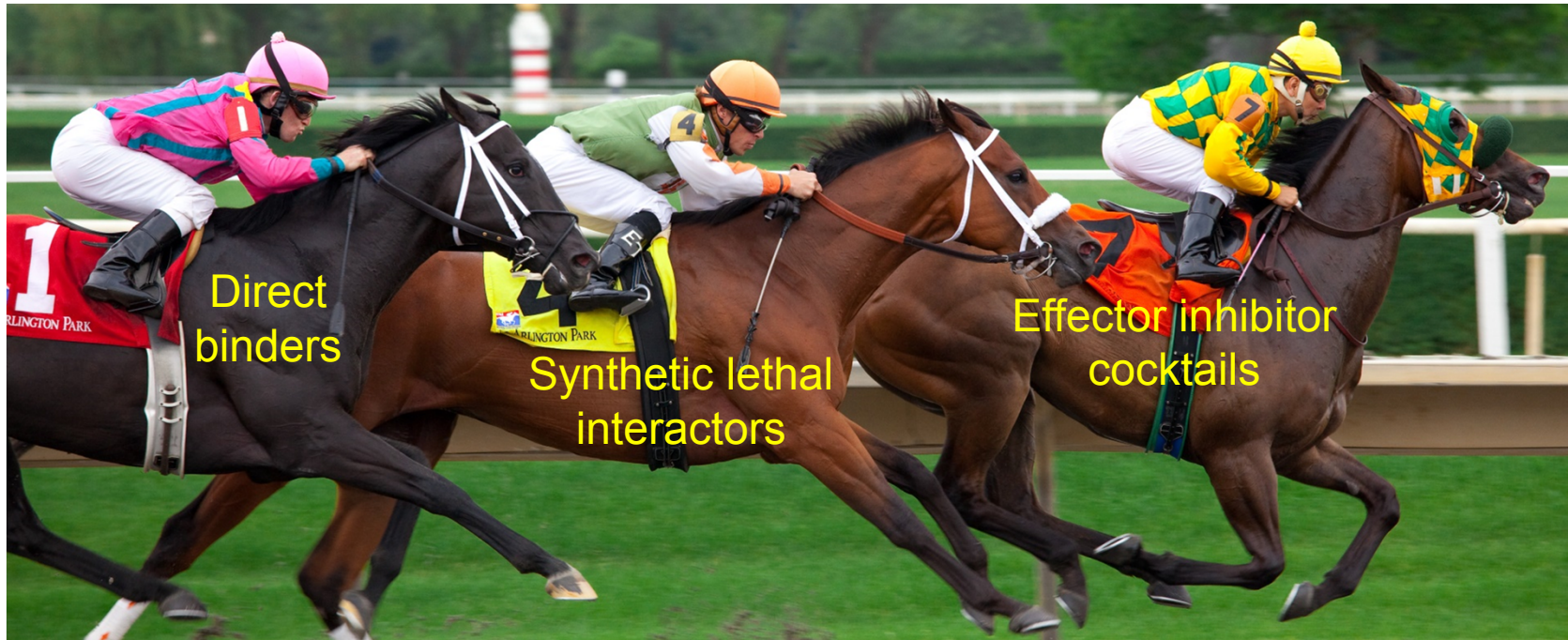
- Yes, but there will not be one anti-RAS drug that will work with all RAS mutant cancers
- And cancer cells will find ways to lose their addiction to RAS



# Best bet for the long elusive anti-RAS drug?

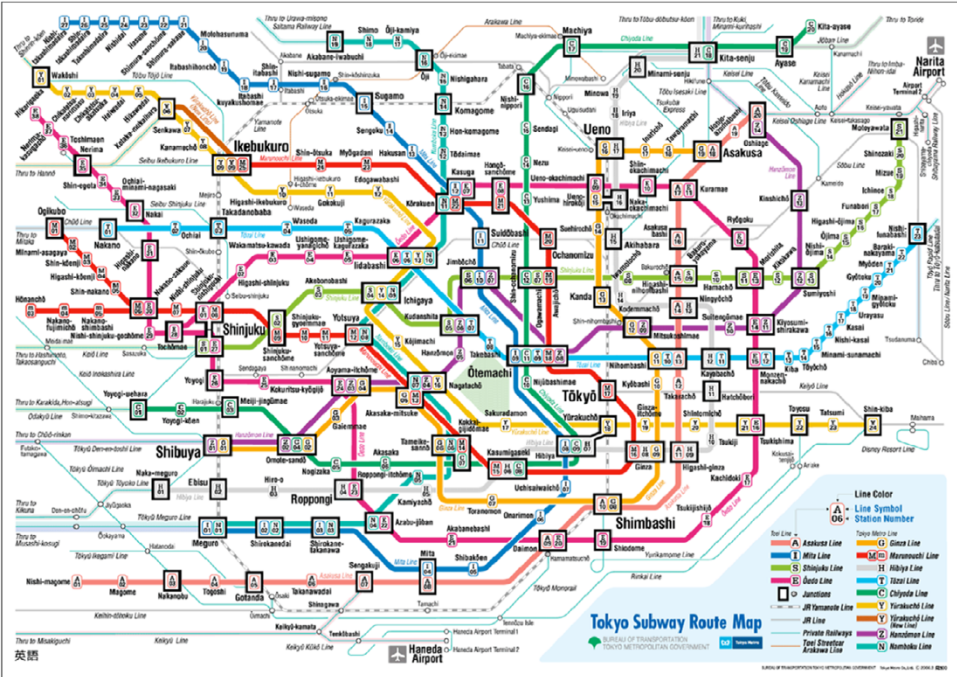


There will be multiple “anti-RAS” therapies, for different cancer subtypes





If a signaling pathway is critical, the cancer cell will have many ways to overcome the block and make the connection



# **Understanding RAS Signaling and Targeting the “Untargetable”**

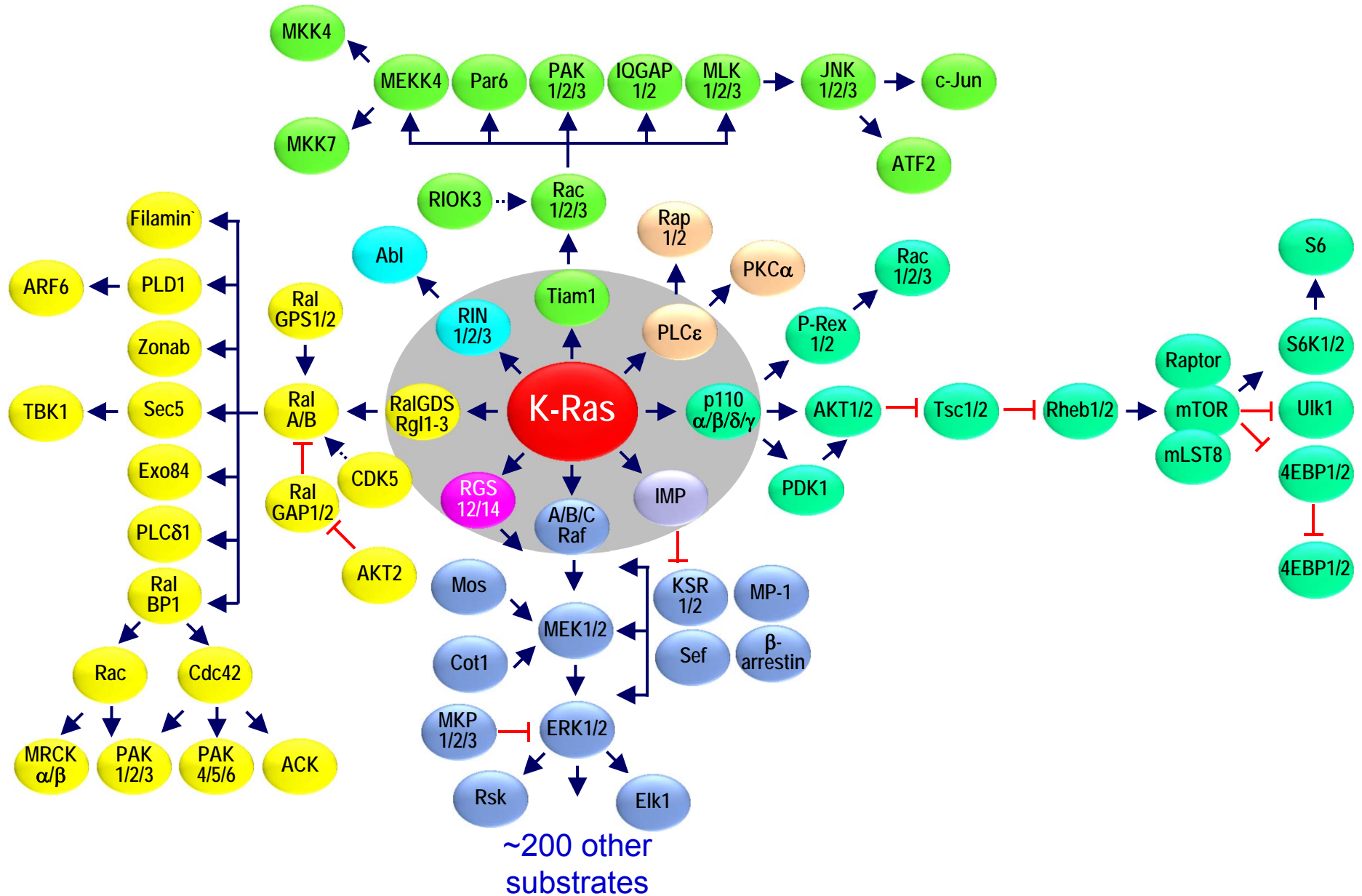
**E. Premkumar Reddy, Ph.D.**

**Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai  
New York**

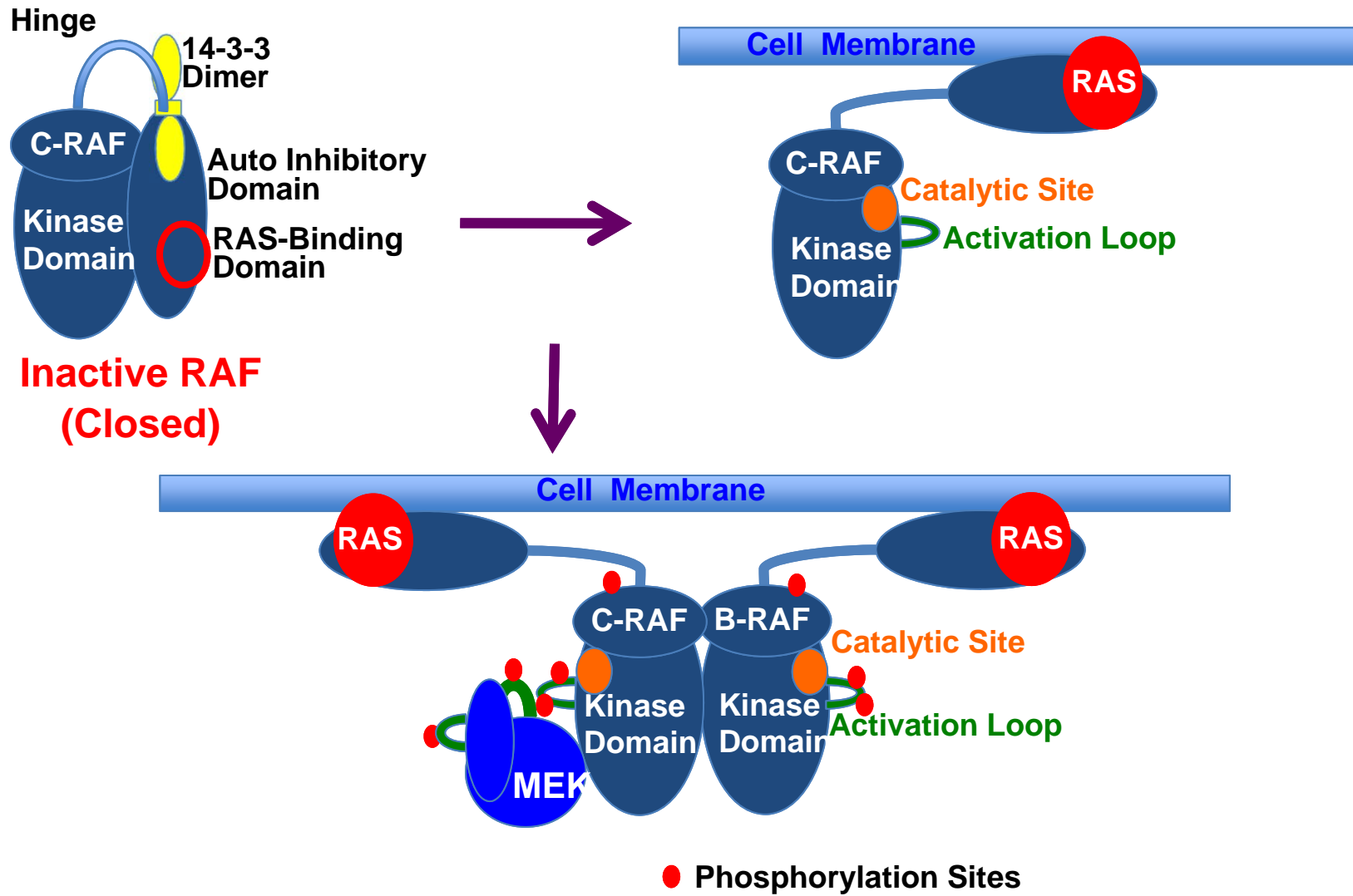
# Rigosertib Background

- Rigosertib is a novel small molecule ras mimetic
  - Patent protected for composition and use
  - Entered clinical trials in 2005
  - More than 1,000 patients in trials
  - Well-tolerated; efficacy signal in MDS and solid tumors
- Mechanism of action studies over a decade
  - Key differentiation with chemotherapeutics, targeted kinases and epigenetic modulators
  - Molecular mechanism of action revealed in 2016
    - Cell publication in April 2016

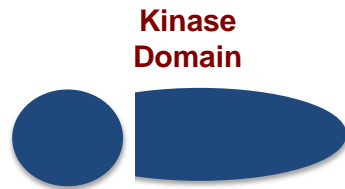
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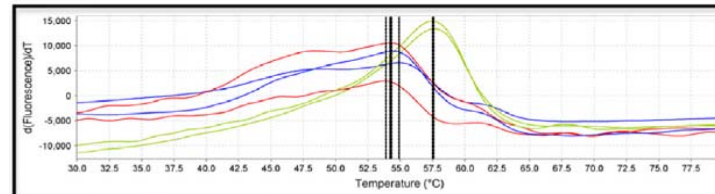
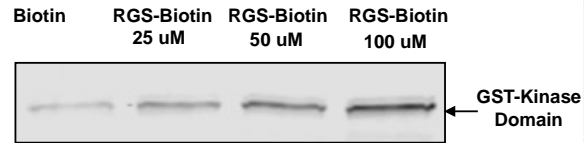
# Ras-Raf Pathway



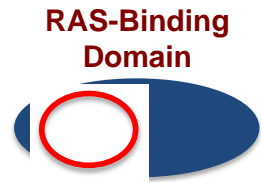
# Rigosertib Binds to RBD Domain of RAF



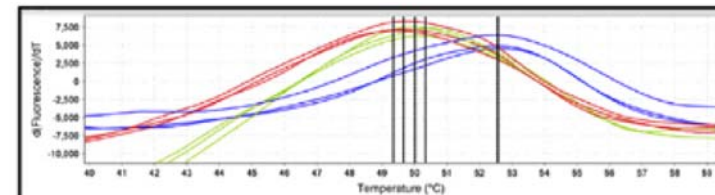
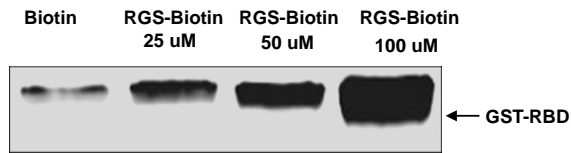
**Kinase Domain**



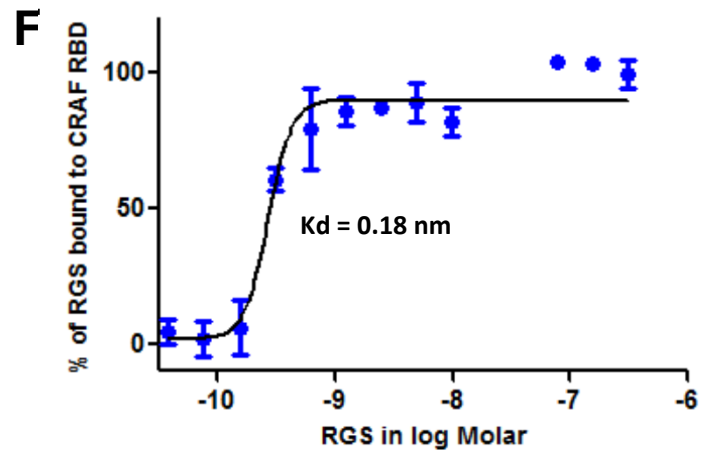
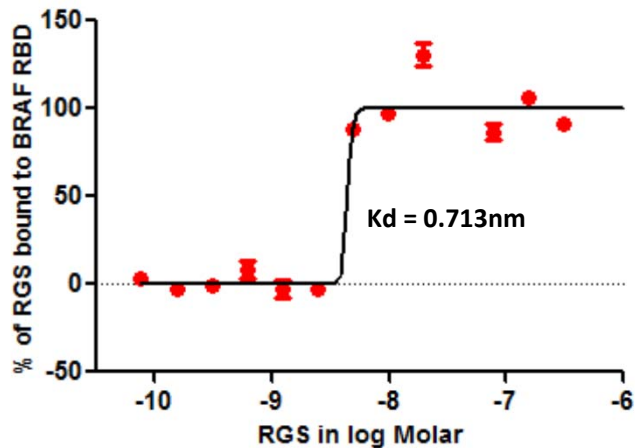
	T <sub>m</sub> (°C)	$\Delta$ T <sub>m</sub> (°C)
DMSO	54.07	
Rigosertib	54.61	0.54
PLX4032	57.54	3.47



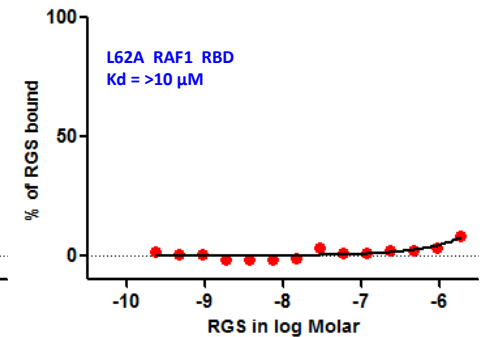
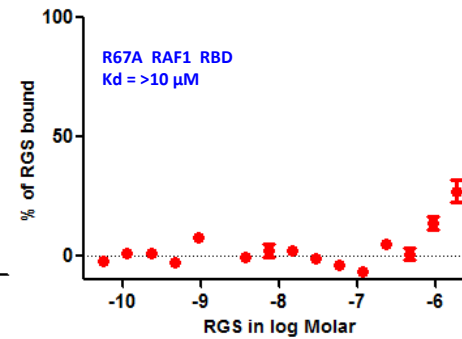
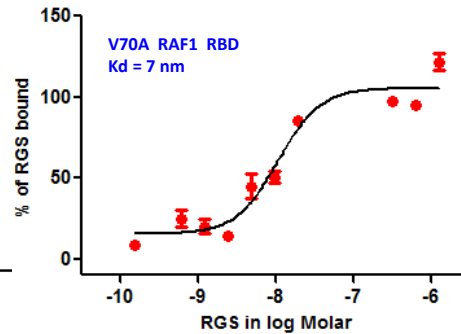
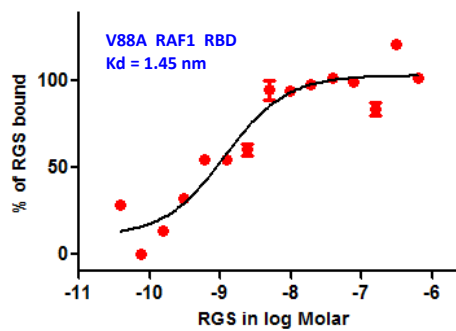
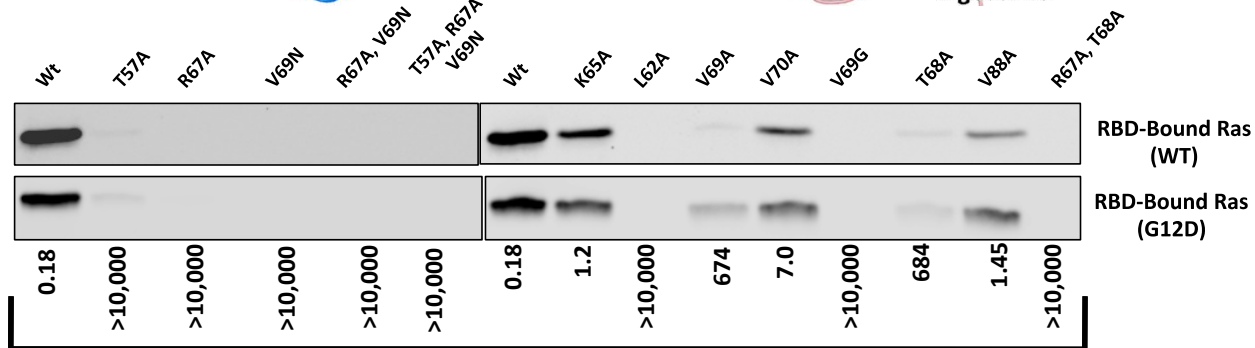
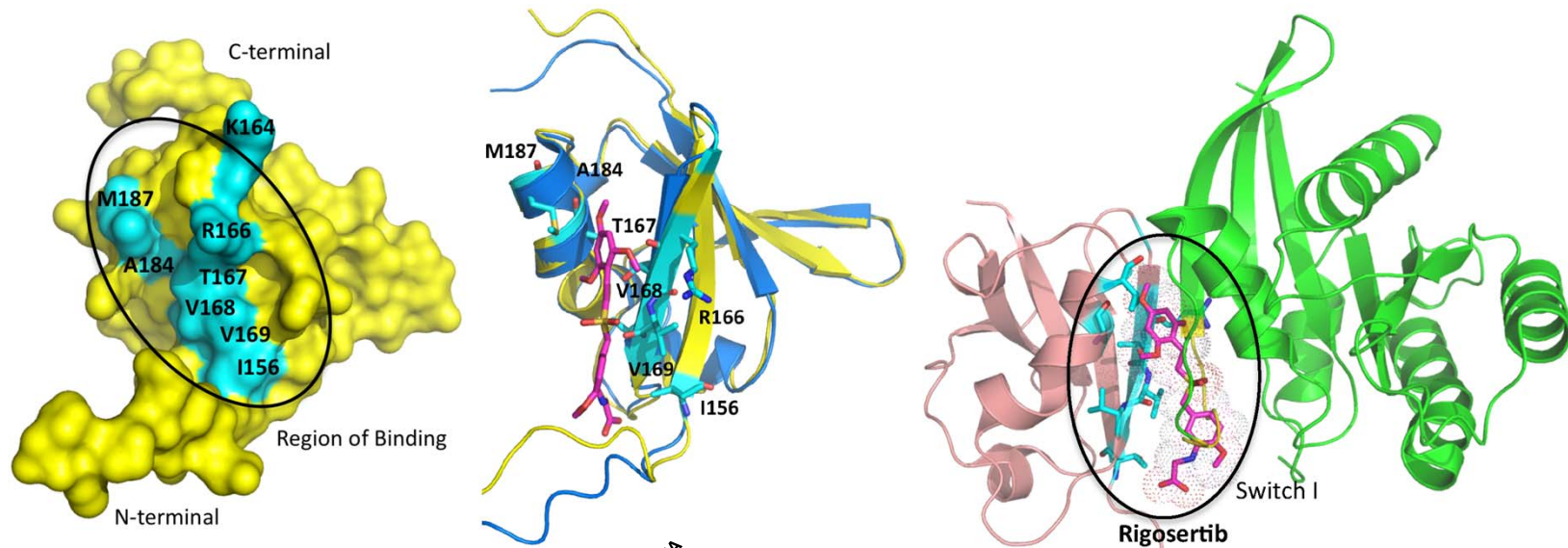
**RAS-Binding Domain**



	T <sub>m</sub> (°C)	$\Delta$ T <sub>m</sub> (°C)
DMSO	49.56	
Rigosertib	52.56	3
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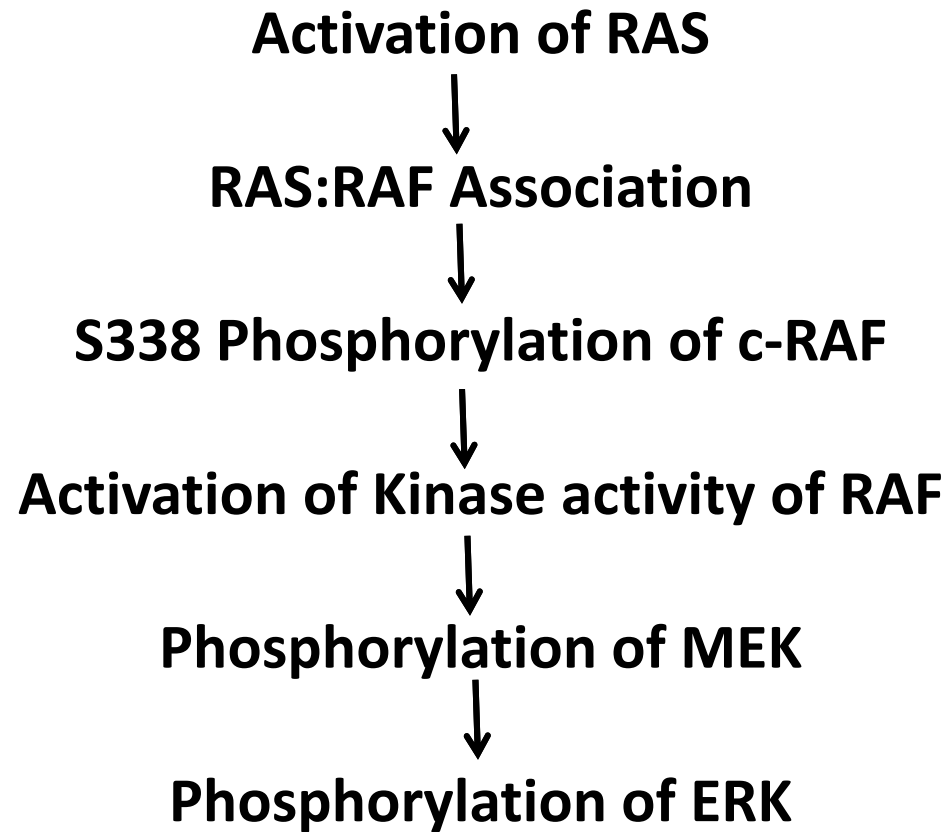


# Structure of Rigosertib:Raf-RBD Complex



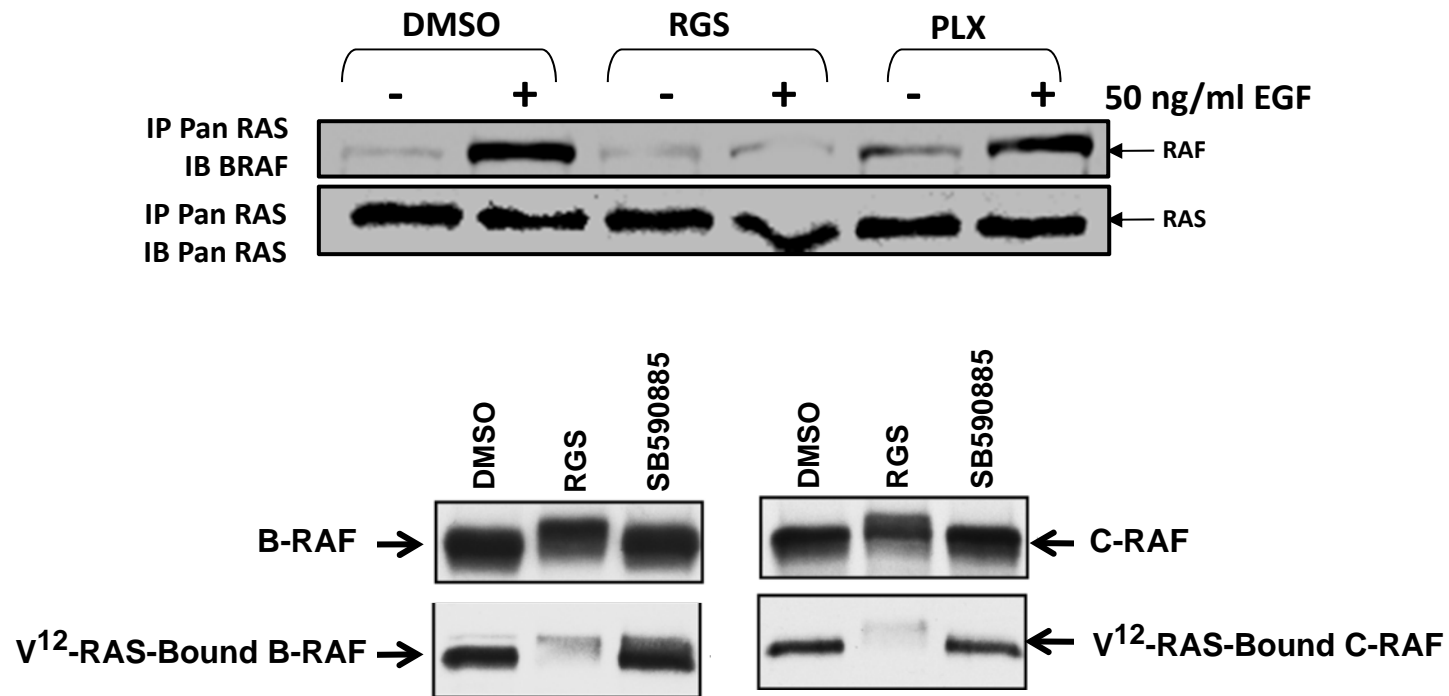
# Events Associated with RAS activation

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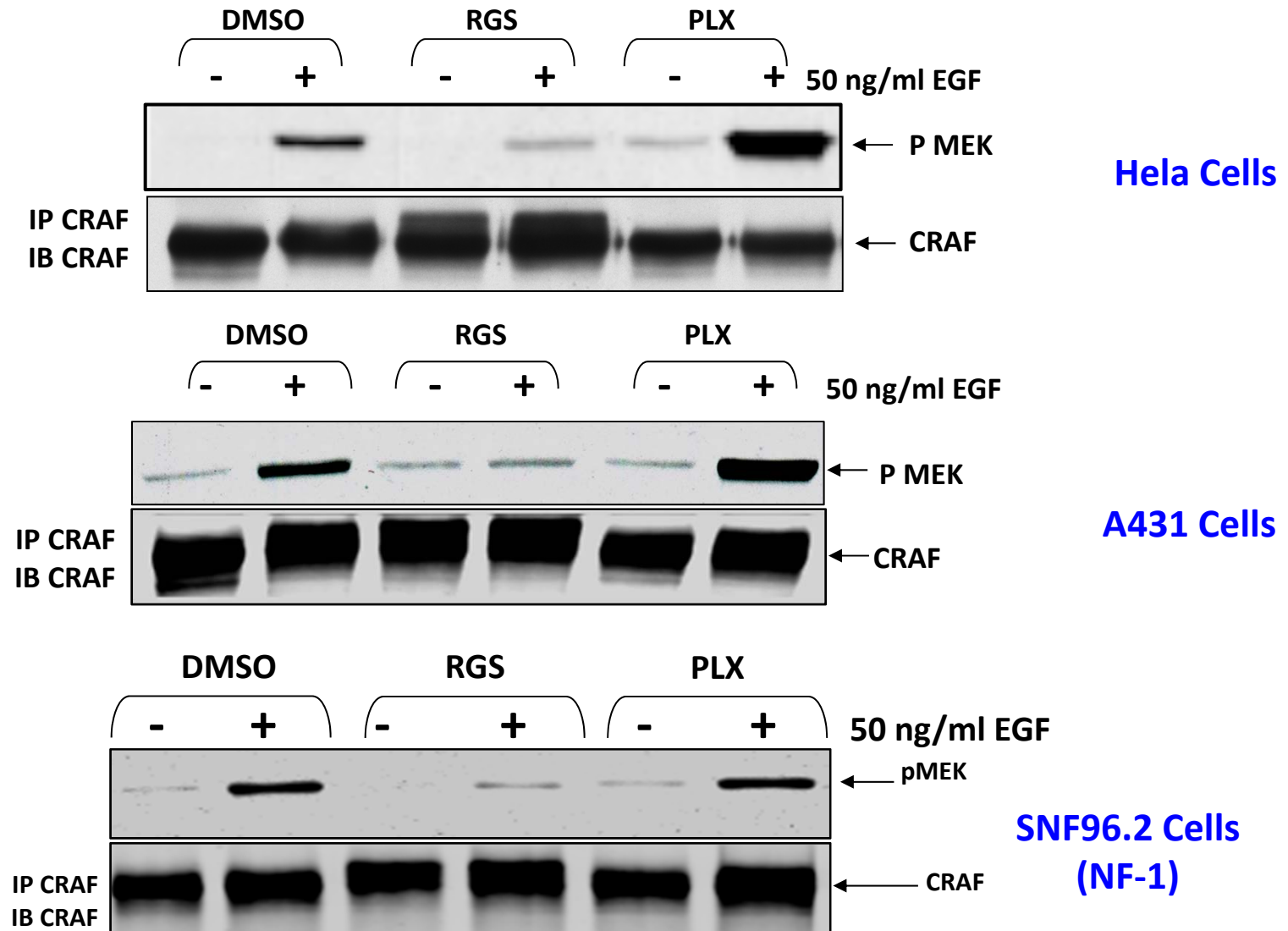




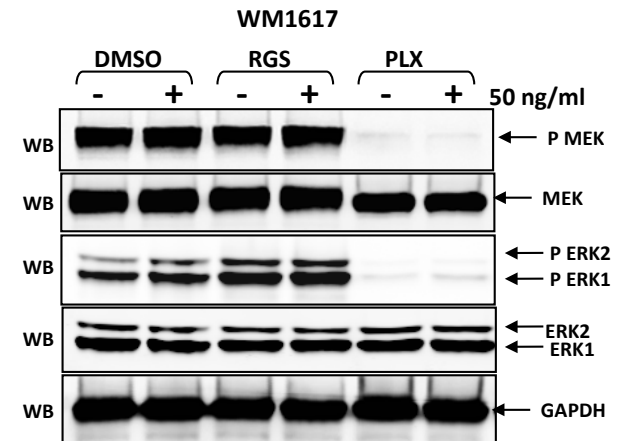
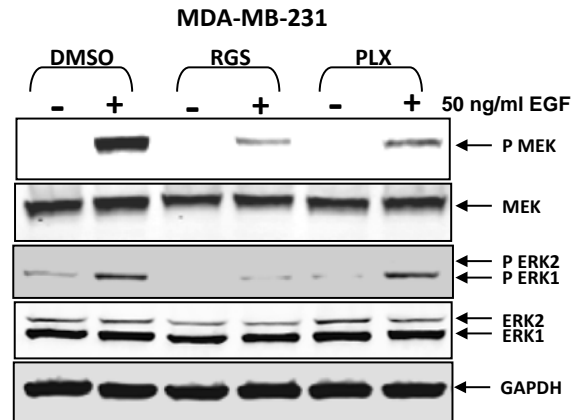
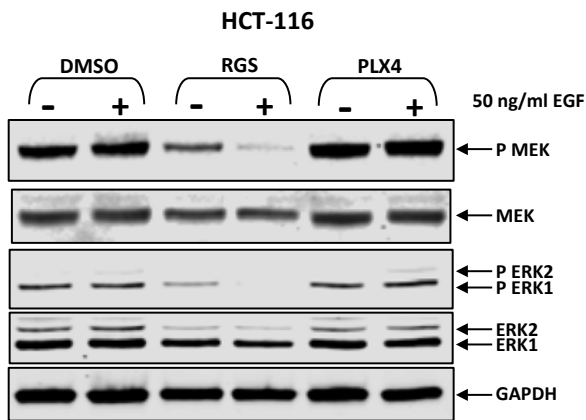
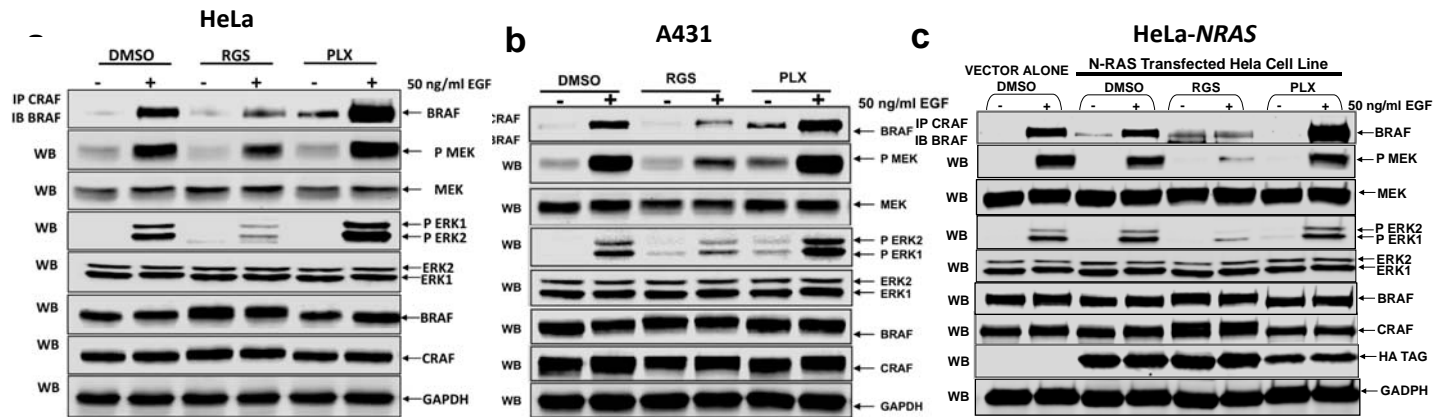
# Inhibition of Ras-Raf interactions by Rigosertib



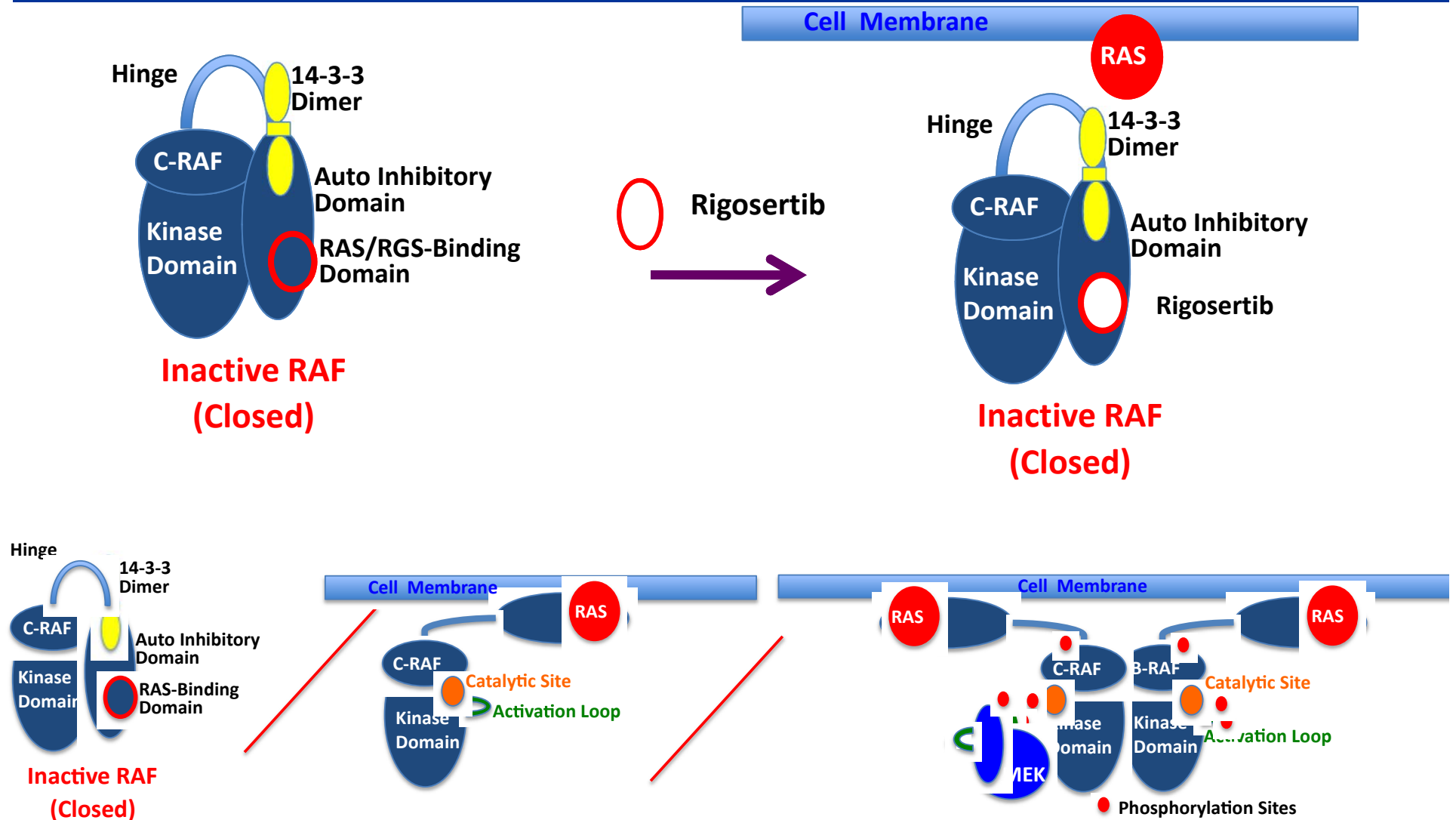
# Rigosertib Blocks Growth Factor-Induced Raf Kinase Activity



# Rigosertib Inhibits Growth Factor-Induced ERK/MAPK Signaling

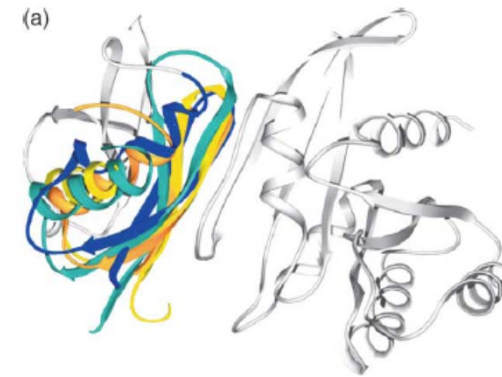


# Binding of Rigosertib to RAF Disrupts RAS-RAF Interaction

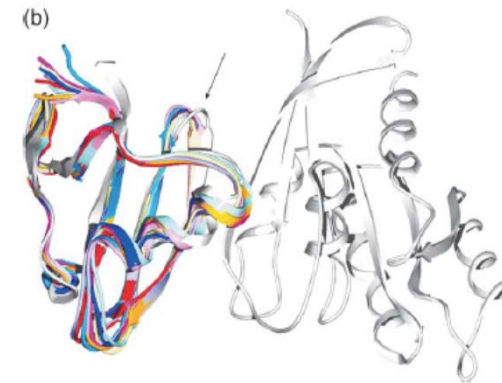


# Ras-Binding Domains have nearly Identical Secondary & Tertiary Structure in spite of lack of Extensive Sequence Homology

		$\beta 1$	$\beta 2$	$\alpha 1$
RA cons.50%		cspsLRVasss	ssh+slplss	csTsp VlppllcKaplss
RalGDS	11	-----DCCI	RVSLD-VDN--	CNMYKSIIVTS---
AF6_RA1	36	---DLEFHGV	MRFYQDKAAG-	NFATKCIKVSS---
AF6_RA2	244	---PDSGGT	LRIYAD-SLKP-	NIPYKTIILST---
RASSF1C	84	LNKDGSYTGF	IKVQLK (37) P-	HDAVKHLEVLSS---
mNore1	225	LSEDTYYTGF	IKVHLK (37) P-	LDAIKQLHRISS---
RIN1	619	-PATCFQRL	LRVAYQ-DPSS-	CCTSKTLAVPP--
RIN2	782	-PSVDDFQNY	LRVAFQ-EVNS-	CCTGKTLVVRP---
PDZGEF	600	SATPDLPDQV	LRVFKA-----	IQQSRYIMISK---
Rain	144	-----PPGV	LKIFGA-GLAS-	GANYKSVLATA---
Krit1	416	-----NKPYEK	VRIRYM-----	DGSYRSVRLKH---
spByr2	65	---REFRPCI	LRFIAC-----	NGQTRAVQSRG---
scCYR1	674	-----PRHYA	LRIFNT-----	IDTFTTLCCTP---
EpacII	658	-----QKROP	IRGSDEVLF (5)	IHTYTTIRVPV---
EpacI	509	-----PGSSCA	IQVGDKVPY (6)	IHSVLTQLLPV---
RepacI	241	-----BEIF	CHVYIT-----	IHSYVSVKAKV---
PLC_RA1	2008	---RKLCQTR	VTVHGV-PG---	PEPFTVPTING---
PLC_RA2	2132	---SEESFP	VQVHDV-SP---	EQPRTVIAKPR---
PI3K-V223K	213	---KKIANNCIF	IKIHRS-----	TTSQTIKIVSP---
DAGK_RA2	395	-----AQEV	LKIYPG-WLRV-	QVAYVSVVTP---
MYOSINIXB	9	SGRREQAAYH	LHIYPQL----	STTESQASCRV (4)
MYOSINIXA	14	-----NEET	LRIYPG-----	AISEGTIYCPI (4)
Grb7	100	-----RPHV	VKVYSE-----	DGACRSVEVAA---
C12orf2	1	-----MELK	VWVD-----	GVQRIVYGVTE---
C11orf13	6	-----AAME	LKWVD-----	GIQRVVCVSE---
ALS2	321	-----KKLV	RVHMS-----	IDSSKTMVDE---
RIAM	176	-----KKLV	VVHMN-----	INSTKSLMVE---
Nexin27	273	-----SDVE	LRVALP-----	DGTTVTVRVKK---
RBD cons.50%		shs+VaLP	spsolVslRP	Gcol+DsLpplLc+RGLs
cRaf	55	---SNT	LRVFLP-----	NKQRTVVVRN---
RGS12_RBD1	961	---KIC	LIHLF-----	IGTSCVAVRA---
RGS12_RBD2	1093	---LFR	LDLVP-----	INRSVGLKAKP---
RGS14_RBD1	300	---RY	CCVYLP-----	DGTASLALARP---
RGS14_RBD2	381	---TFE	LELTA-----	LERVVRIKAKP---
UBQ cons.50%		lpIpVKsh	stcshslclsss	cTVppLKp+lpsspul
Ubiquitin	1	---NQ	IFVKTL-----	TGKTITLVEVPS---
ISG15	3	---WD	TVKML-----	AGNEFQVSLSSS---
BAG-1	73	---LT	VTVTHS-----	NEKHLKIVTSQ (5)
Ubiquilin1	37	---MK	TVKTP-----	KEKEEFAVPEN---



Raf  
Ral-GDS  
PI3K  
Crystal  
Structures  
Superimposed

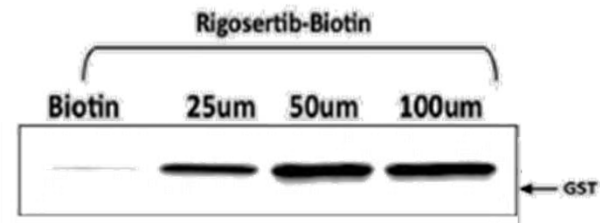
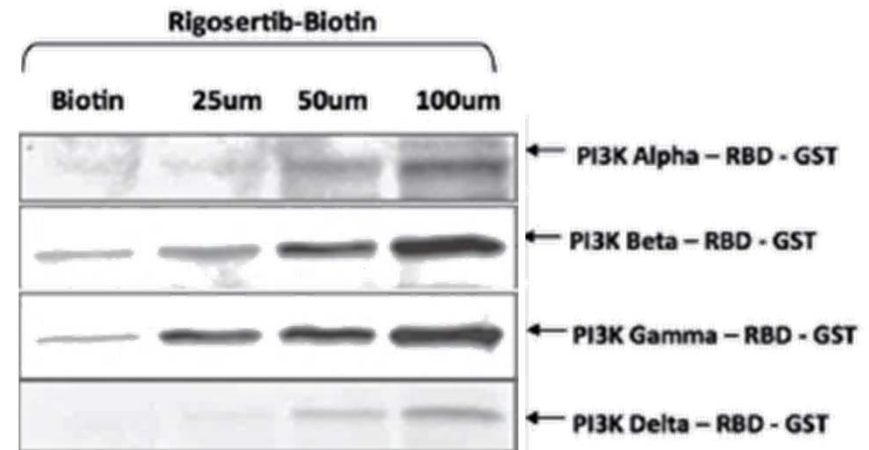
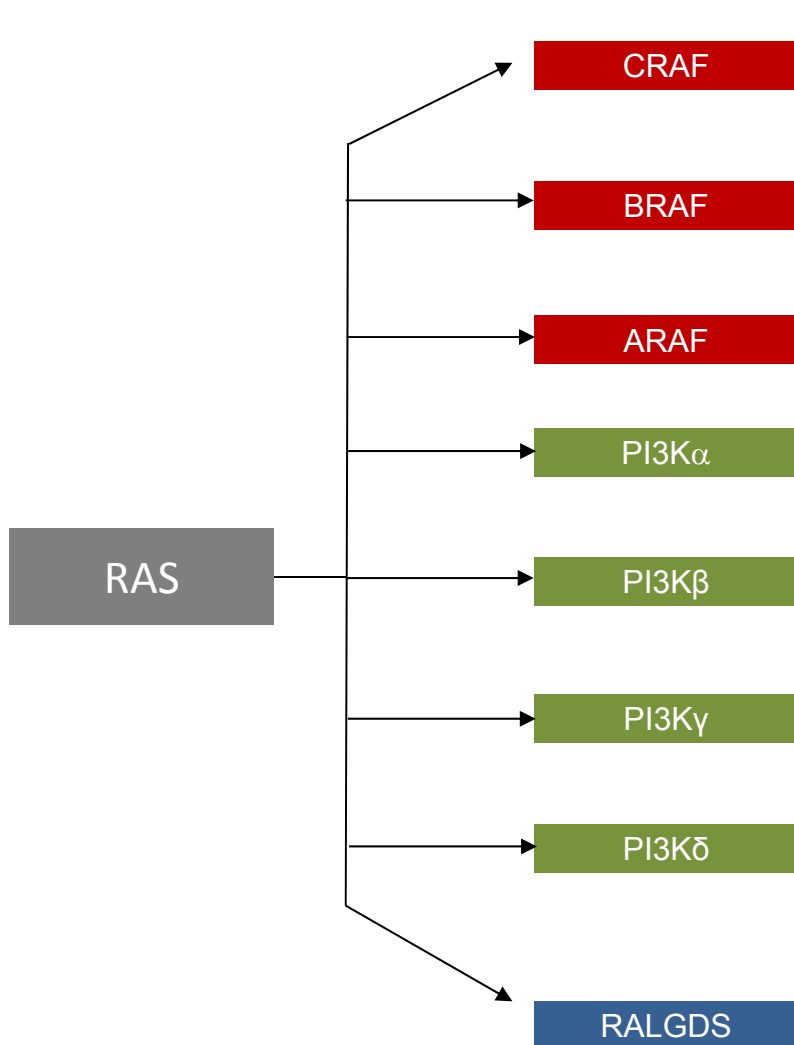


NMR  
Structures  
of 10 RBDs  
Super-  
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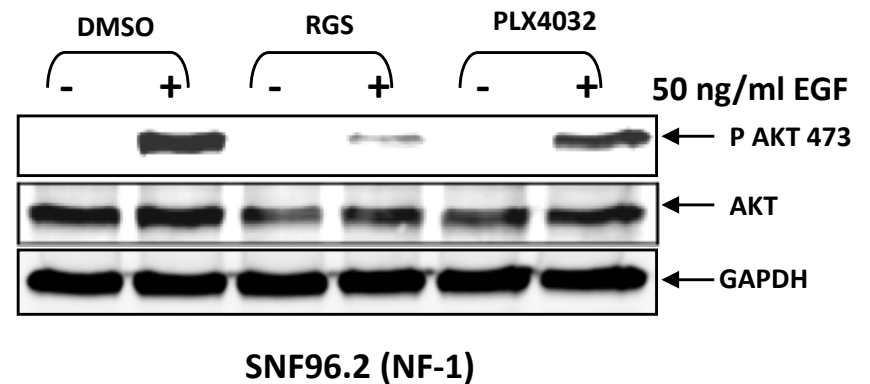
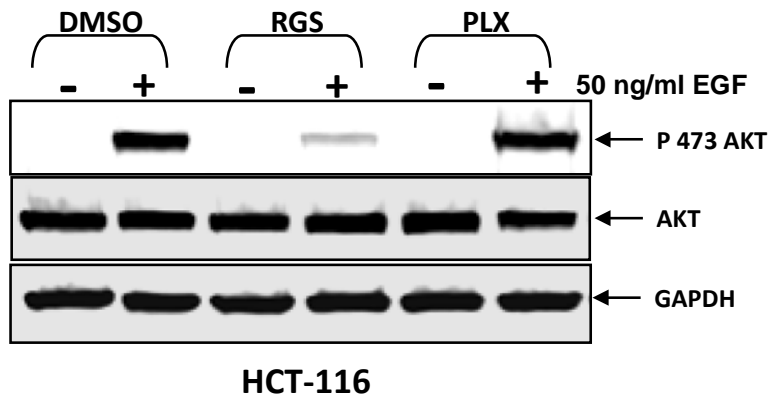
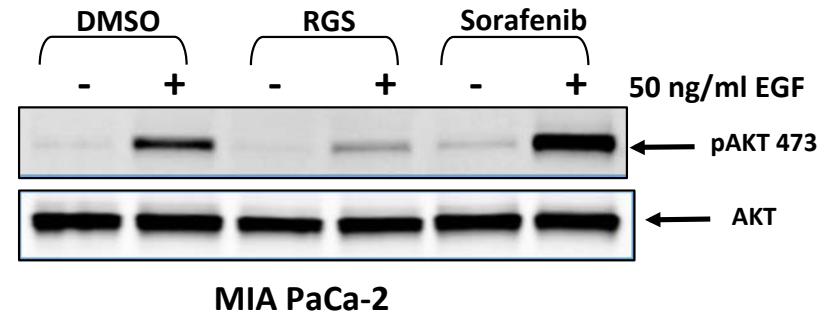
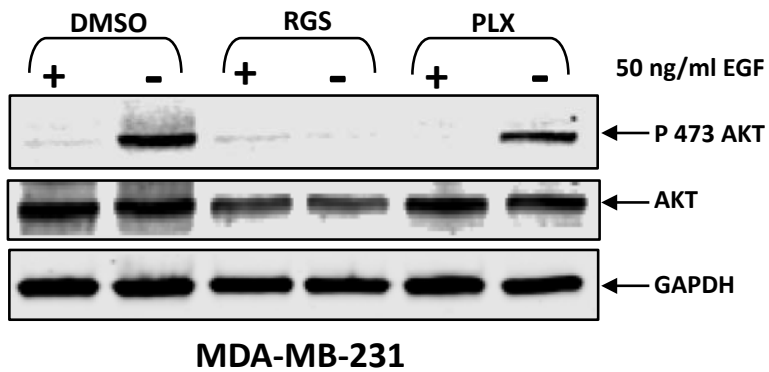
## Sequence Alignment of RA and RB Domains

Yellow: Hydrophobic Core; Cyan: Conserved Charged Amino Acids  
Red: Conserved Hydrophobic AA; Green: Conserved Aromatic AA

# Rigosertib Binds to RBD Domains of RALGDS- and PI3Ks



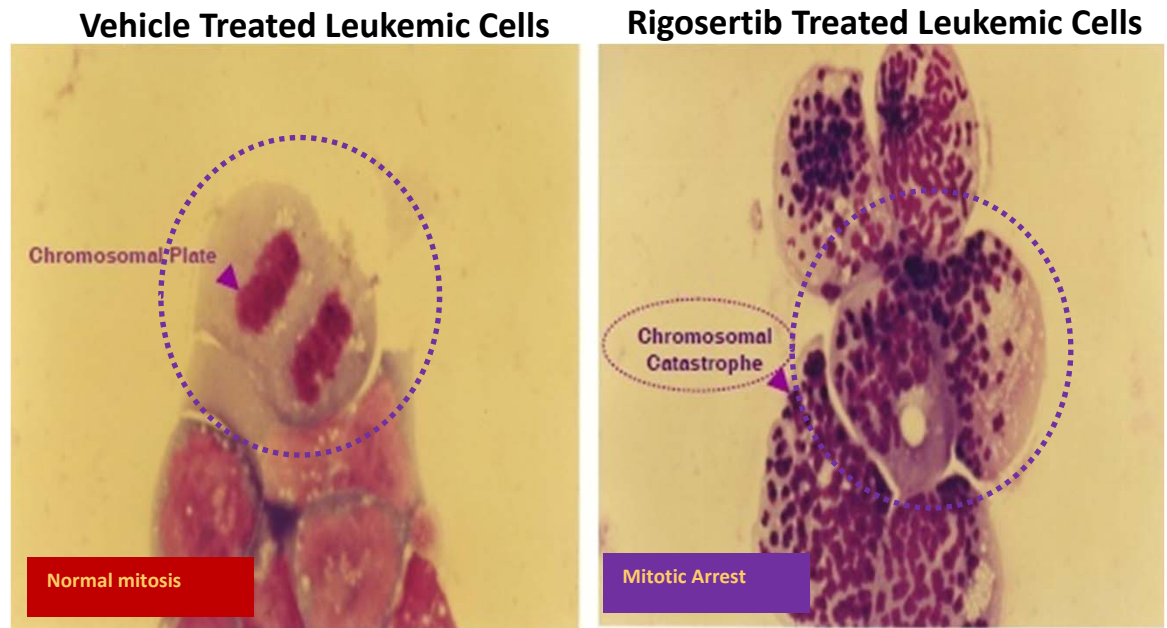
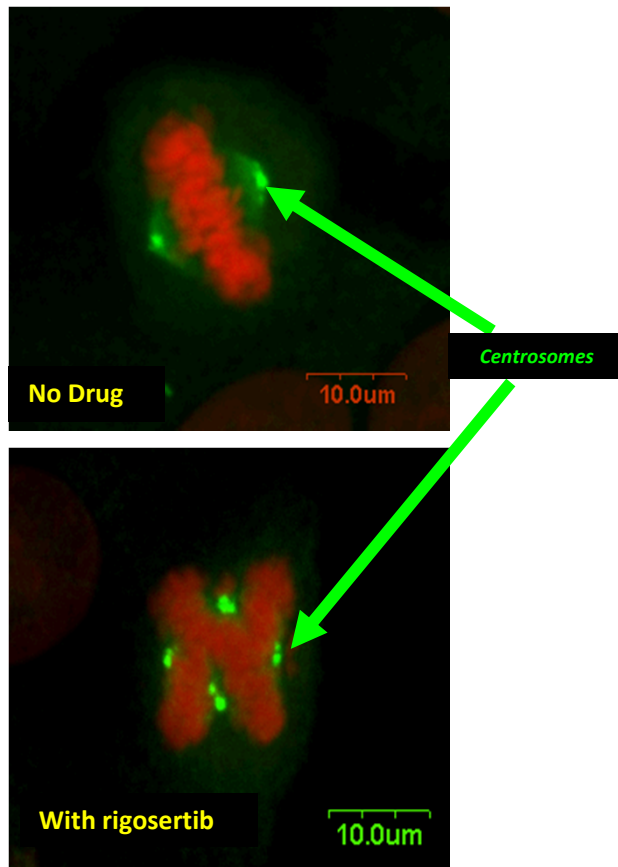
# Rigosertib blocks AKT Activation



# Rigosertib Causes Mitotic Catastrophe of Cancer Cells

## Mitotic Catastrophe in Cancer Cells Treated with Rigosertib\*

- In cancer cells Rigosertib causes chromosome “blow up” (below)
- Increased number of centrosomes (green, on right) cause this effect

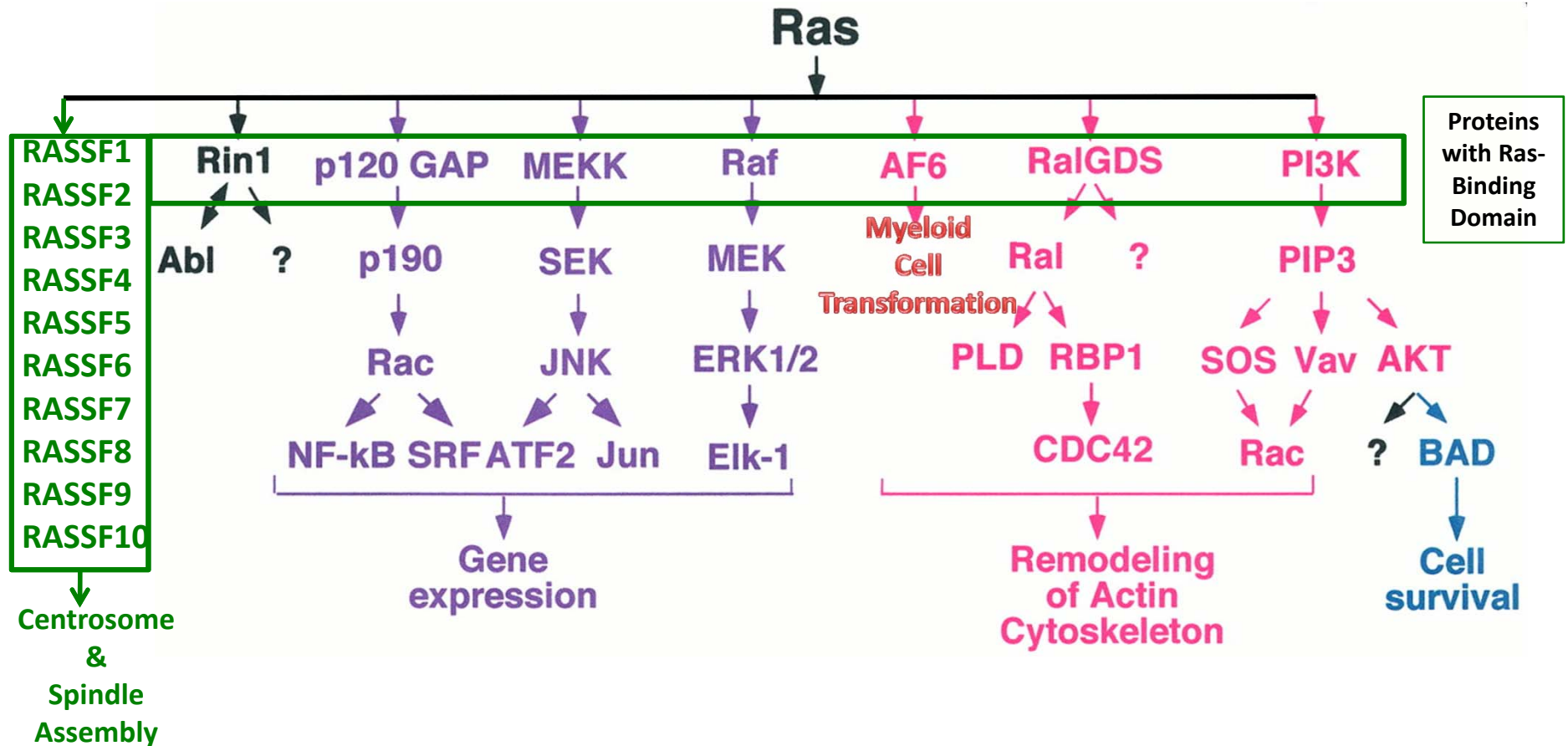


\*Dr. Holland, Mt. Sinai



# Ras Signals Thru Multiple Effectors

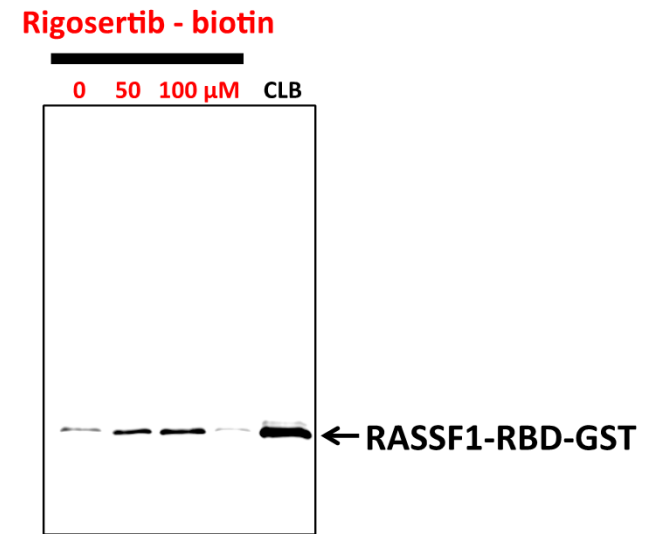
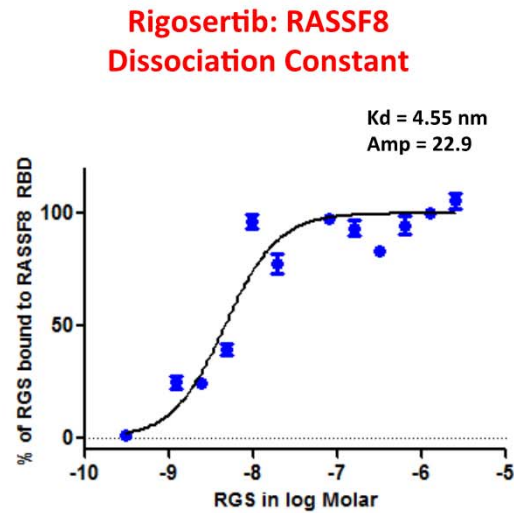
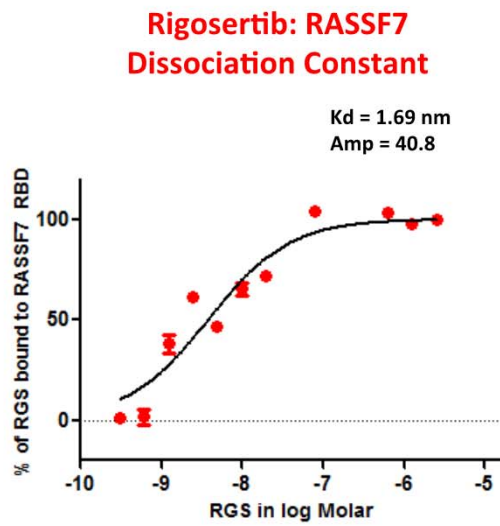
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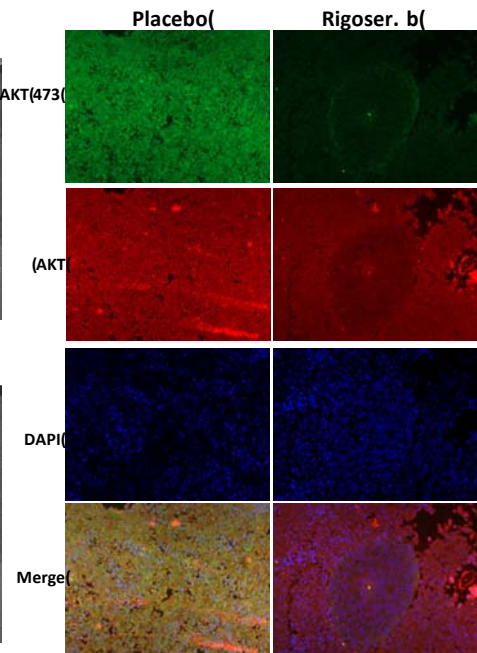
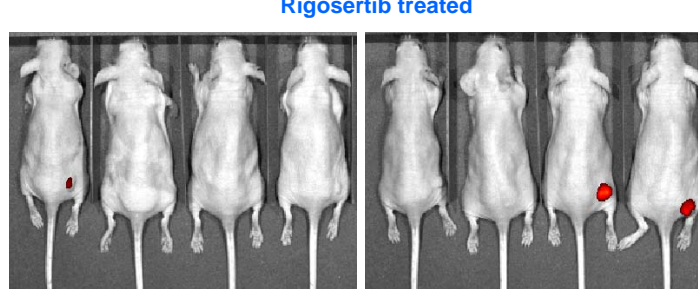
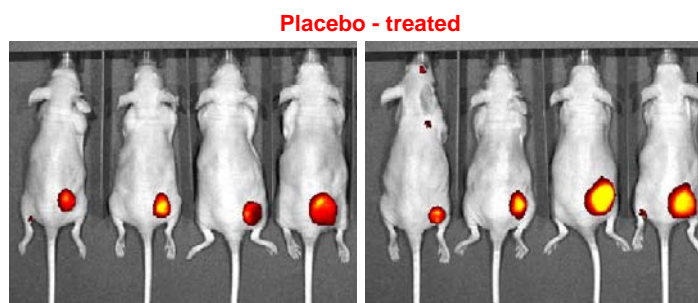
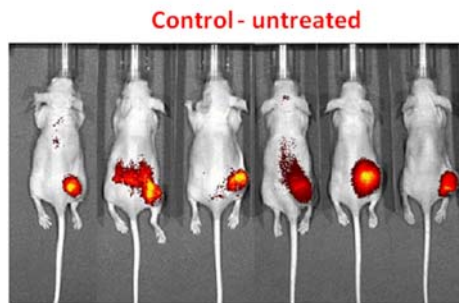
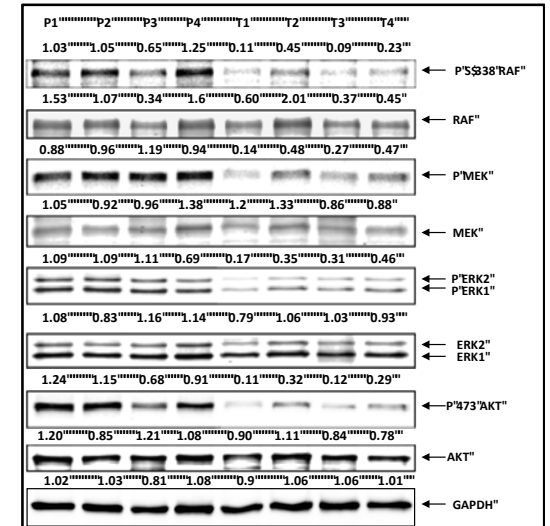
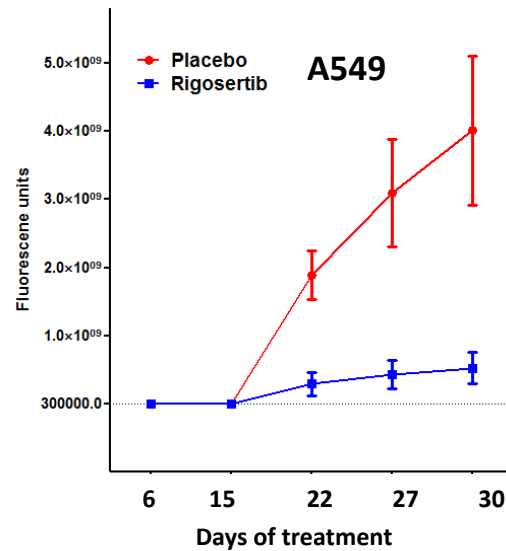
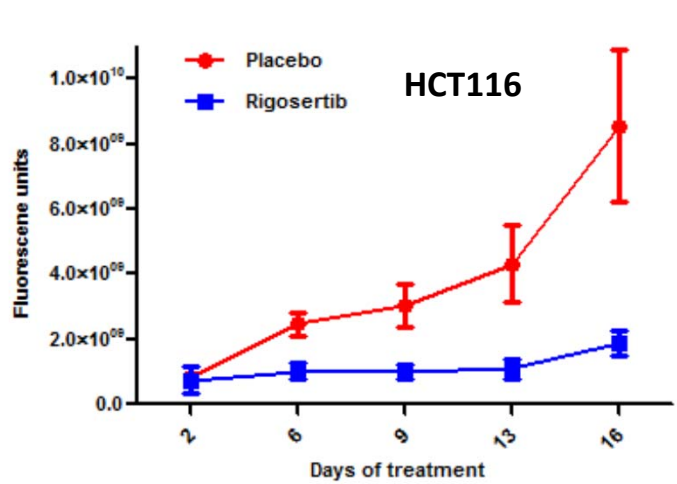
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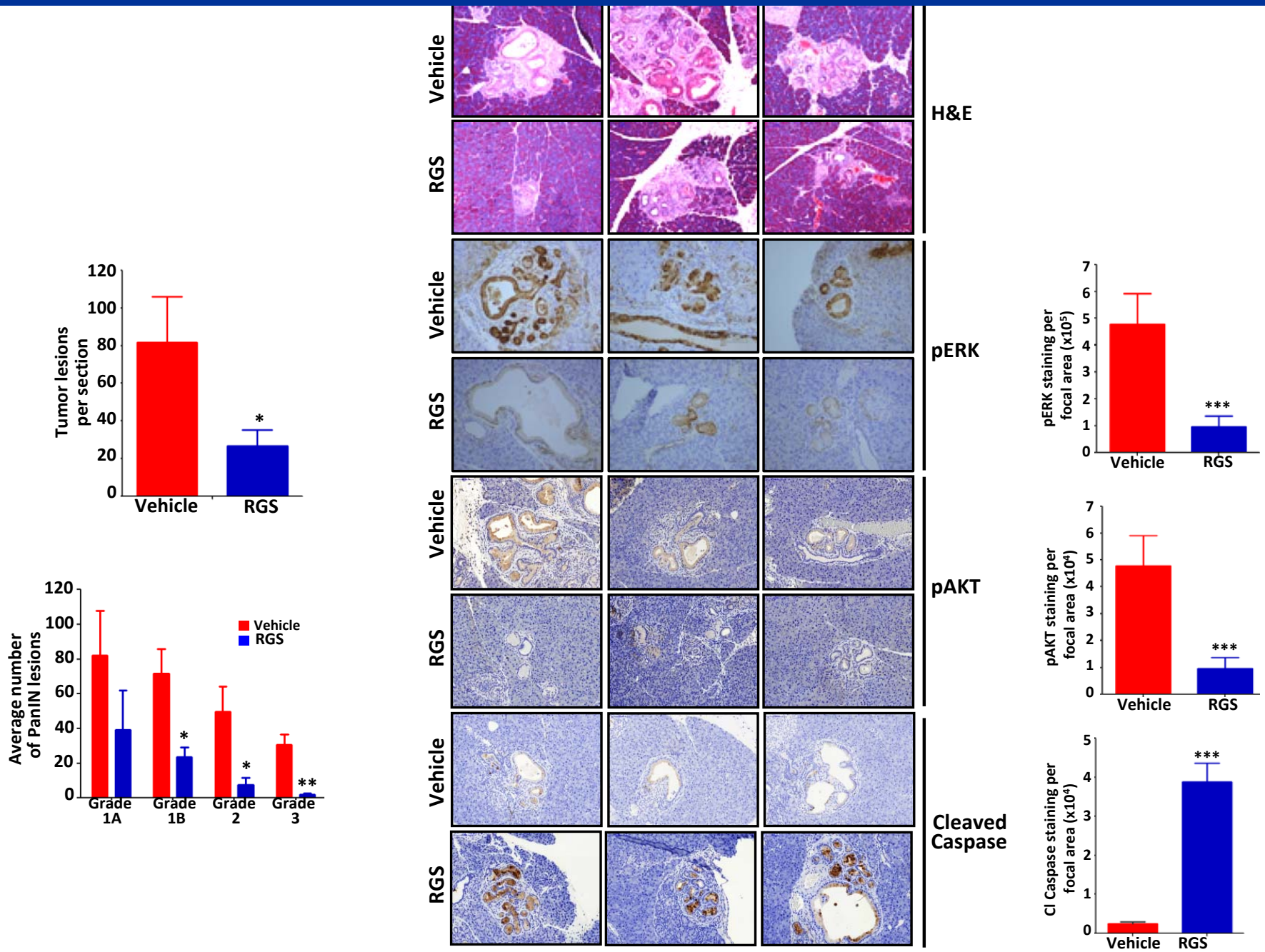
# Rigosertib binds to the RA domains of RSSF Proteins



# Inhibition of Tumor Growth by Rigosertib in Mouse Xenograft Assays



# Rigosertib Suppresses Growth of RAS-driven Pancreatic Cancer.



## PDX-1-CRE; LSL-KRAS<sup>G12D</sup> - Rigosertib treatment

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Vehicle treated

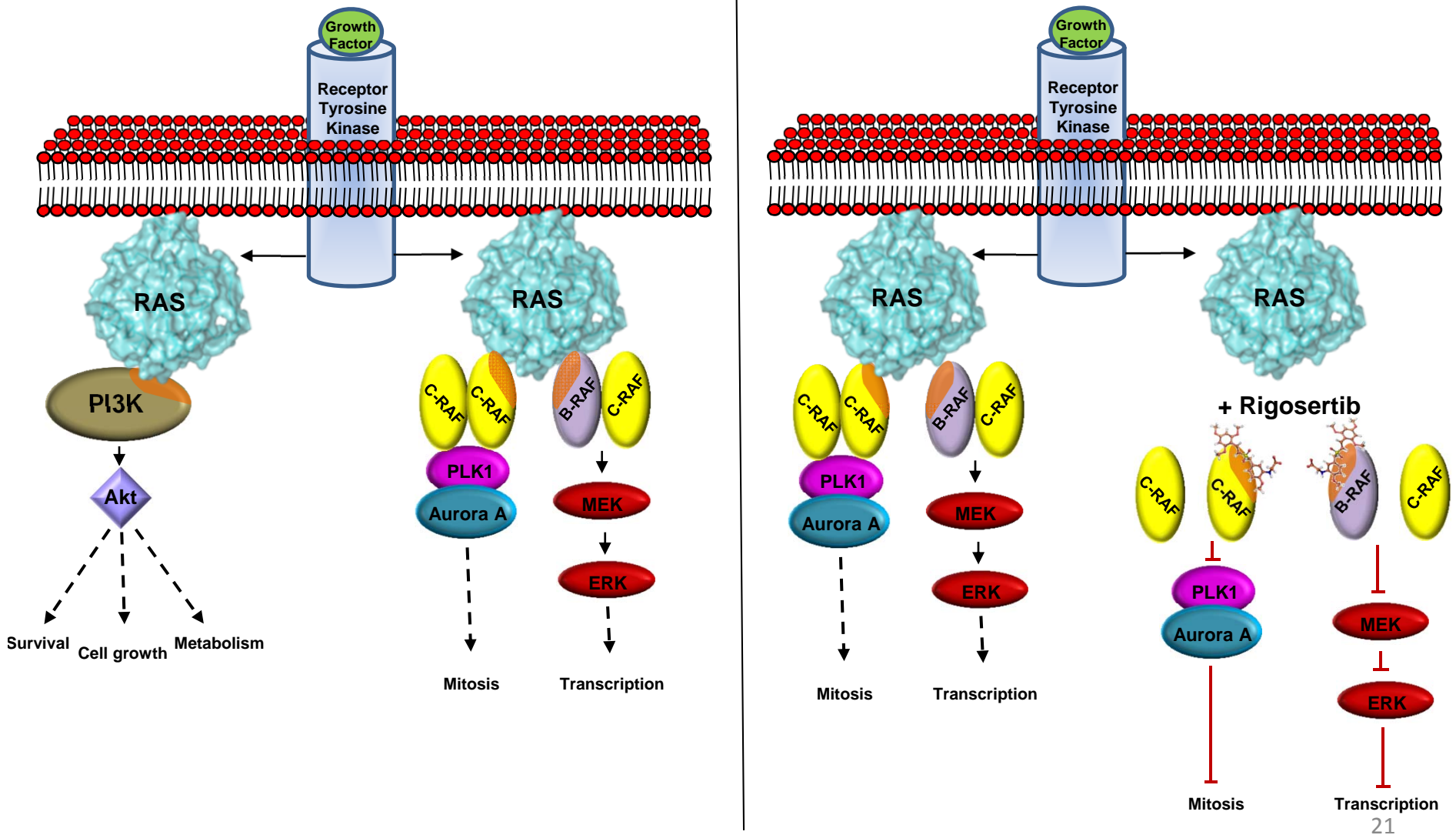


Rigosertib treated



Papillomas are highlighted in yellow

# Rigosertib Mechanism of Action



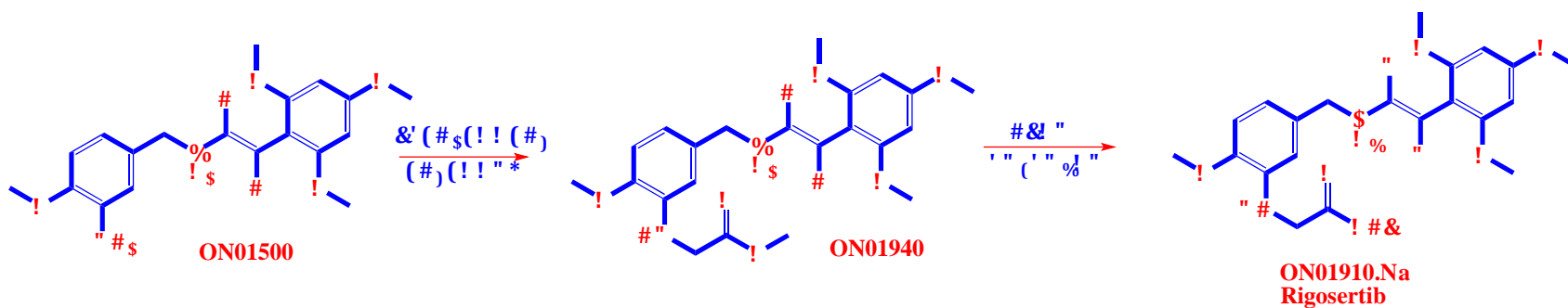
# Conclusions

- Rigosertib binds to signaling proteins via RBD
  - Ras Binding Domains (RBD) conserved across pathways
  - Allows for blockade of multiple pathways
  - Specificity of binding being investigated
  - Second generation molecules in the works
- Novel mechanism conducive for many cancer types
  - Strong mechanistic rationale for MDS and AML
  - Single agent and combination approaches feasible for solid tumors

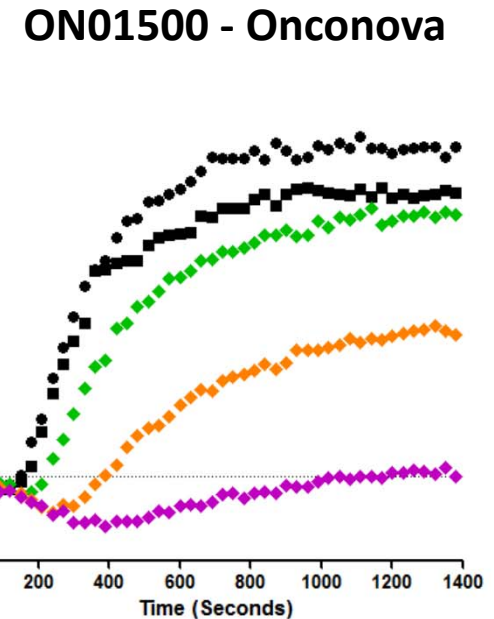
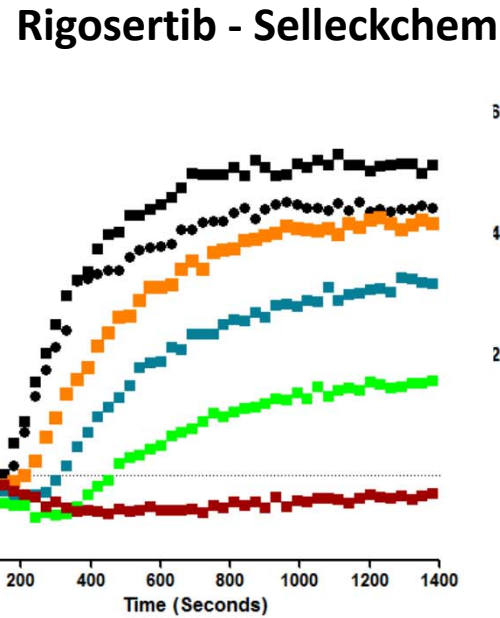
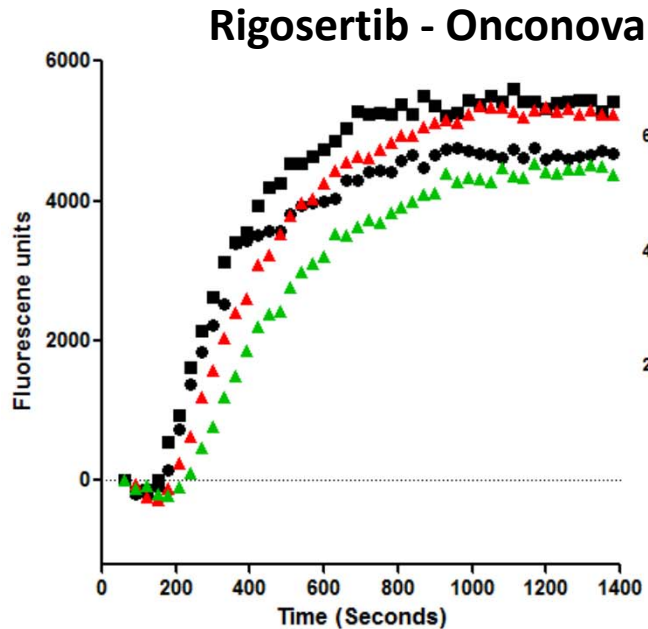
# **SUPPLEMENTAL SLIDES**



# Synthetic Protocol for Rigosertib



# Tubulin Polymerization Assays



Variable quality of research materials



Selleckchem



Onconova

- DMSO A
- DMSO B
- 10  $\mu\text{M}$  SCHEM RGS
- 25  $\mu\text{M}$  SCHEM RGS
- 50  $\mu\text{M}$  SCHEM RGS
- 100  $\mu\text{M}$  SCHEM RGS

- DMSO A
- DMSO B
- ◆ ONO1500 0.1  $\mu\text{M}$
- ◆ ONO1500 0.5  $\mu\text{M}$
- ◆ ONO1500 1  $\mu\text{M}$

Compound

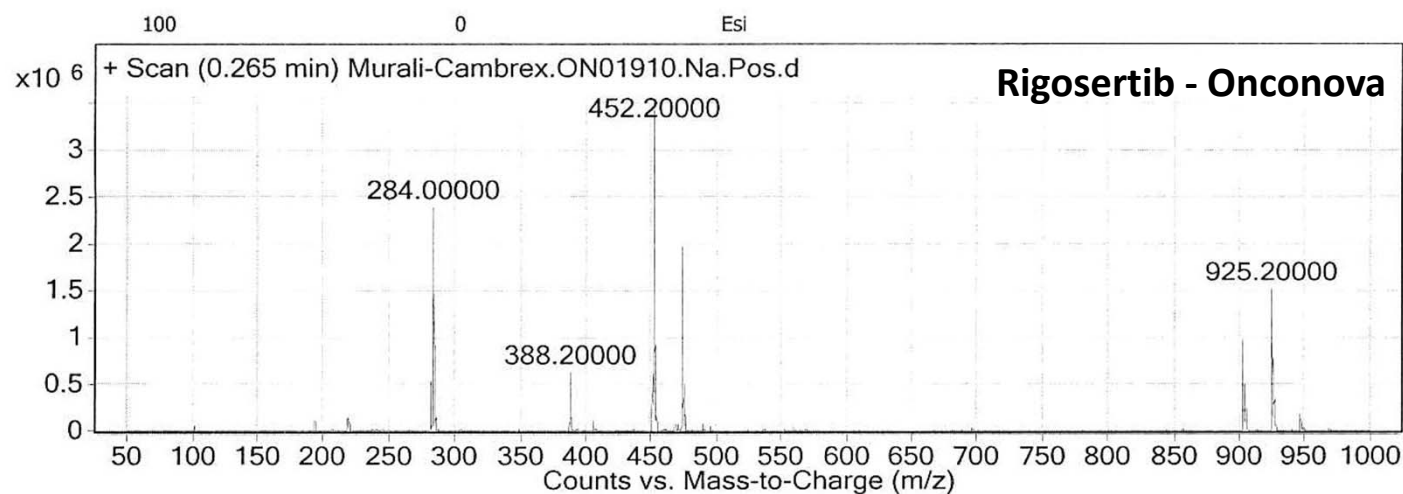
Kd value

Onconova Rigosertib >20  $\mu\text{M}$

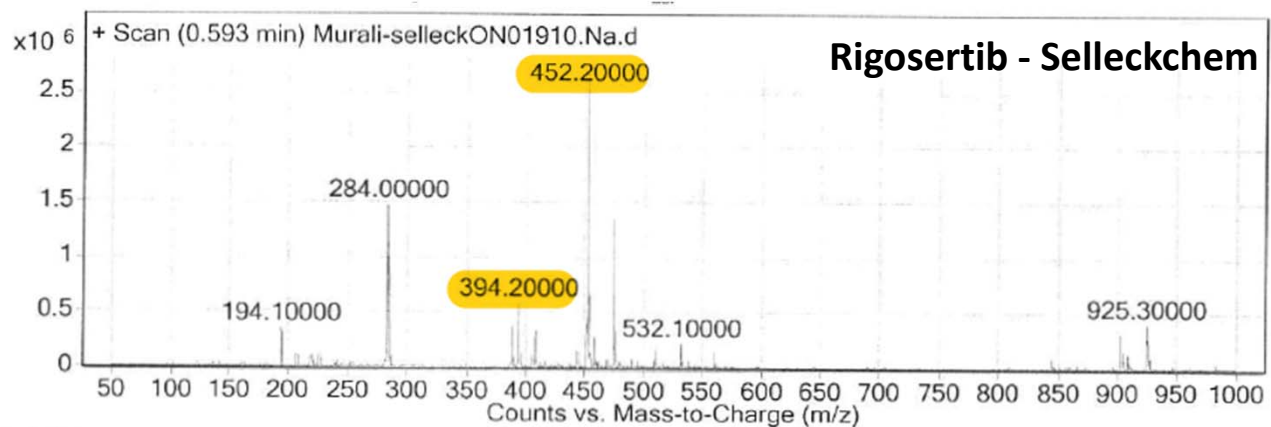
Selleckchem Rigosertib 142 nM

ON01500 42 nM

# LCMS Analysis of Rigosertib preparations



Peak List



01910M+1 ion= 452.2

1910Na+1 ion= 474.1

1910 2M+1 ion= 903.3

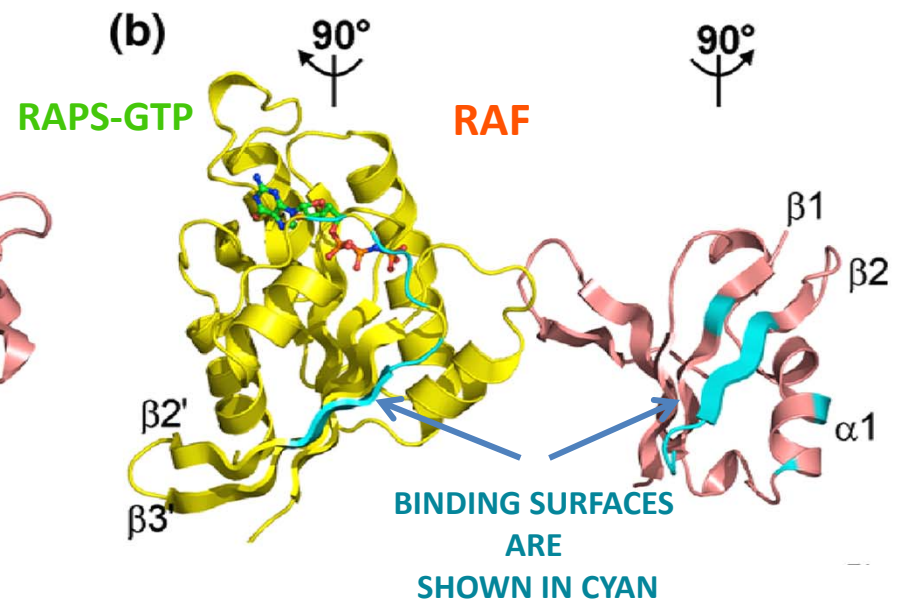
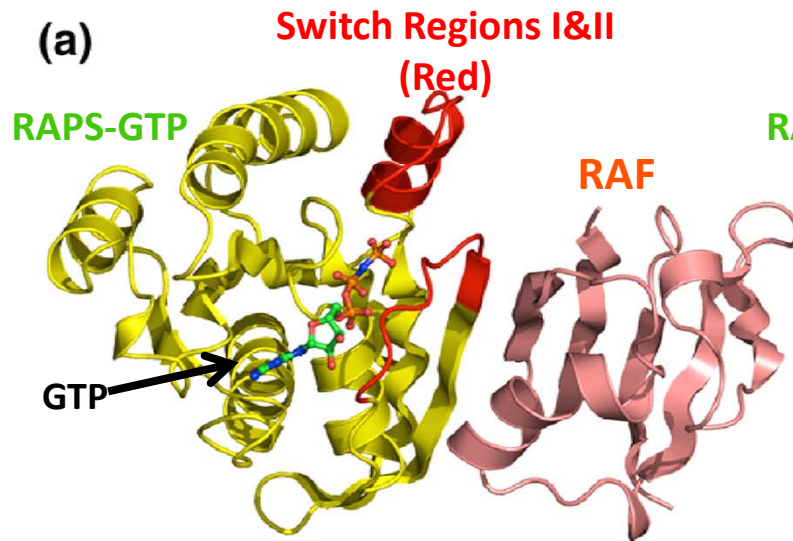
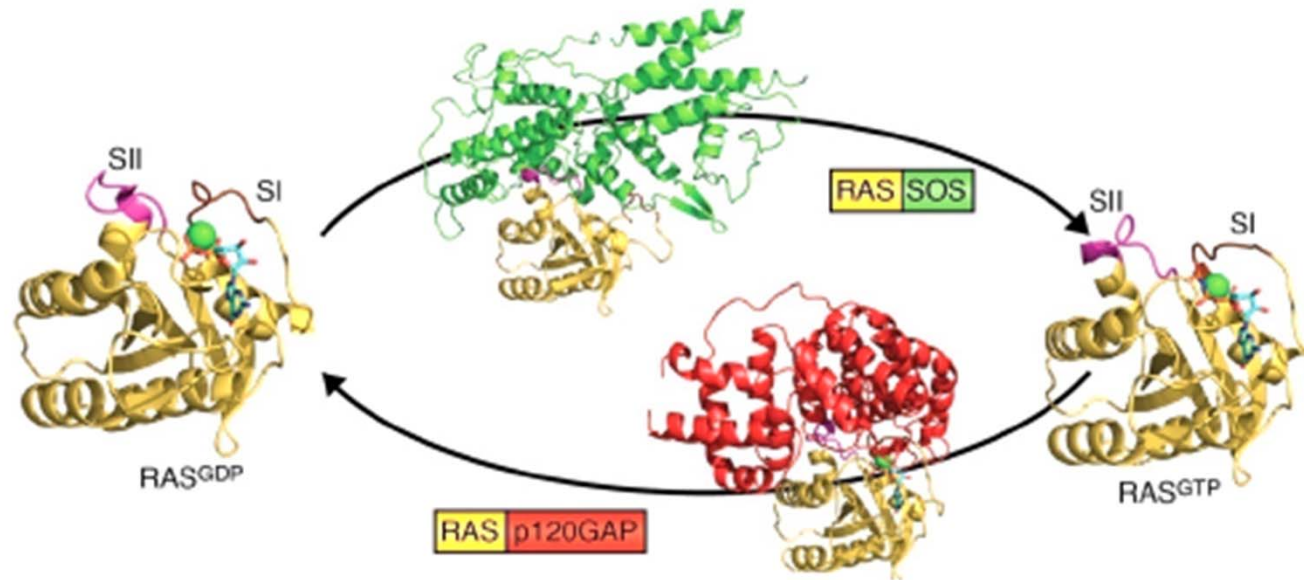
1910Na 2M+1 ion= 925.2

1910-SO<sub>2</sub> M+1 ion= 388

1910-2,4,6-Triphenyl (451-168)+1 ion= 284

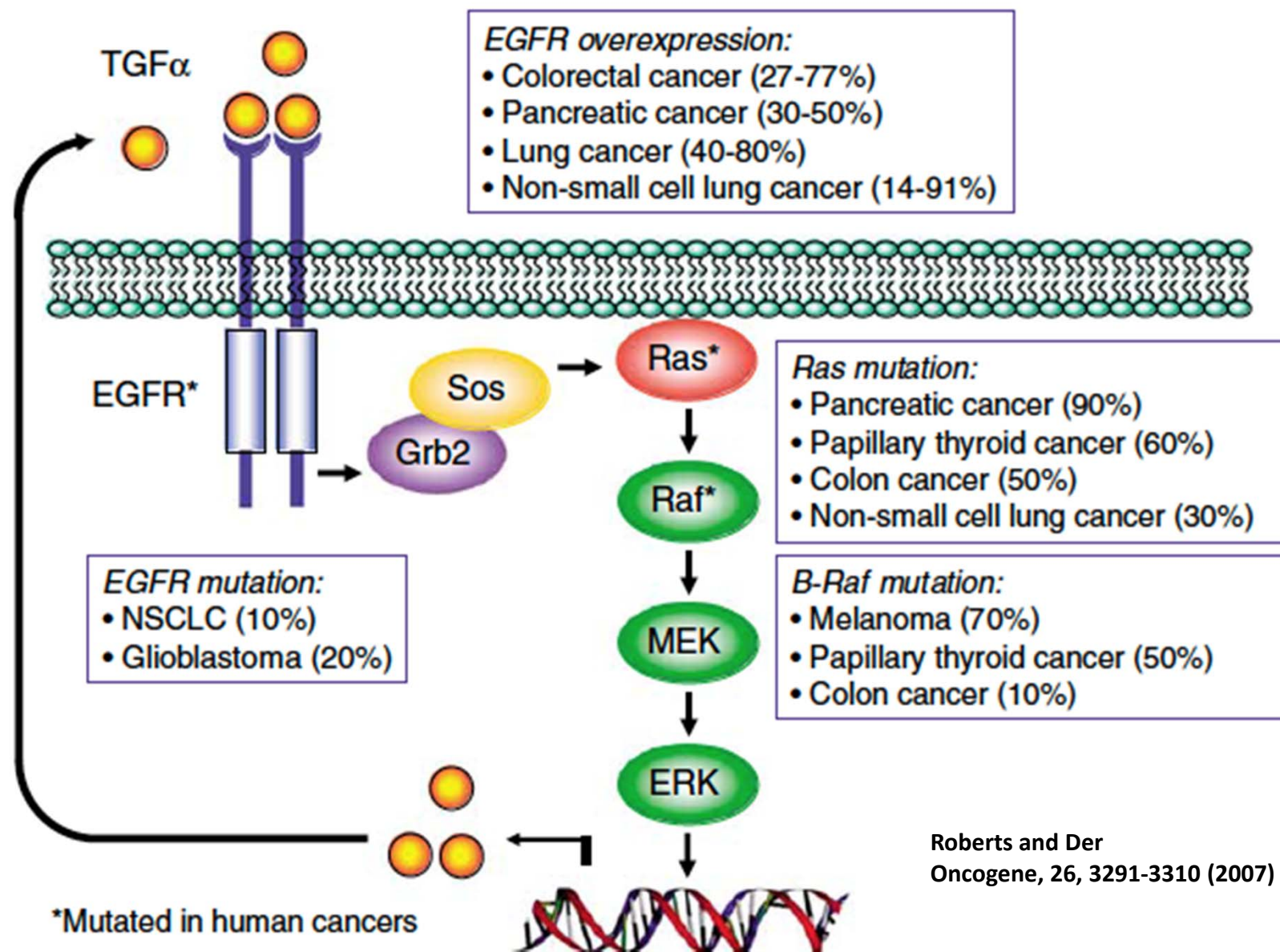
01500 = 394.2

# RAS GDP - GTP CYCLE

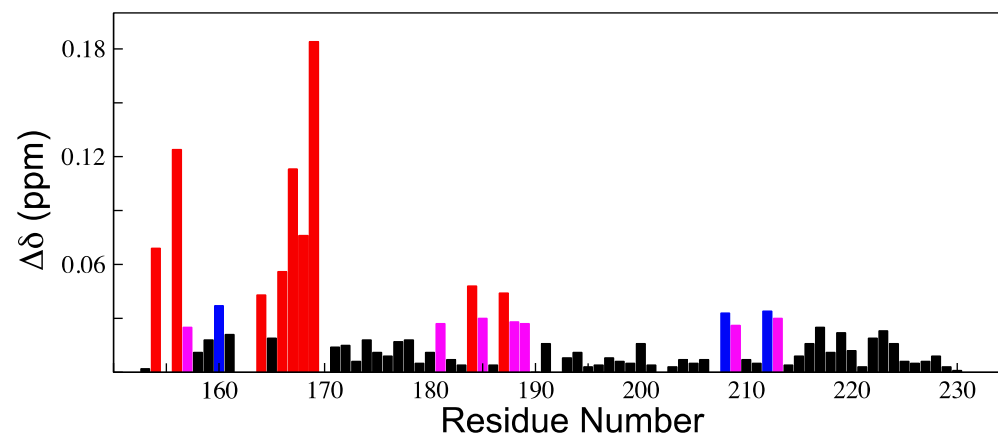
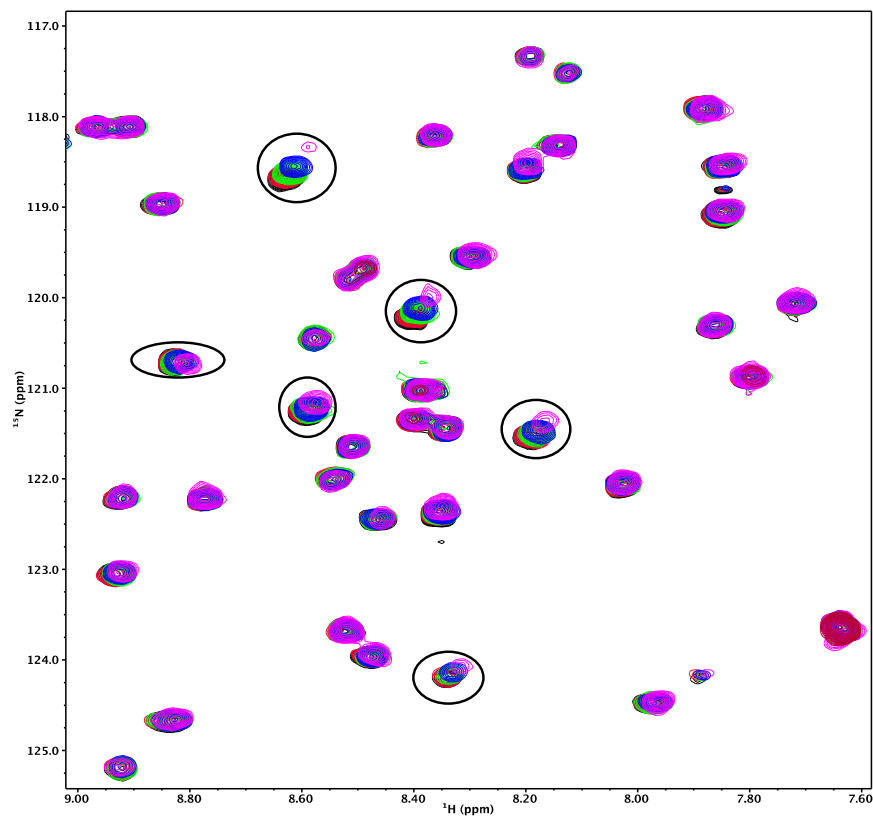


Filchtinski et al, JMB, 399:422-4352010.

# The Ras/Raf Pathway in Human Cancer



# NMR Spectrum of Raf-RBD bound to Rigosertib



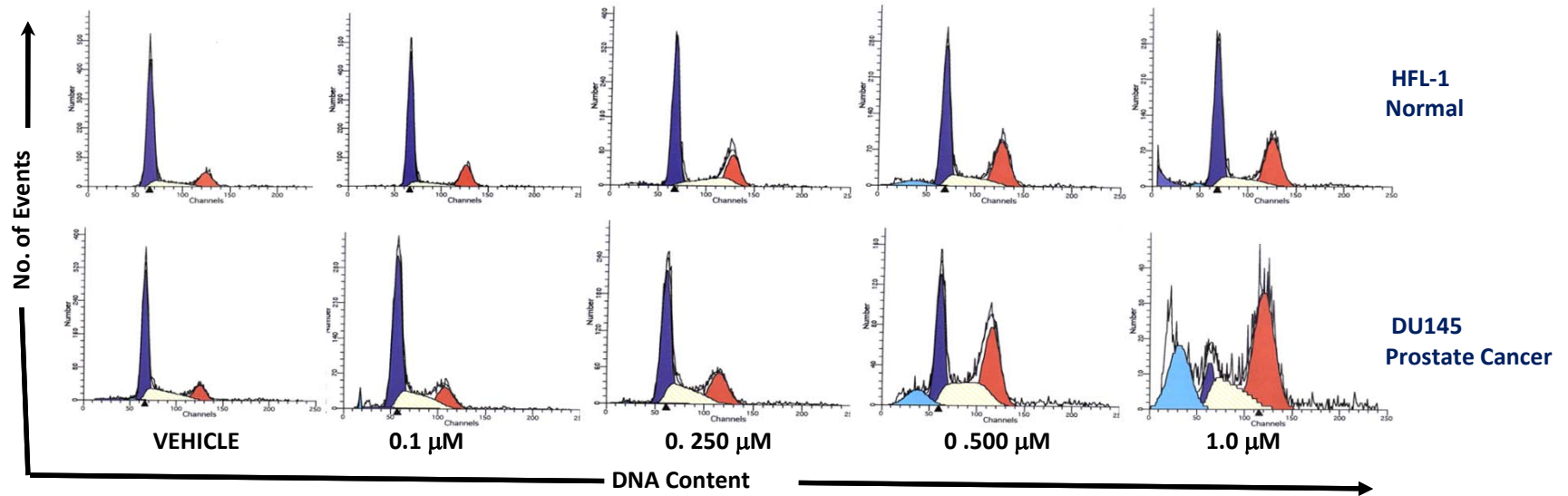
**Titration of  $^{15}\text{N}$  BRBD with rigosertib**

**$50\ \mu\text{M}$   $^{15}\text{N}$  BRBD; 200 mM NaCl; pH 7.4; 900 MHz**

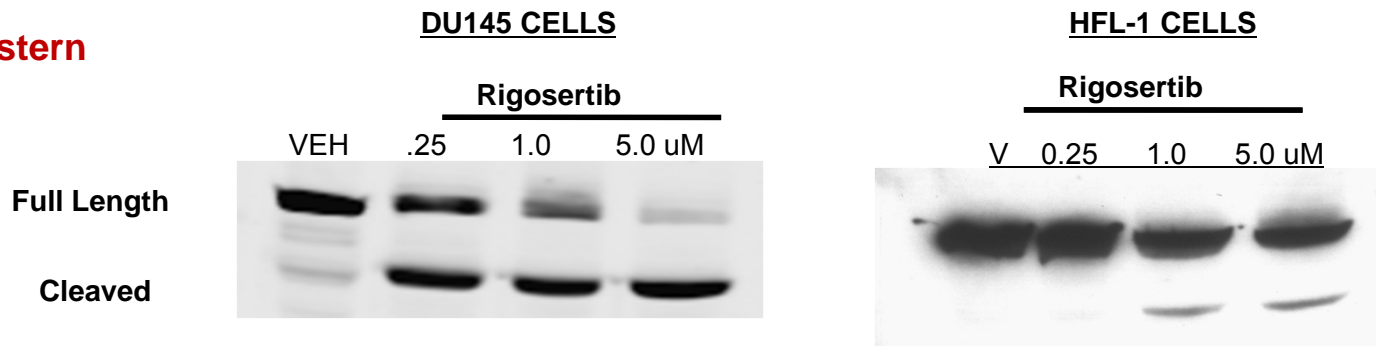
**Circles show the amino acid residues of Raf-RBD that come in contact with Rigosertib**

# Rigosertib Induces Apoptosis Only in Cancer Cells

## FACS Analysis: Rigosertib 24 HOUR TREATMENT



## PARP Western



DU145 (human prostate carcinoma) and HFL-1 (normal human fibroblasts) cells were treated with increasing concentrations of Rigosertib or DMSO (Vehicle) for 48 hours. Cells were harvested and total protein was resolved by 10% SDS-PAGE, western blotted and hybridized to anti-PARP.



**Rigosertib Development**  
**Steven M Fruchtman, M.D.**

**October 17, 2016**



# Oral Rigosertib in Combination with Azacitidine for MDS

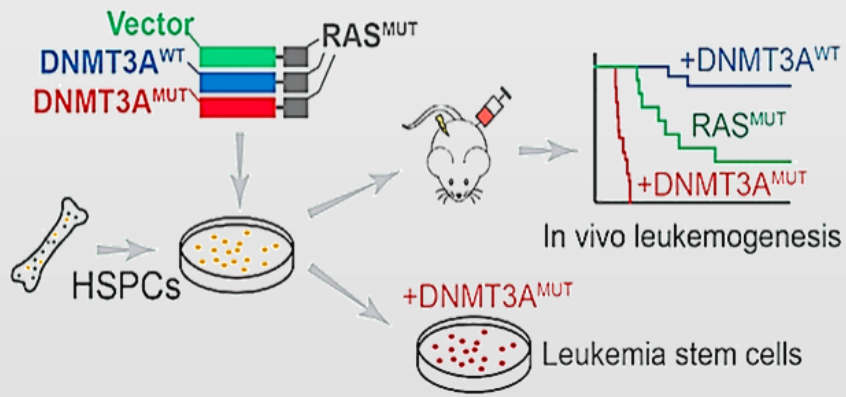
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# Epigenetic and Growth Factor Pathway Mutations Synergize Inducing Leukemic Transformation

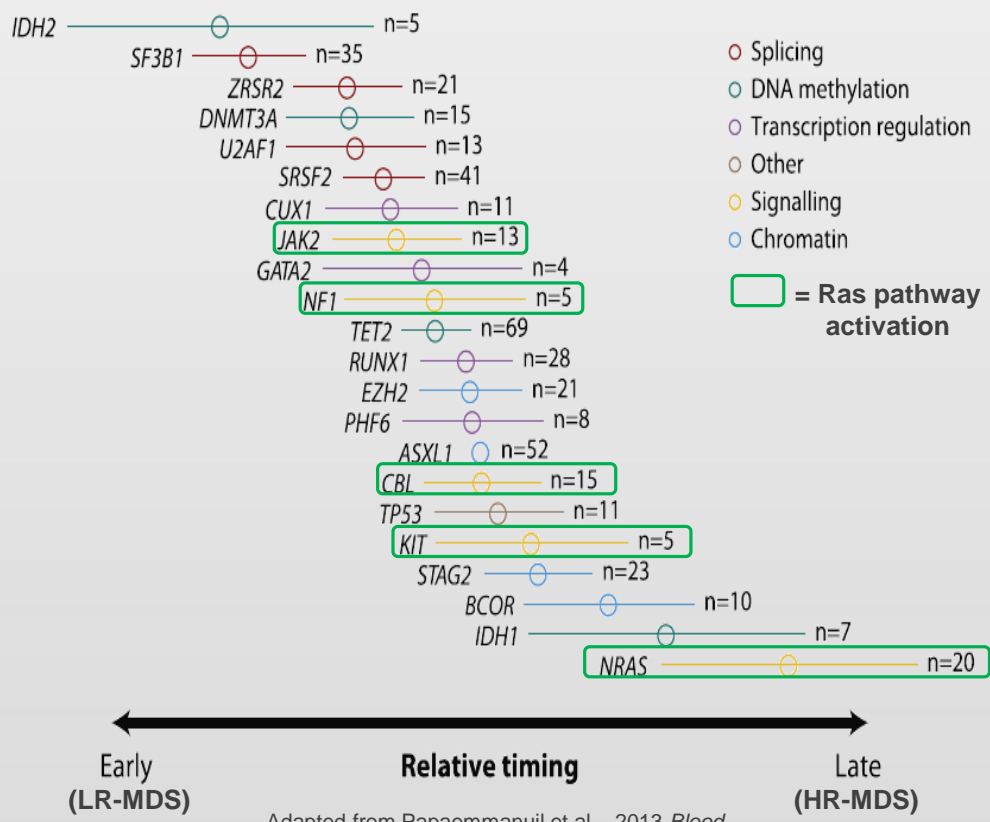


## AML Animal Model



Lu et al., 2016 *Cancer Cell*

## Temporal Order of Gene Mutations in 107 MDS Patients



**Pre-clinical/clinical evidence suggest combination of epigenetic therapy plus growth factor signaling inhibitor could be effective in curbing MDS pathogenesis**

# RIGOSERTIB AND AZACITIDINE ARE SYNERGISTIC AGAINST LEUKEMIA CELL LINES



- Combination of rigosertib with AZA produced an increase of 1.7- to 2.9-fold in cytotoxicity ( $p < 0.05$ ) in HL-60 cells\*
- Interaction resulted in a synergistic effect with combination indexes between 0.3 and 0.75
- **Sequence of administration influenced degree of cytotoxicity; rigosertib priming offered optimal results**
- These preclinical results provided rationale for combining agents in a Phase 1/2 study in MDS and AML patients with optimal sequence
- U.S. patent issued for combination therapy

\*Skidan I, Zinzar S, Holland J, Silverman. Toxicology of a novel small molecule ON01910Na on human bone marrow and leukemic cells in vitro. *AACR Meeting Abstracts*, Apr 2006:309

# Oral Rigosertib + Azacitidine for HMA Treatment Naive MDS



*In Higher-risk MDS patients:*

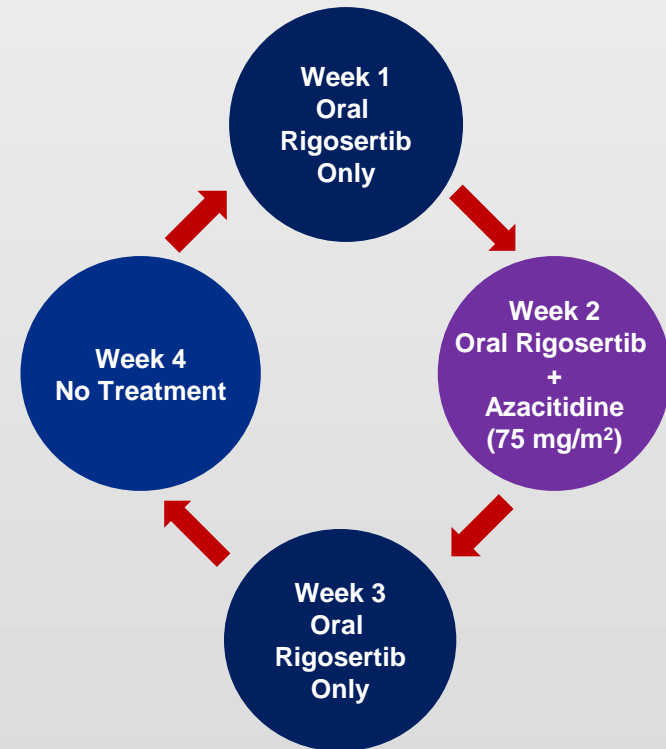
- Efficacy of single-agent DNMT\* inhibitors (HMAs) is limited
  - Low CR and PR rates (7-20%)
  - Limited median duration of benefit of ~15 months
- Combination with other agents is warranted
  - Combinations should not add burdensome toxicities
- DNMT inhibition in combination with novel mechanisms may improve response rates and duration of benefit

*\*DNA Methyl Transferase inhibitors are also known as Hypomethylating Agents (HMAs)*



# Rigosertib + Azacitidine Combination

- Phase 1 combination was well tolerated
  - Evidence of efficacy in patients with MDS\*
- Azacitidine given one week per month
  - Full dose and administrative scheme per label
- Rigosertib given 3 of 4 weeks; and initially
  - Recommended Phase 2 dose of 560/280 mg BID
- Adverse event profile of combination similar to single-agent azacitidine (per label)



\*Navada S, Garcia-Manero G, Wilhelm F, et al. A phase I/II study of the combination of oral rigosertib and azacitidine in patients with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) or acute myeloid leukemia (AML). *ASH* 2014; Abstract 3252.



# Phase 2 Rigosertib + Azacitidine

*Interim Phase 2 data –ASH 2015 (Update ASH 2016)*

- Overall response rate of 84% in 19 patients who never received an HMA
- Overall response rate of 64% in 11 patients who received prior HMA
- HMA naïve and HMA failure patients received same dose/schedule of treatment with combination

## Response Assessment per 2006 IWG Criteria

Patient Characteristics	Eval (n=30)	HMA Naïve/1 <sup>st</sup> -line (n=19)	HMA Failure*/2 <sup>nd</sup> -line (n=11)
Complete Remission (CR %)	6/30 (20)	5/19 (26)	1/11 (9)
Overall Response Rate (ORR %)	23/30 (77)	16/19 (84)	7/11 (64)

\*8 patients received previous therapy with azacitidine, 2 with decitabine and 1 with both HMAs; prior HMA cycles ranged from 4-20



# Combination Program to Enter Pivotal Stage - 2017

- **Successful End-of-Phase 2 meeting with FDA in September 2016**
- **Agreement reached on patient population and primary approval endpoint**
  - **First-line Higher-risk MDS patients**
  - **Composite response endpoint of CR + PR**
- **Trial to be conducted with Corporate Partner Symbio in Japan**

## Key Parameters and Milestones for Oral Rigosertib + Azacitidine Program

Phase 3 Trial Design	Randomized Controlled	1:1 randomization between Aza + placebo and Aza + oral rigo
Primary Endpoint	Composite Response	Complete and Partial Response per IWG 2006 criteria
Regulatory Path	To be explored	Special Protocol Assessment (SPA), Fast-track and BTD*
Phase 2 Data	ASH 2016	Safety and efficacy, duration of response, subgroups
Final protocol	After FDA/EMA review	H1-2017
Trial start	Global trial	H2-2017

\*Breakthrough Designation

# INTRAVENOUS RIGOSERTIB INSPIRE PIVOTAL TRIAL

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# Single-agent IV Rigosertib for 2<sup>nd</sup>-line HR-MDS



## Rigosertib versus best supportive care for patients with high-risk myelodysplastic syndromes after failure of hypomethylating drugs (ONTIME): a randomised, controlled, phase 3 trial



*Guillermo Garcia-Manero, Pierre Fenaux, Aref Al-Kali, Maria R Baer, Mikkael A Sekeres, Gail J Roboz, Gianluca Gaidano, Bart L Scott, Peter Greenberg, Uwe Platzbecker, David P Steensma, Suman Kambhampati, Karl-Anton Kreuzer, Lucy A Godley, Ehab Atallah, Robert Collins Jr, Hagop Kantarjian, Elias Jabbour, Francois E Wilhelm, Nozar Azarnia, Lewis R Silverman, for the ONTIME study investigators\**

### Summary

**Background** Hypomethylating drugs are the standard treatment for patients with high-risk myelodysplastic syndromes. Survival is poor after failure of these drugs; there is no approved second-line therapy. We compared the overall survival of patients receiving rigosertib and best supportive care with that of patients receiving best supportive care only in patients with myelodysplastic syndromes with excess blasts after failure of azacitidine or decitabine treatment.

*Lancet Oncol* 2016

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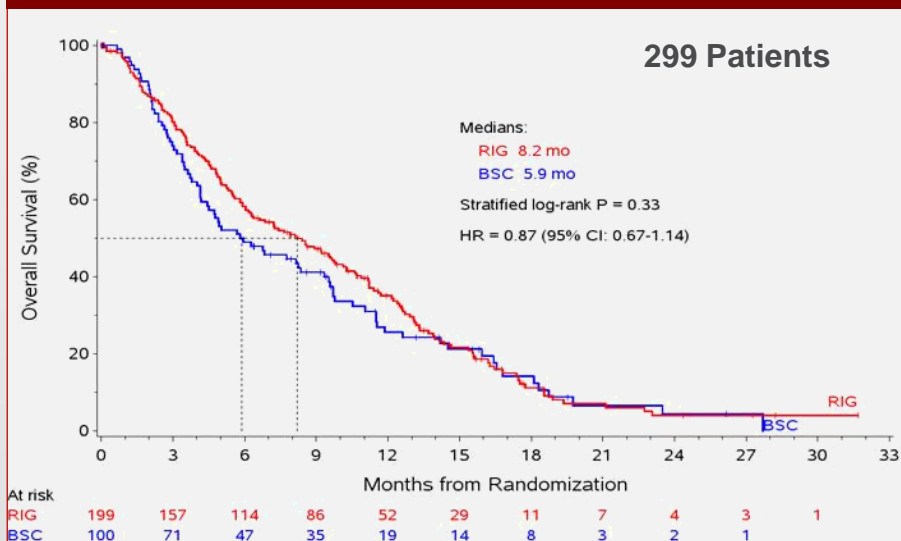
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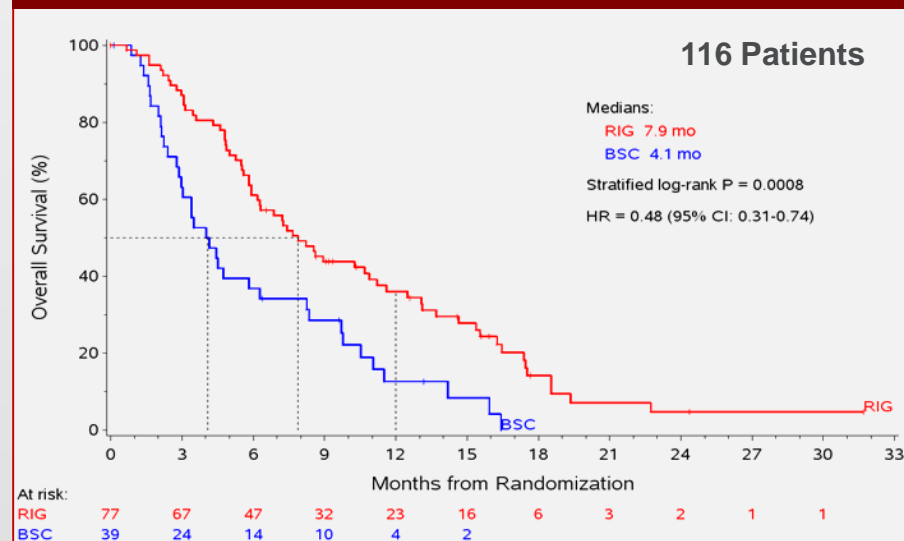
# Patient Population for Phase 3 INSPIRE Trial

Data from ONTIME Paper\* Recently Published in *Lancet Oncology*

ITT for ONTIME Trial



Subpopulation for INSPIRE Trial (ONTIME subset)

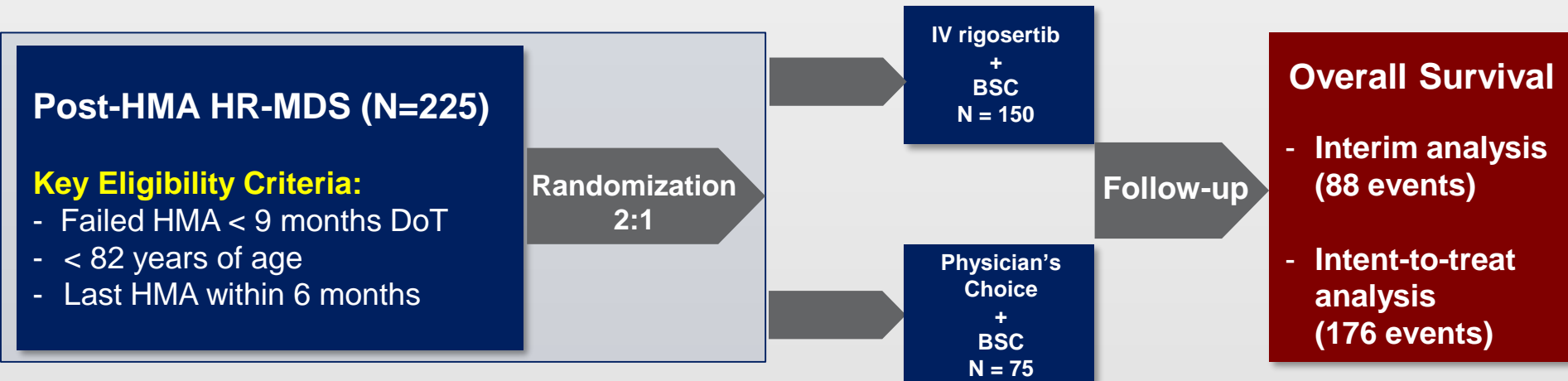


- ITT OS analysis of ONTIME – HR= 0.87; NS survival benefit
- ITT OS of proposed INSPIRE population – HR = 0.48; P = 0.0008

\*Guillermo Garcia-Manero, Pierre Fenaux, Aref Al-Kali, Maria R Baer, Mikkael A Sekeres, Gail J Roboz, et al. Rigosertib versus best supportive care for patients with higher-risk myelodysplastic syndromes after failure of hypomethylating drugs (ONTIME): a randomised, controlled, phase 3 trial; *The Lancet Oncology* 2016 (17): 496–508



# INSPIRE: Rigosertib Phase 3 Trial



- Statistical analysis: two analysis planned
  1. Power 0.80; Target HR < 0.625; (reduce mortality by > 37.5%)
  2.  $\alpha$  for ITT = 0.04;  $\alpha$  for IPSS-R VHR = 0.01
  3. Trial can succeed in two ways: ITT population or IPSS-R Very High Risk
- Genomic sequencing of patient samples

Commentary on new trial in recent publication: Emilio P Alessandrino, Matteo G Della Porta. Novel trial designs for high-risk myelodysplastic syndromes; *The Lancet Oncology* 2016 (17): 410–412



# INSPIRE Trial Progress

The **IN**ternational **Study** of **Phase III IV RigosErtib**, or **INSPIRE**, is based on guidance received from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and European Medicines Agency and derives from the findings of the ONTIME Phase 3 trial. Our partner SymBio is enrolling patients in Japan after discussions with the PMDA.

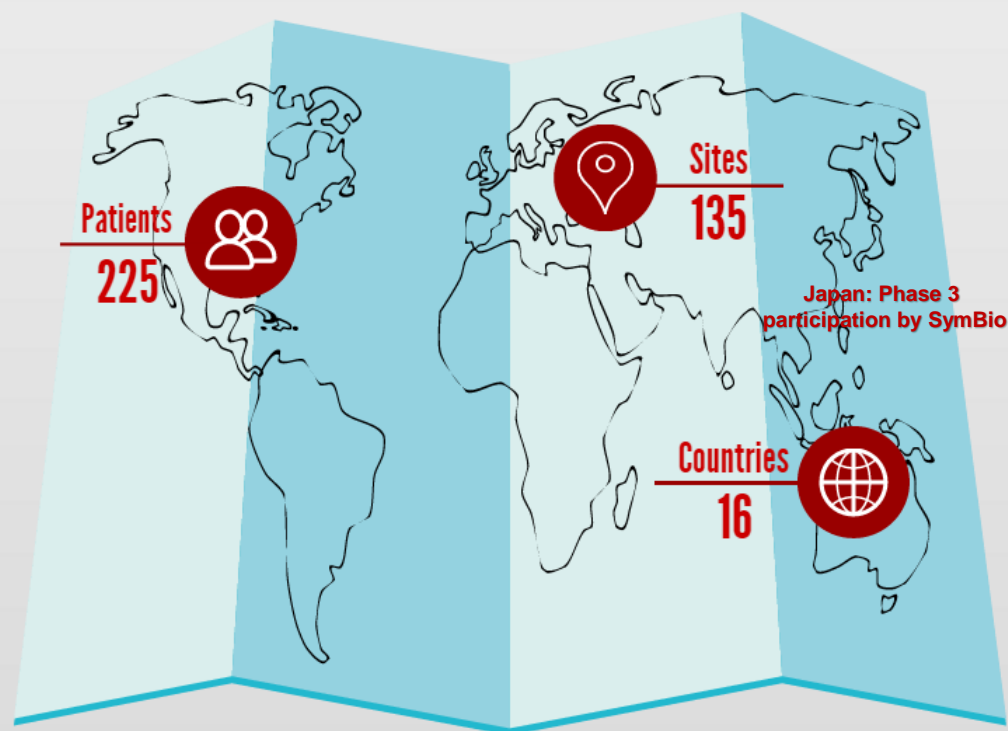
## INSPIRE

### Goals:

- 16 countries
- 135 sites
- 225 randomized patients

### Status:

- 120+ sites activated
  - U.S., Europe, Japan, Australia, Israel



Interim analysis planned for H2-2017

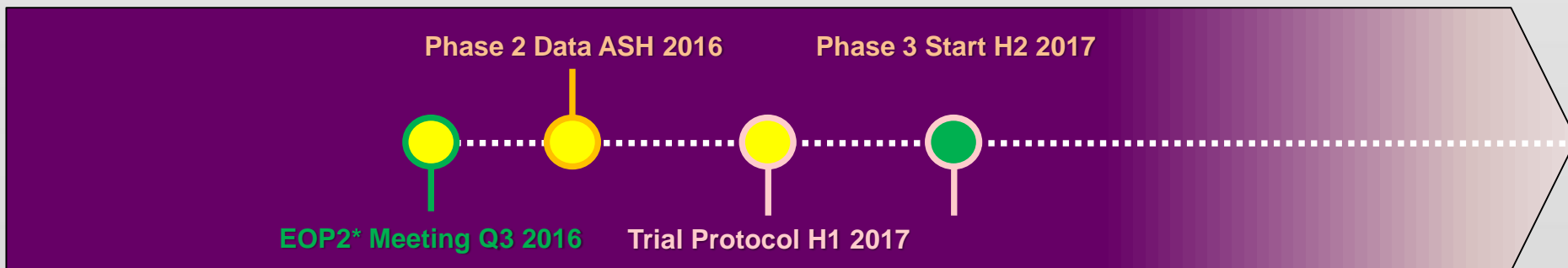


# Pivotal Trial Timelines

## Timeline for INSPIRE Global Trial



## Timeline for Pivotal trial of Oral Rigosertib + Azacitidine



\*EOP2: End of Phase 2 meeting: completed in September 2016

# Thank you

