

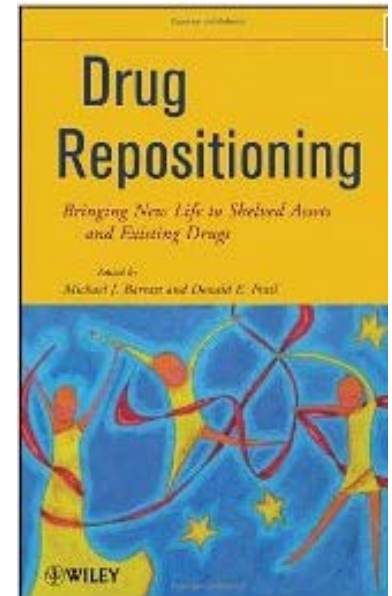
# Genomics-Enabled Drug Repurposing and Repositioning: A Workshop:

## *State of the Science: Industry*

**Don Frail**

VP, Emerging Innovations  
AstraZeneca iMED Biotech

Institute of Medicine: June 2013



**VIAGRA®**  
(sildenafil citrate) tablets

Angina to male  
sexual dysfunction... ...and on to PAH

**Revatio®**  
sildenafil

**Cymbalta®**  
duloxetine HCl

From depression  
to fibromyalgia

From hypertension to  
male pattern baldness

**Rogaine®**

**THALOMID®**  
(thalidomide) capsules

From morning sickness to  
multiple myeloma

# One View of Drug Repositioning



**“Bring out your dead...”**

“Safe but discontinued compounds sitting on the shelf”

# Another View of Drug Repositioning

## Three Key Strategic Elements

### Compounds

#### Access to compounds

“Taking them off the shelf”

- Therapeutic index
- Length and route of administration
- Drug API, drug product, dosage
- Placebo, blinding, distribution
- Exclusivity: patent life, encumbrances

### Indications

Core areas or opportunistic?

- True unmet need
- Standard of care
- Payer reimbursed

### Ideas/Partners

#### Maximizing idea generation

- Knowledge mining
- Genetics/Transcriptional profiling
- Phenotypic screening
- in-silico
- Open innovation/ Crowd sourcing
- Many others...

# Repositioning Efforts

## *Who's involved*

### **Pharma**

- “Business as usual”
- Dedicated group
  - Pfizer’s Indications Discovery Group, AstraZeneca’s “New Opportunities iMED; Takeda’s efforts; GSK’s “External Drug Discovery”

### **Biotechs**

- e.g. Intellikine with PKD Foundation

### **Non-profits**

- e.g. MJFF, LLS, PKD
- Cures Within Reach

### **Academia**

- Funding bodies (e.g. MRC, NIH)
- A growing number of investigators

# AZ-MRC Partnership For Translational Research

## *The power of open innovation*

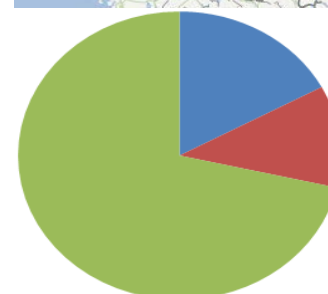
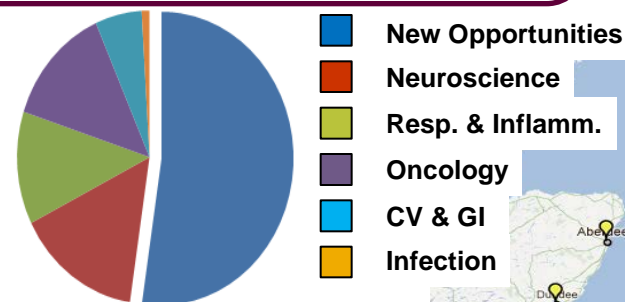
AstraZeneca

Medical  
Research  
Council  
MRC

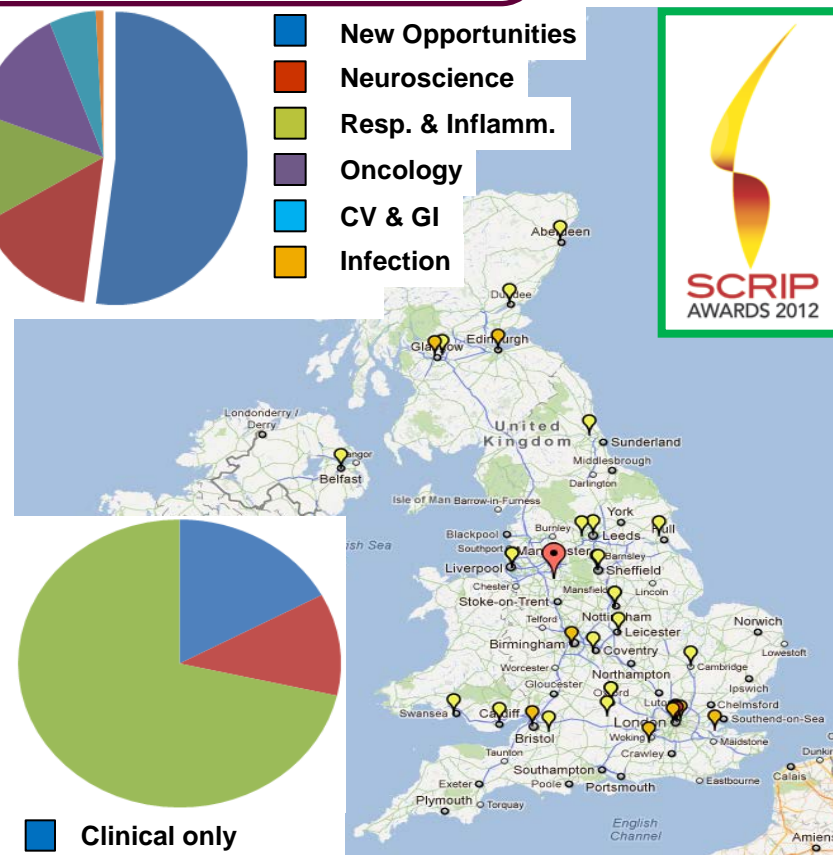
Investigators  
and  
academic  
institutions

*“...to provide funds for eligible academic researchers to access a collection of high-quality AstraZeneca compounds in order to support studies to investigate human mechanisms of disease and the development of potential therapeutic interventions”.*

- 22 compounds
- >100 clinical and pre-clinical proposals from 37 UK institutions
- Proposals submitted on all compounds & across a broad span of disease areas
- 8 preclinical and 7 clinical selected for funding by MRC (~\$10M)



■ Clinical only  
■ Clinical & Pre-clinical  
■ Pre-clinical



# 'Open Innovation' Alliance Models

Virtual iMED 'New Opportunities' Forms Alliances to Explore Utility of Existing Drug Candidates in New Disease Areas

**Academic partnerships**



**Dec, 2011**



- MRC committed up to £10M to fund studies on AZ compounds
- Proposals received in 8 week call period from 37 UK institutions
- Proposals span core and adjacent/white space indications
- Multiple preclinical and clinical collaborative projects being funded

**May, 2012**



- NIH "New Therapeutics for Existing Molecules" Initiative announced May 2012
- Up to \$20M in 1<sup>st</sup> year; Eight partners
- Request for Proposals in June, 2012
- Clinical projects

**Next steps...**

- Evaluating models for broader open innovation

**Strategic partnerships with biotech and/or pharma e.g Alcon, Galderma**

# Repositioning In Industry

## *Potential barriers to committing to a dedicated strategy*

- Companies typically declare areas of focus
  - Greater economies of scale
    - Leverages internal expertise, existing sales channels
- A distraction to the current project team and organization
- Considered part of the project team's responsibilities
  - Life cycle management
  - “What ifs?” – e.g. two indications with pricing differences
- Limited compounds
- Limited capital to invest
- Not considered innovative

# Drug Repositioning With Discontinued Compounds

## *The challenges for industry...*

- Updating the INDs, IBs
- All existing information – CMC, safety, clinical study reports
  - Program may have closed out before all data was in
  - Qualified drug product, clinical supply, package/labeling, placebo
- Analytical methods, PK of samples
- Safety review – human limits relevant to the proposed study
- Pharmacovigilance
- Infrastructure to support Investigator Initiated Studies or out-licensing
- Legal agreements – CDAs, Collaborative agreements, ISS agreements
- Patents, exclusivity – costs, remaining patent life, data exclusivity



# Drug Repositioning With Live or Discontinued Compounds

## *Why some projects won't proceed...*

- Company does not have an appropriate compound
- No patent or regulatory “exclusivity”
- Low probability of success
- Payer reimbursement challenges
- Market is too small (# patients or low price)
- No defined regulatory approval endpoints

# Orphan Drug Space

## *The Opportunity*

### **Highest priced orphan drugs**

1. Solaris, nocturnal hemoglobinuria (Alexion) - \$440,000/yr (~\$1.1 B, 2012)
2. Elaprase, Hunter's Syndrome (Shire) - \$375,000/yr (\$590 M, 2012)
3. Naglazyme, Maroteaux-Lamy syndrome (Biomarin) - \$365,000/yr (\$257 M, 2012)
4. Cinryze, hereditary angioedema (ViroPharma) - \$350,000/yr (\$327 M, 2012)
5. Folutyn, peripheral T-cell lymphoma (Alios) - \$320,000 (\$53 M, 2012)

(source = Evaluate on-line)

### **Among the top Selling Orphan Drugs**

- Rituxan – ~\$7.0 B (2012)
- Revlimid - ~3.8 B (2012)
- Lucentis – ~\$1.8 (2011)

(source = Evaluate on-line)

# Orphan Drug Space

## *Participation by industry*

### **Pharma:**

- \$28.8 B (11% of total revenue)
- e.g. GSK's Rare Diseases; Pfizer's Rare Disease Research Unit (RDRU); Sanofi's Rare Diseases

### **Specialty:**

- \$11.9 B (38% of total revenue)
- e.g. Shire, Celgene

### **“Pure Play”:**

- \$3.7 B (81% of total revenue)
- e.g. Biomarin, Actelion, Cydan

### **Has the industry view of orphan diseases changed?**

- A shift from primary care focus to specialty care focus
- A change in pharma blockbuster mentality???
- Is there a revenue “threshold” to pursue?

# Another View of Drug Repositioning

## Three Key Strategic Elements

### Compounds

#### Access to compounds

“Taking them off the shelf”

- Therapeutic index
- Length and route of administration
- Drug API, drug product, dosage
- Placebo, blinding, distribution
- Exclusivity: patent life, encumbrances

### Indications

Core areas or opportunistic?

- True unmet need
- Standard of care
- Payer reimbursed

### Ideas/Partners

#### Maximizing idea generation

- Knowledge mining
- [Genetics/Transcriptional profiling](#)
- Phenotypic screening
- in-silico
- Open innovation/ Crowd sourcing
- Many others...

# Questions?