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Artificial Intelligence Drug Discovery — Where are we now?

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Featuring these leading scientists...



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Matt Segall is the CEO of Optibrium Ltd, which provides integrative, intuitive software for small molecule design, optimisation and data analysis. From advanced artificial intelligence technologies to user-friendly drug design platforms, such as StarDrop™ and Cerella™, all Optibrium products and services are backed up by rigorous scientific research and support scientists in their decision making throughout the drug discovery process. Dr Segall has a Masters of Science in Computation from the University of Oxford and a PhD in Theoretical Physics from the University of Cambridge.



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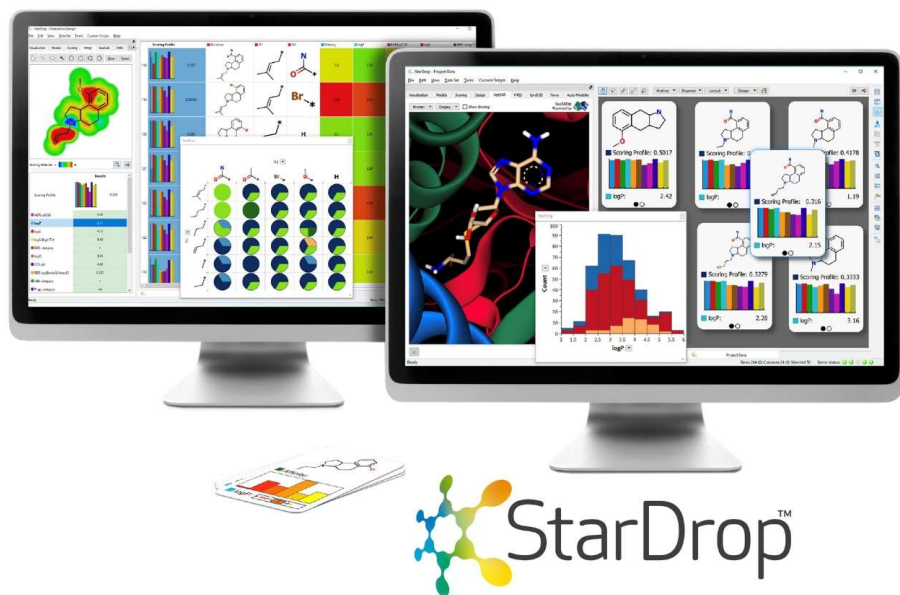
Alpha Lee is the Co-founder and Chief Scientific Officer of PostEra, a biotechnology company specializing in machine learning for preclinical drug discovery. The company focuses on using advances in machine learning to close the Design-Make-Test cycle of Medicinal Chemistry. Dr. Lee has a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Imperial College London and Masters of Mathematical Modeling and Scientific Computing and PhD degrees from University of Oxford.

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Saving your Questions to the end

Introduction to Optibrium



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About PostEra

*We are building the world's best
Chemistry AI platform to get more cures to patients*

Founders are scientists trained at Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard and Yale who pioneered the latest advances in AI for Medicinal Chemistry

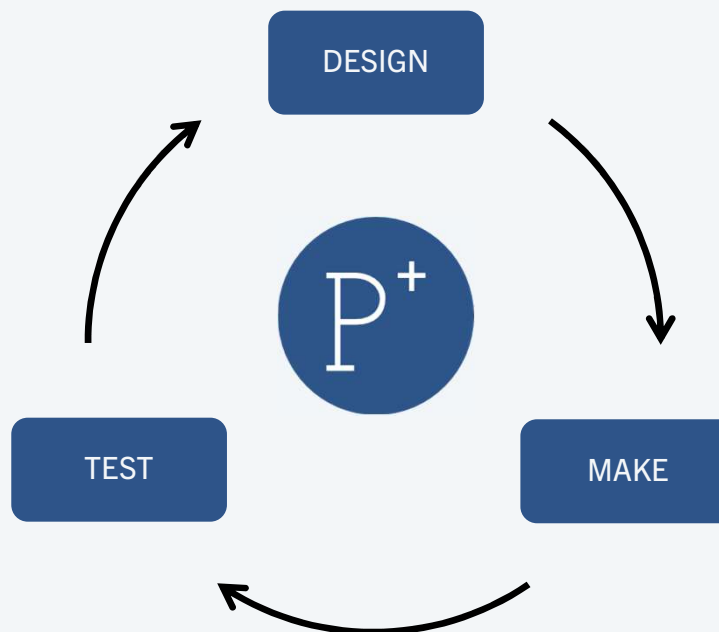
\$370M deal value in 2022 from Pfizer and the NIH

Launched **COVID Moonshot** and achieved zero-to-candidate in 18 months | **\$10M grant** to prepare for Phase I trial

PostEra is developing its own drug pipeline and establishing a limited set of deep pharma partnerships to complement our overall portfolio

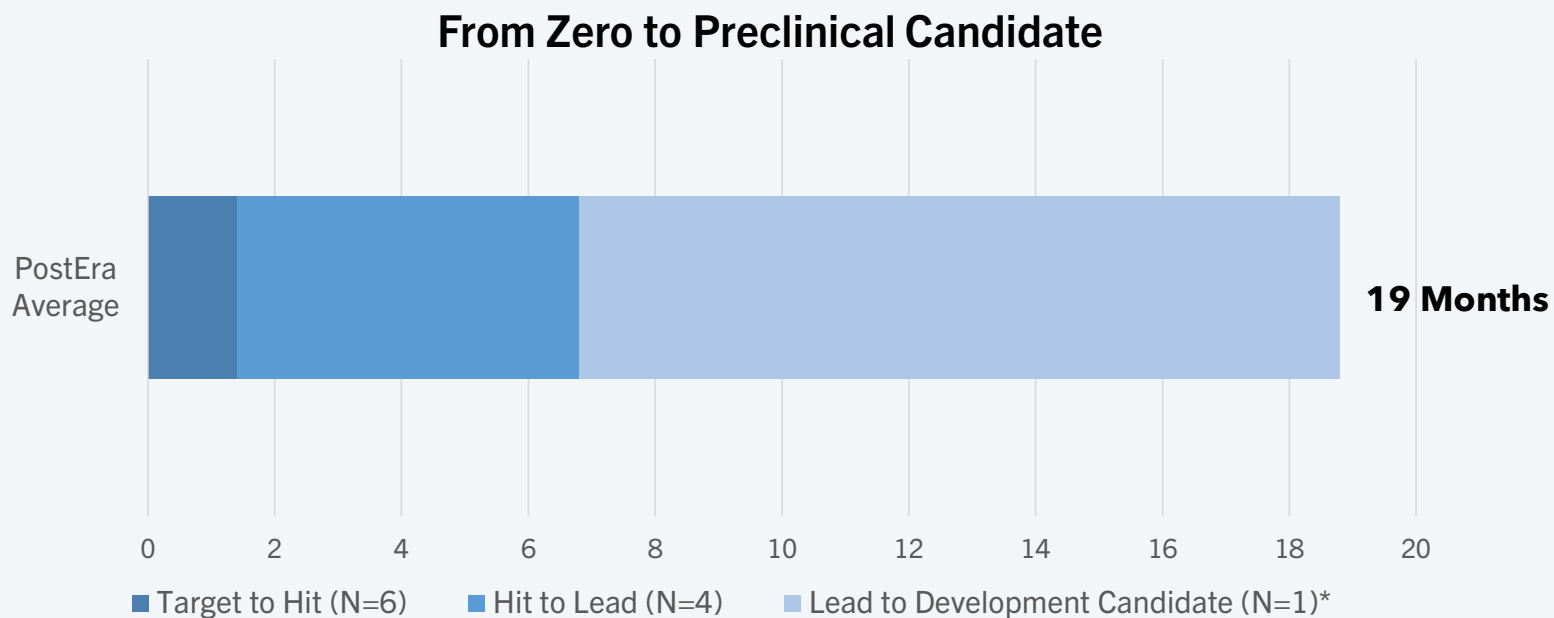
PostEra's Proton Platform

- *Proton* is PostEra's end-to-end machine learning platform for medicinal chemistry
- We use *Proton* to develop small molecule drug candidates from zero to DC
- We address key challenges at each stage of the DMT cycle:
 - **DESIGN:** Low-data models to extract chemical signal from noise
 - **MAKE:** Synthesis-driven design for rapid data generation without combi-chem weaknesses
 - **TEST:** Probabilistic modelling to optimally select molecules for assays



Our platform has accelerated programs across a diversity of challenges

- GPCRs, kinases, proteases, and ion channels
- Disease areas: Viral infections, metabolic diseases, oncology, and CNS.
- Covalent peptidomimetic → Non-covalent, small molecule
- Majority programs worked on novel biology and/or first-in-class therapeutics
- Pure phenotypic assays
- Fragment-based starting points



*3 structurally differentiated candidates

About Standigm

Standigm (which came from the 'standard paradigm') was founded in **2015** by three co-founders with different expertise in **AI, systems biology, and chemical engineering**.

Our leading technology includes **Standigm ASK™** (target ID) and **Standigm BEST™** (novel compound design).

We have conducted collaborative projects with **more than 20** partners.

TEAM



PhD Degree 48%
Master or higher 76%

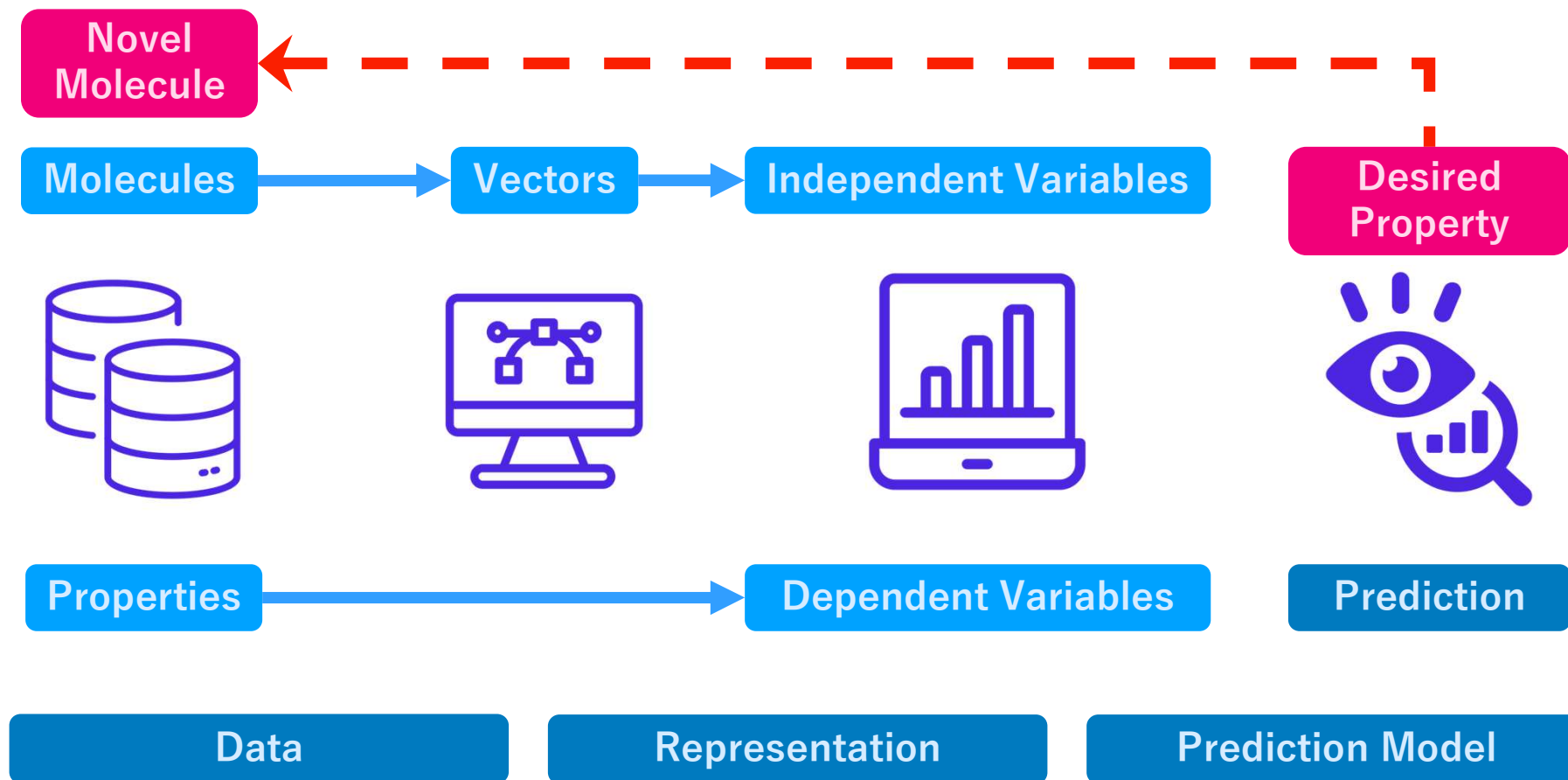
- AI Scientists & Engineers 36%
- Biologists, Systems Biologists & Pharmacists 38%
- Computational & Medicinal Chemists 26%



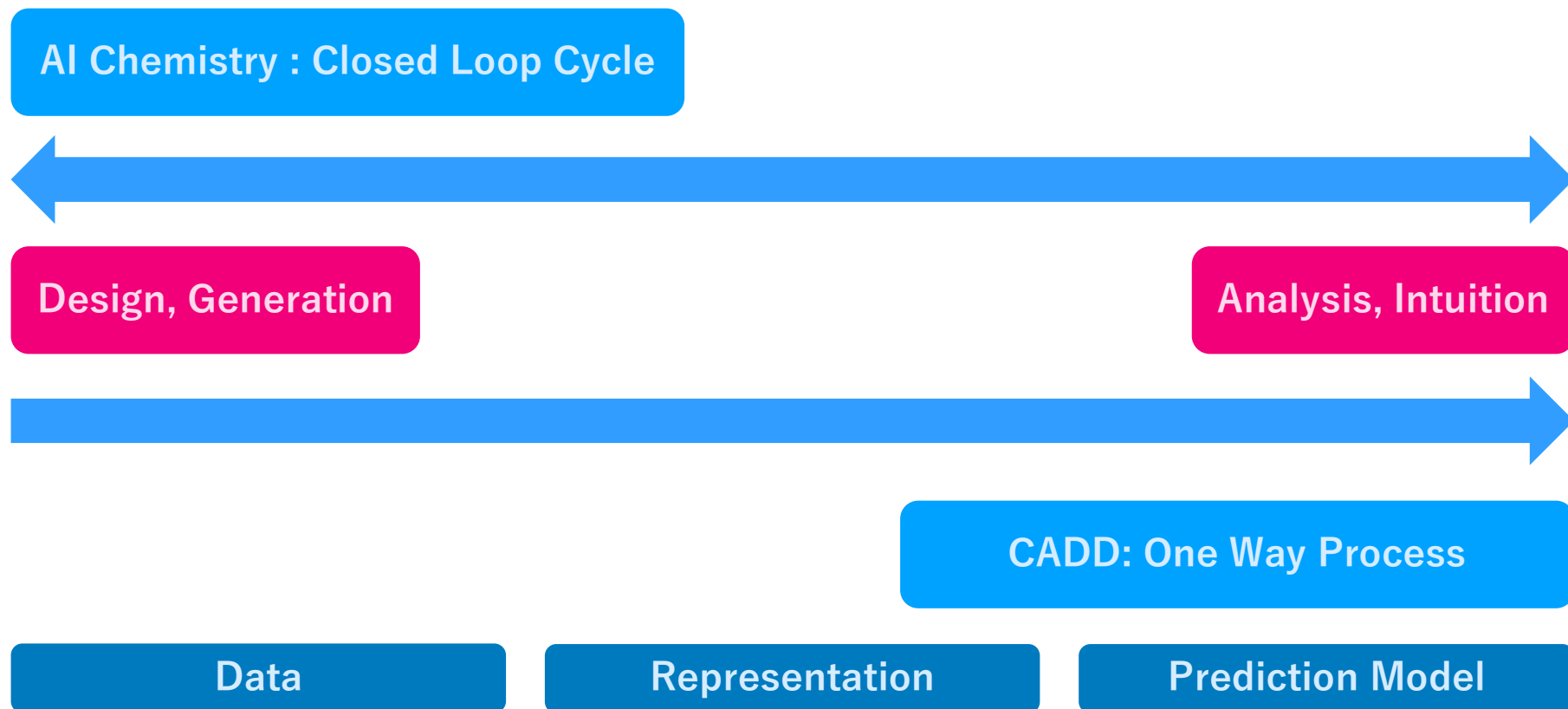
AI is not magic!



Generative Chemistry



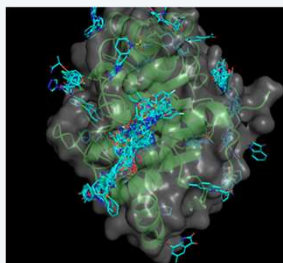
AI Chemistry vs CADD



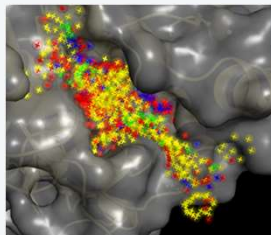
How does PostEra DESIGN molecules?

Hit Identification – Fragments to Hits

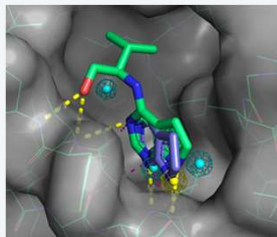
Crystallographic
fragment screen



Identify interaction
patterns as a
pharmacophore
field

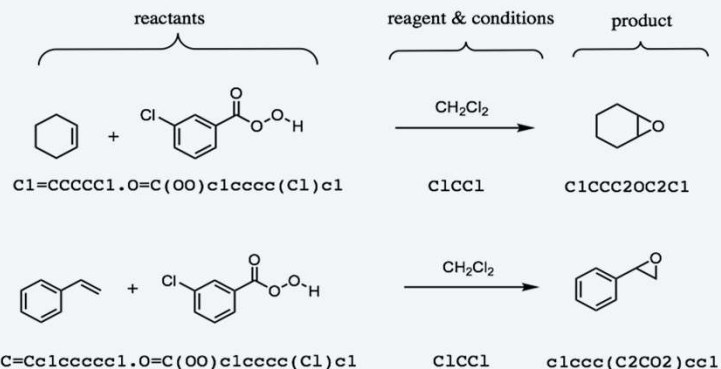


Generate hits that
fit persistent
pharmacophore
patterns



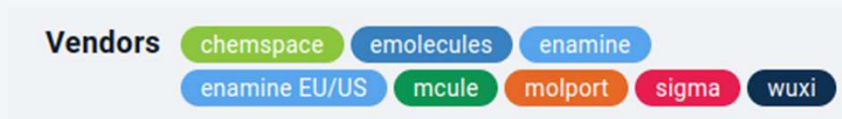
How does PostEra MAKE molecules?

- We learn the rules of chemistry using a **natural language processing** approach.



- Our **Molecular Transformer** model is state-of-the-art.
- Molecular Transformer is competitive with expert chemists.
- We combine MT with the industry's largest collection of **CRO catalogs** enabling efficient retrosynthesis

| | Jin et al. (2017) | IBM (2018) | Coley et al. (2019) | Molecular Transformer |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Test set accuracy | 79.6% | 80.3% | 85.6% | 90.4% |

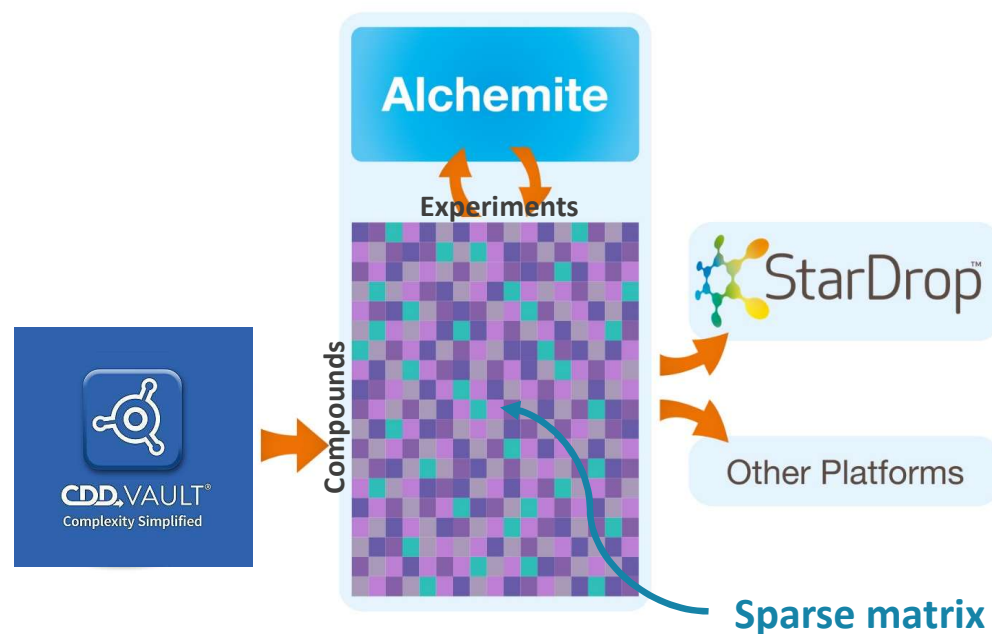


Seamless Integration of Data and AI in the Cloud

CDD Vault™ and Cerella™



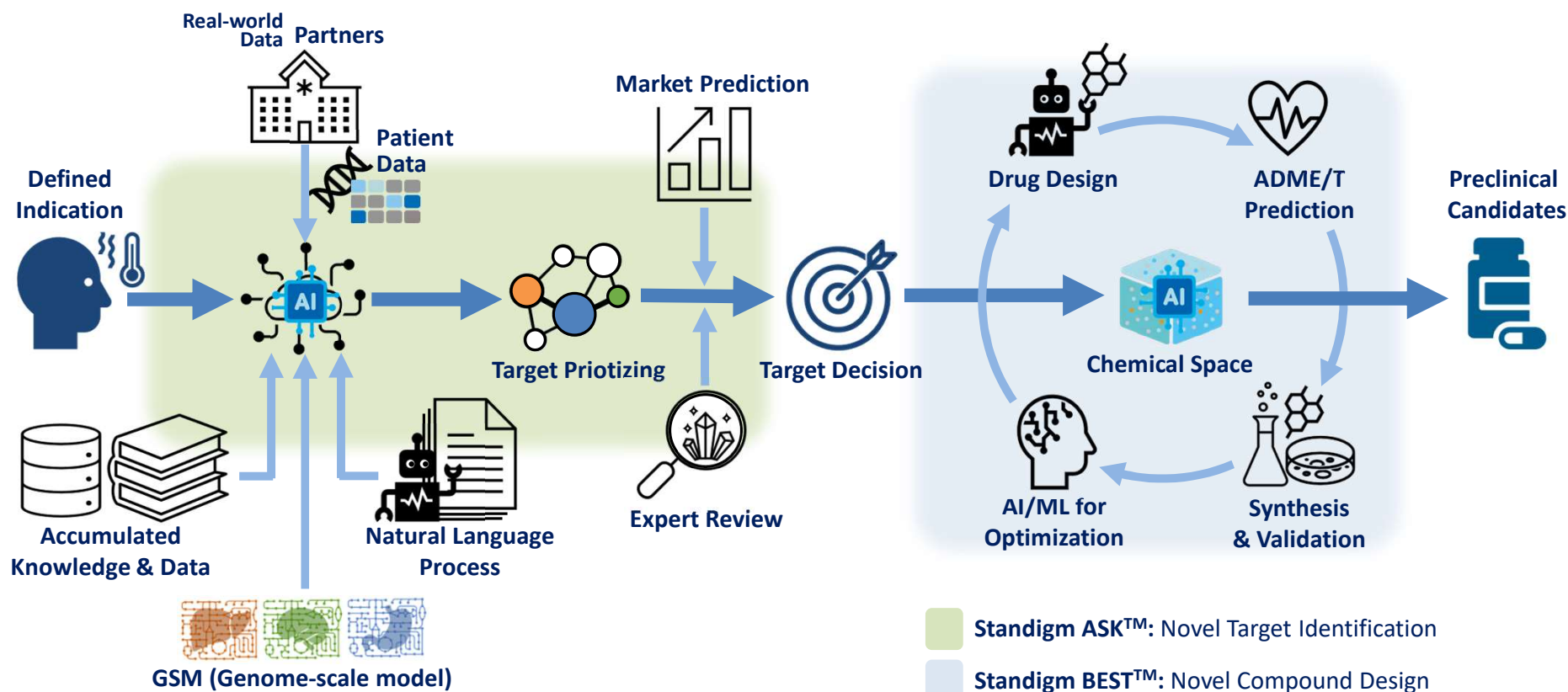
- Deploys the unique Alchemite™ method for deep learning imputation
 - Proven success in diverse drug discovery applications
- Automatically updates and prepares data from CDD Vault for model building
 - Applies cleaning and business rules to data
 - Transforms data for best model performance
- Updates Alchemite models as new data become available
- Manages ‘massive matrix’ of imputed and experimental results for easy access
 - May contain $O(10^{10})$ data points!
- Provides seamless access to results
 - Using StarDrop or any platform via a RESTful API



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The Standigm Technology

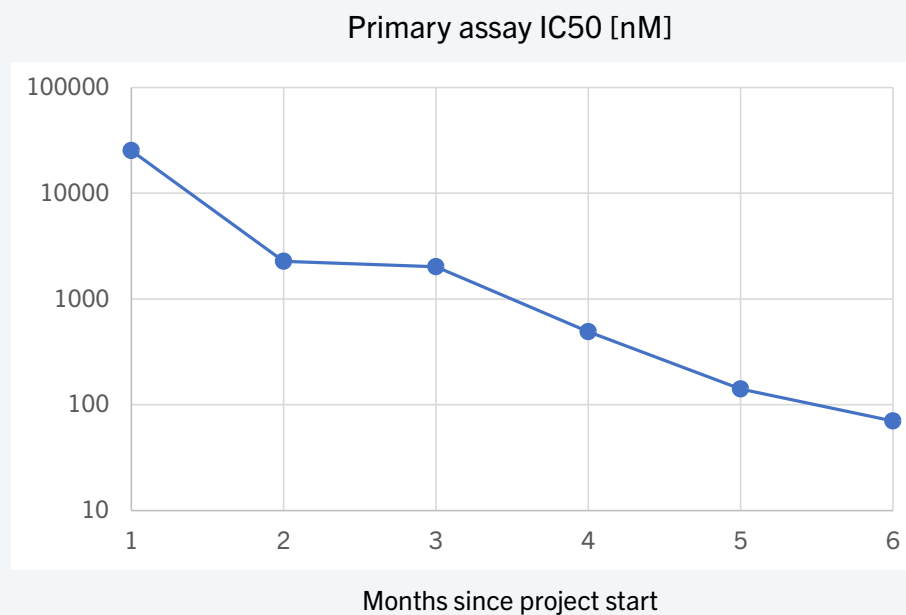
End-to-End Solution from disease to drug candidates



Case Study: Macrodomein

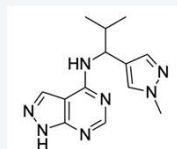
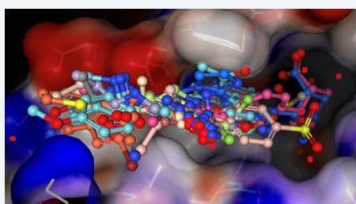
- SARS-CoV-2 nsp3-mac1 is a viral ADP-ribosyl hydrolase, conserved across coronaviruses, hypothesized to counteract host immune response.
- Potential first-in-class therapeutic. MoA of viral-host immune interactions is distinct to current approved treatments.

- 350x potency gains in 6 months
- 5 FTE chemistry team
- 534 compounds made and tested

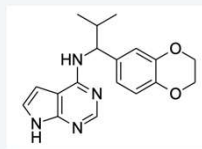


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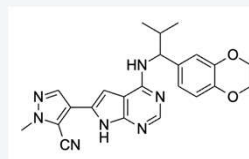
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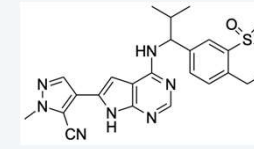
$IC_{50} = 43 \mu M$



$IC_{50} = 2.3 \mu M$



$IC_{50} = 520 \text{ nM}$



$IC_{50} = 25 \text{ nM}$

- **Pharmacophore based hit identification**
- One Design-Make-Test cycle
- Catalogue compound

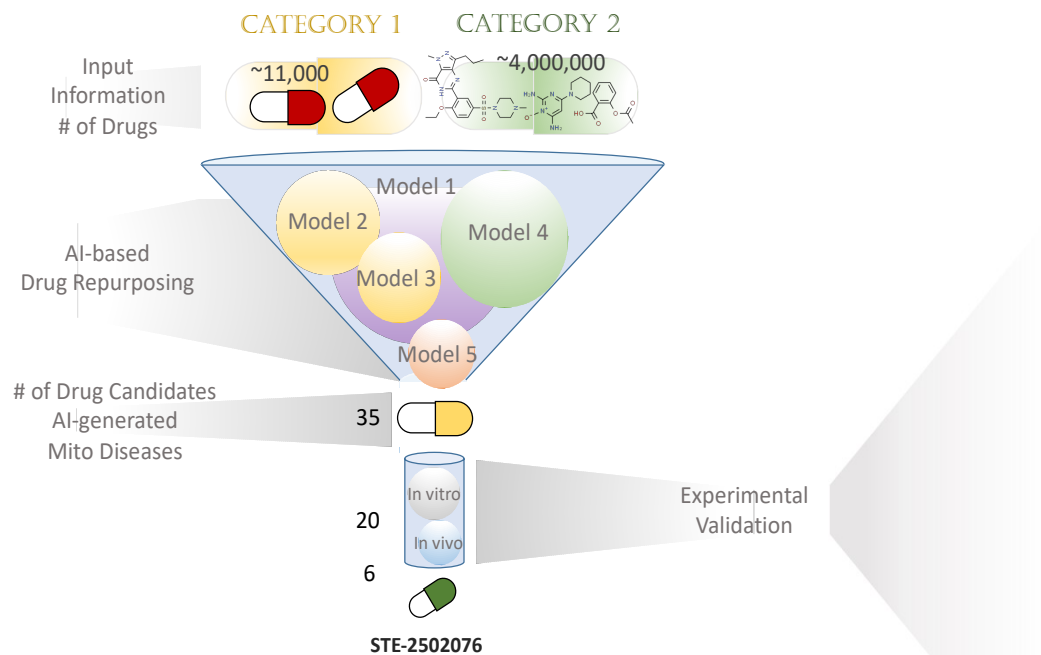
- Library design using **ML activity similarity**
- First tool compound to understand target-phenotype linkage

- Generative **Med Chem Move** to vary benzodioxane motif

| Property | Value |
|--|-----------|
| LogD | 3 |
| Mac1 HTRF $IC_{50}/\mu M$ | 0.5 |
| SARS-CoV-2 HelaACE2 $EC_{50}/\mu M$ | 1.3 (n=2) |
| MDCK-MDR1 Papp (A->B)/ (10^{-6} cm/s) | 4.2 |
| Kinetic solubility/ μM | 17 |
| Series screened against Eurofins kinase panel to derisk off-target due to "hinge-binder" motif | |

Models of Standigm Insight™

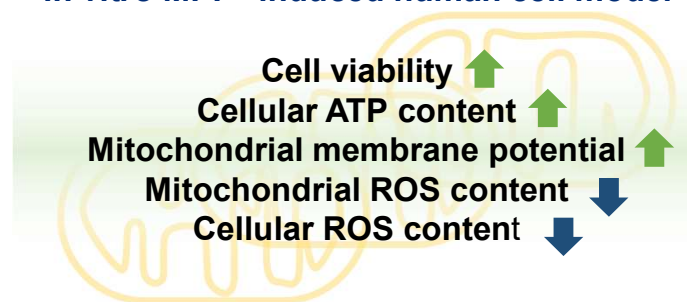
Seed group 1: Mito Biogenesis
 Seed group 2: Clinical trials for Mito D
 Seed group 3: Mitochondrial MOAs



- Model 1 Graphic knowledge database
- Model 2 Drug repurposing model based on the drug-perturbed transcriptional gene expression pattern
- Model 3 Clustering model of the pathophysiological property-embodied latent space of Module 2
- Model 4 Drug repurposing model based on structural and drug-like similarity
- Model 5 Drug-focused information searching model

Efficacy of STE-2502076 for Mitochondrial disease

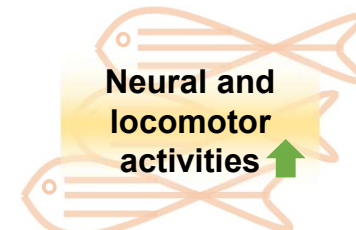
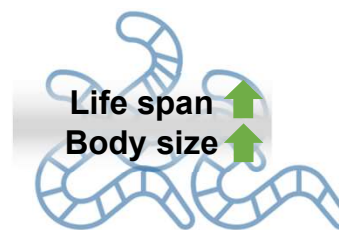
in vitro MPP⁺-induced human cell model



in vivo Mitochondrial disease animal models

C. elegans gas-1(fc21) model

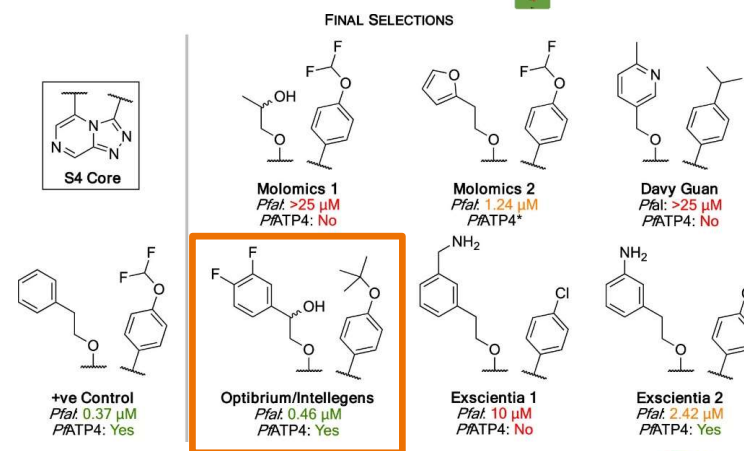
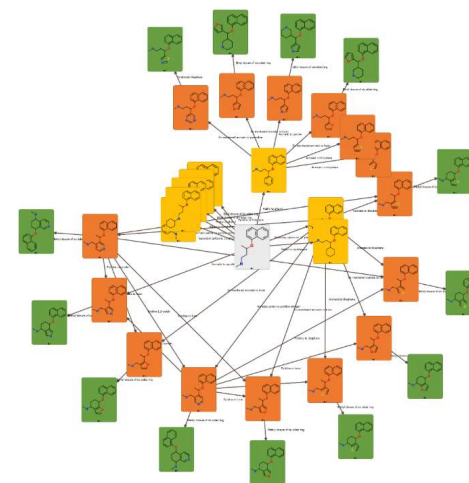
D. rerio surf1^{-/-} model



Collaboration with Open Source Malaria (OSM)

Combination of deep learning with generative chemistry methods

- Application of Cerella to **sparse antimalarial activity data**
 - Targeting novel MoA – *Pf*ATP4
- New compound ideas were generated using the generative chemistry methods in Inspyra™
 - Prioritised for good activity profile and properties
- A **confidently** predicted compound was synthesised and tested by OSM
 - **Only confirmed active** of those proposed by four organisations
- “The Optibrium/Intellegens suggestion... was thought by the human team to be a certain inactive... yet this compound displayed good potency and is a particularly useful outcome (i.e., the **“Machine Overlords” class**)”



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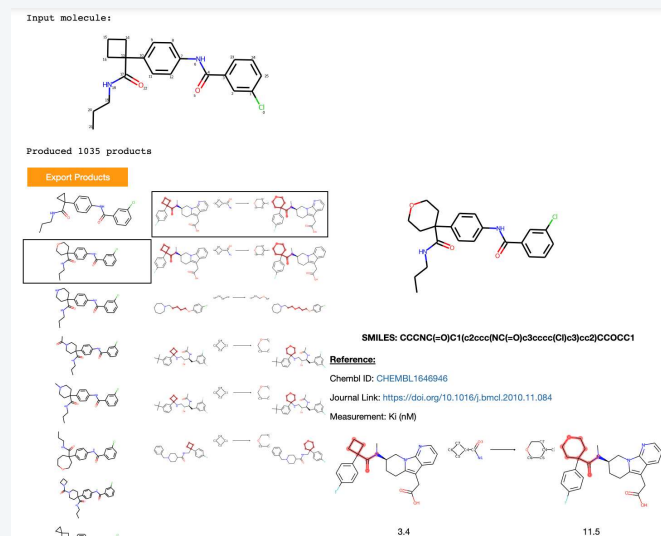
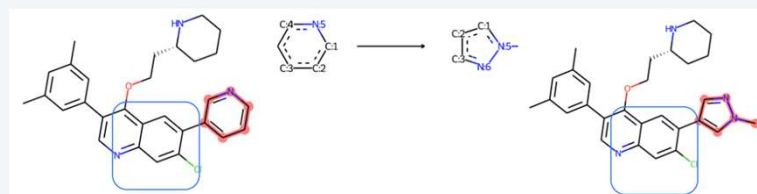
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How does PostEra DESIGN molecules?

Hit to Lead – MedChemMoves

1. Extract 10M chemical ‘moves’ from historical assays
2. Form ontologies of move ‘types’ for interpretable references
3. Score generated molecules



How to Maximise the Impact of AI in Drug Discovery



Algorithm



Proof of concept



Deployment and accessibility



Organisational change

Questions?



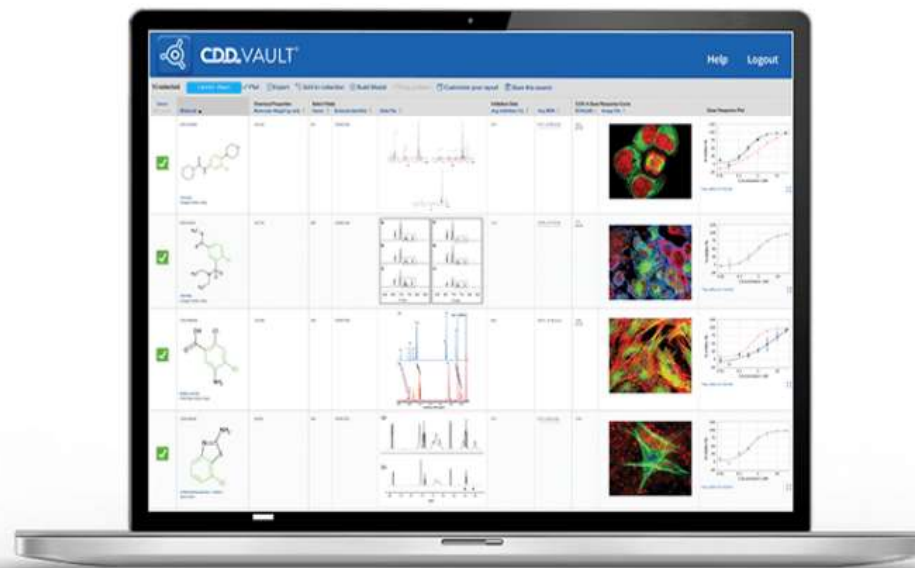
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