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## Pre-Clinical Research

"New Drugs Against TB"

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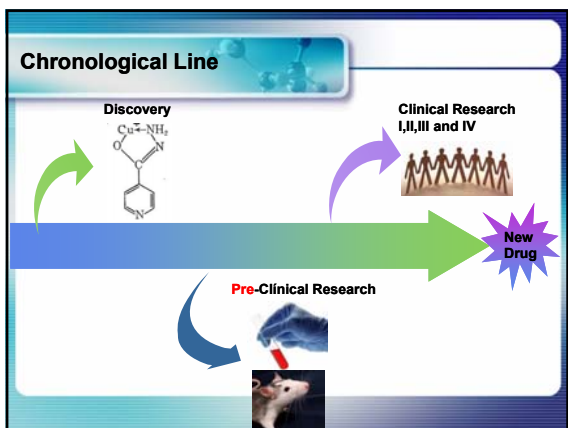
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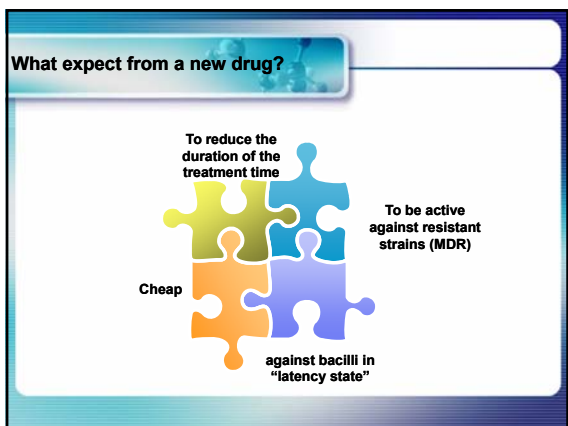
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**Biological Assays**  
*In vitro*

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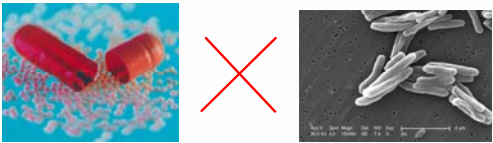
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**Screening - First Step**



"The new compound is active against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*?"

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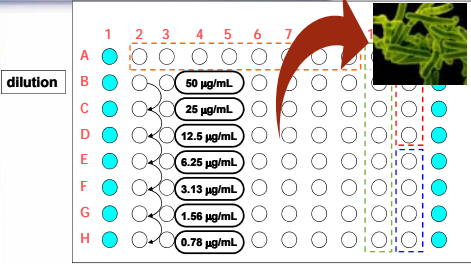
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**MIC – Minimum Inhibitory Concentration**

REMA  
Resazurin Microtiter Assay



dilution	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A	50 µg/mL								
B	25 µg/mL								
C	12.5 µg/mL								
D	6.25 µg/mL								
E	3.13 µg/mL								
F	1.56 µg/mL								
G	0.78 µg/mL								
H									

- - - - Positive Control      - - - - Compound Control  
 - - - - Negative Control      - - - - Reference Drug Control

J.C. Palomino, A. Martín, M. Camacho, H. Guerra, J. Swings, F. Portaels. ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS AND CHEMOTHERAPY, Aug. 2002, p. 2720-2722

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**MIC – Minimum Inhibitory Concentration** REMA  
Resazurin Microtiter Assay

O=C1C=CC(=O)N(C1)c2ccc(O)cc2  
resazurin

$\xrightarrow{\text{OH}^-}$

O=C1C=CC(=O)N(C1)c2ccc(O)cc2  
resofurin

Day 7

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**MIC – Minimum Inhibitory Concentration** RESULTS

MIC – 90% of Bacterial Death

Control	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
50 µg/mL	B	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
25 µg/mL	C	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
12.5 µg/mL	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
6.25 µg/mL	E	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
3.13 µg/mL	F	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
1.56 µg/mL	G	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
0.78 µg/mL	H	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Day 8

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**MIC – Minimum Inhibitory Concentration** RESULTS

**INTERPRETATION**

Fluorescence  
530/590 nm

100 X 1 - b/a

MIC 90%

Visual

MIC 90%

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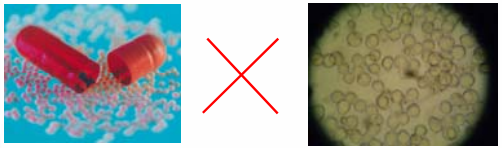
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**Screening - Second Step**



"The new compound is **toxic against eukaryotic cells?**"

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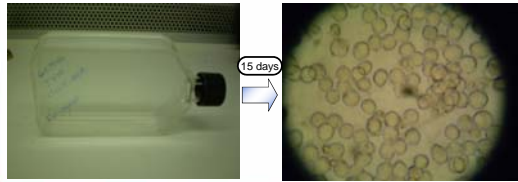
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**IC<sub>50</sub> - In vitro cytotoxicity** Murines tumor cell lines J774  
Cellular Culture

**J774** Murines tumor cell lines J774

The cells were routinely maintained with RPMI medium supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS), at 37°C in a humidified 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.




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**IC<sub>50</sub> - In vitro cytotoxicity** Methodology

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1x10 <sup>6</sup> cell/mL	A	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
	B	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
	C	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
	D	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
2x10 <sup>6</sup> cell/well	E	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	○
	F	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	○	○
	G	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	○	○
	H	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	○	○

24-48 hs

S. A. Ahmed, R.M. Gogal, J. E. Walsh. J IMMUNOL METHODS, v. 170 (2): p. 211-224, 1994.

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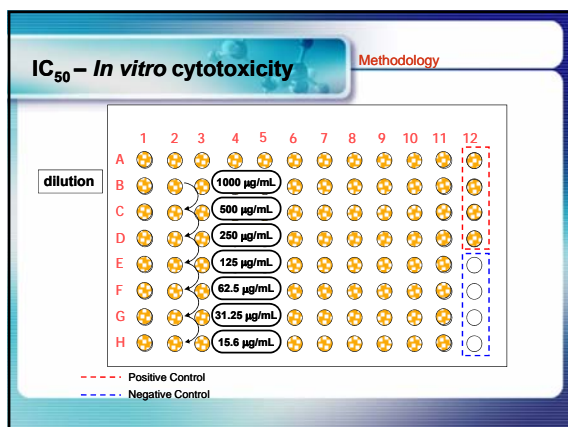
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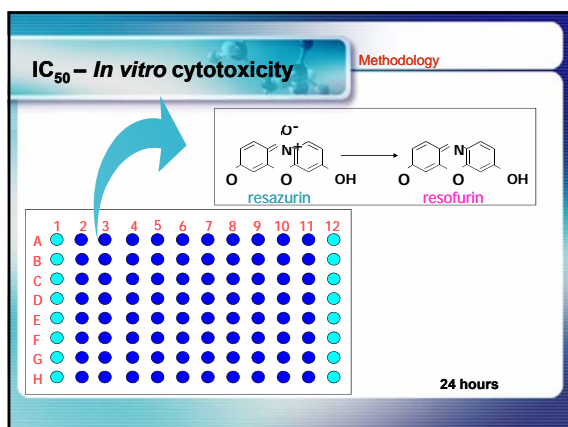
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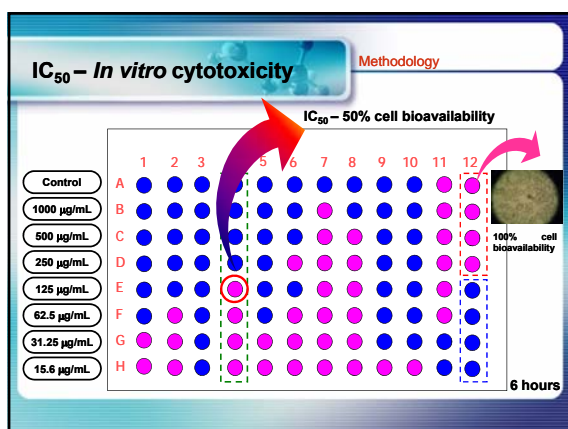
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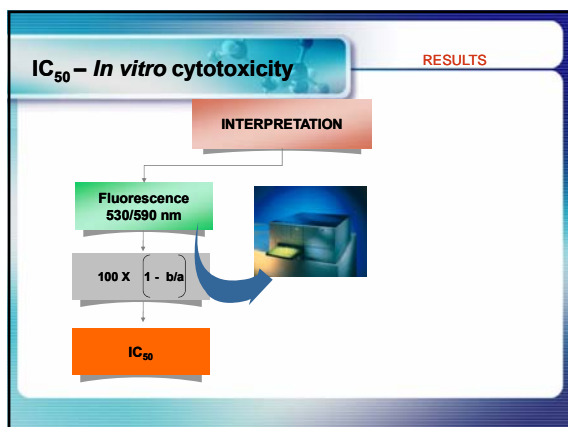
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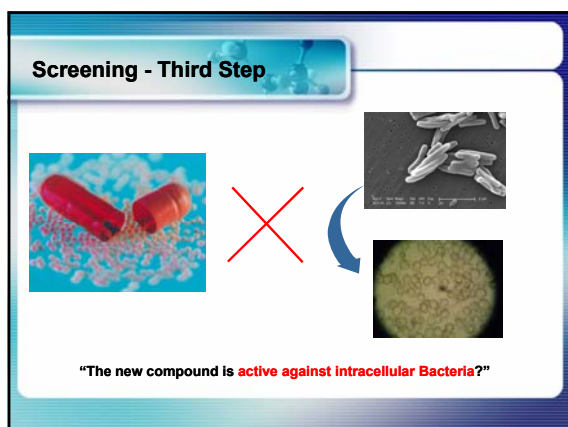
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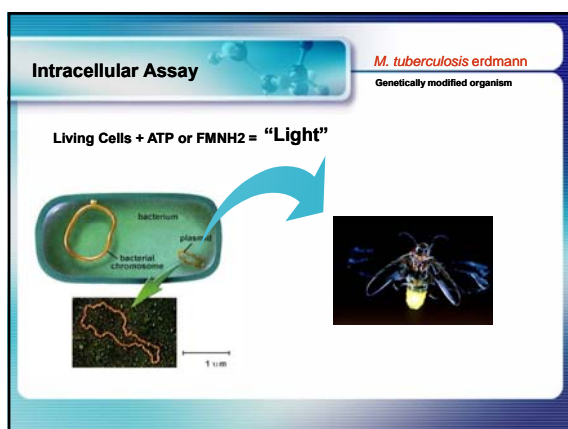
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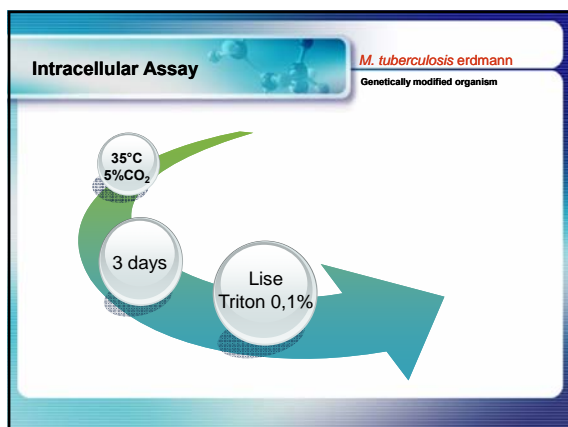
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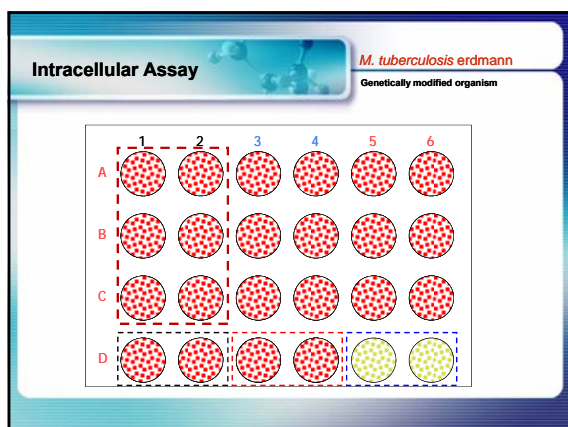
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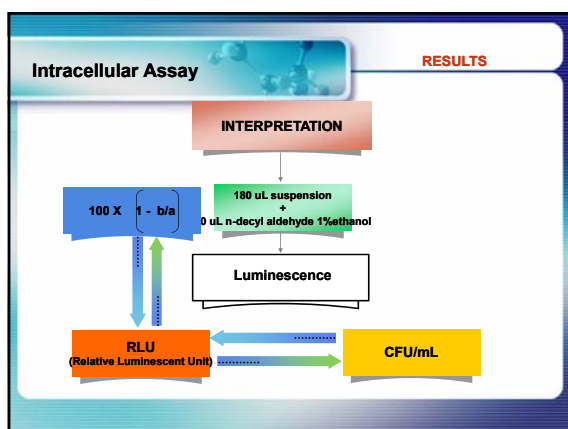
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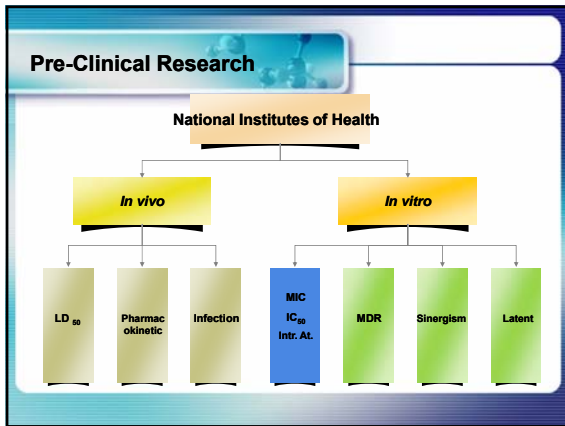
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**MDR**

Isoniazid ~~Pyrazinamide~~ Rifampicin

*"The new compound is active against MDR TB?"*

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**MDR Assays**

**REMA – Resazurin Microtiter Assay**

**MDR Clinical Isolates**

- Isoniazid
- Rifampicin
- Pyrazinamide
- Streptomycin

Fig. 1 Layout for the microplate Alamar blue assay (MABA). Dark well contains water; arrow denotes indicator decreasing drug dilution. Susceptible strains: Isoniazid, Rifampicin. Resistant (MDR) strains: Isoniazid, Pyrazinamide. Concentration of drug: 200/100/50mg control line of drug.

HERRERA, J.L. et al. Use of Receiver Operating Characteristic Curves to Assess the Performance of a Microdilution Assay for Determination of Drug Susceptibility of Clinical Isolates of Mycobacterium tuberculosis. Eur J Clin Microbiol Infect Dis, 22, p. 21-27, 2003.

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**"SYNERGISM OR ANTAGONISM?"**

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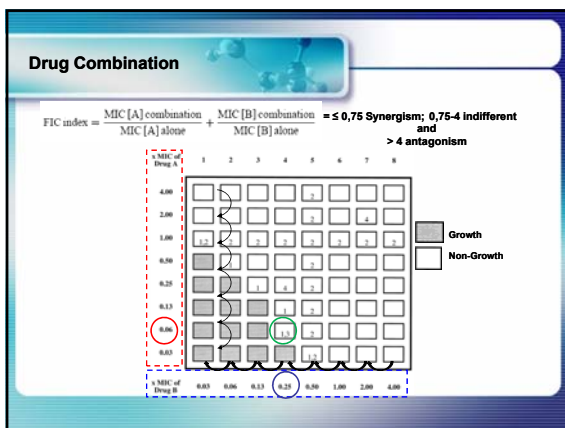
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**"The new compound is active against Latent TB?"**

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**UIC Institute for Tuberculosis Research**  
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### Low Oxygen Recovery Assay (LORA)

Low oxygen-adapted *M. tuberculosis* carrying luciferase gene  $2 \times 10^4$

28h "recovery" in air  
luciferase

Cfu in 24-well plates

10 days under  $<0.16\%$  oxygen

CHO, S.H., et al. Low-Oxygen-Recovery Assay for High-Throughput Screening of Compounds against Nonreplicating *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. *Antimicrob Agents Chemother.* 51 (4), p. 1380-1385, 2007.

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### Biological Assays

*In vivo*

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"The new compound is **TOXIC?**"

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**Lethal Dose - LD<sub>50</sub>** "Lethal Dose"

"Need ethic committee approval"  
CEP/FCF/CAr. n° 41/2008



- Female Swiss mice
  - 6 animals/group, 1 compound per group
- Only dose of 2.000 mg/Kg of corporeal weight
  - Doses of 100, 300, 1000 mg/Kg of corporeal weight (if necessary)
- Control Group – Feeding of *ad libitum*
- Observation after administration of 4 to 6 hours and 2 times for day

Gruppo et al.; Rapid Microbiologic and Pharmacologic Evaluation of Experimental Compounds against Mycobacterium tuberculosis. Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy. 50(4), 1245-1250, 2006.

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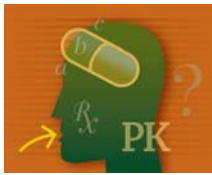
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**"PHARMACOKINETIC"**

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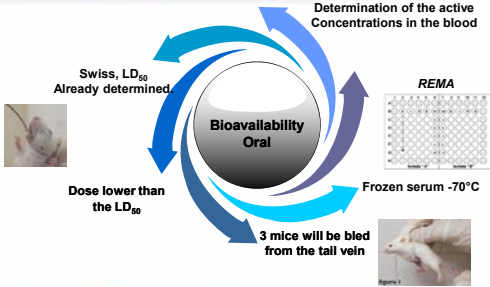
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**PHARMACOKINETIC** Bioavailability Oral



Swiss, LD<sub>50</sub> Already determined

Dose lower than the LD<sub>50</sub>

3 mice will be bled from the tail vein

Frozen serum -70°C

REMA

Determination of the active Concentrations in the blood

**Bioavailability Oral**

Gruppo et al.; Rapid Microbiologic and Pharmacologic Evaluation of Experimental Compounds against Mycobacterium tuberculosis. Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy. 50(4), 1245-1250, 2006.

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The new compound is active in in vivo infection?

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**In vivo Infeccion**

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**Gamma Interferon Gene-Disrupted Mice**

**Aerosol Infection chamber**

**Growth of M. tuberculosis strain in BALB/c mice**

Days post-infection	Bacterial Load (CFU)
3	~1.0E+01
10	~1.0E+03
31	~1.0E+06

LENAERTS, A.J.M. et al. Rapid in vivo screening of experimental drugs for Tuberculosis using Gamma Interferon gene-disrupted mice. *Antimicrob Agents Chemother*, 47(2), p. 783-785, 2003.

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**In vivo Infeccion**

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- 18 days after infection, will start the treatment and continuous at 9 days with daily doses.
- Negative Group Control – Without drugs administration
- Positive Group Control – Daily doses at 25 mg/Kg/day with Isoniazid
- 1 group per compound, 5 animals per group,
- After treatment, the animals will be sacrificed, the lungs and spleen removed aseptically and CFU realized from homogenized tissue

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