

# Laboratory of Growth Regulators

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## NEW ANTICANCER DRUGS DERIVED FROM PLANT HORMONES (Olomoucines)



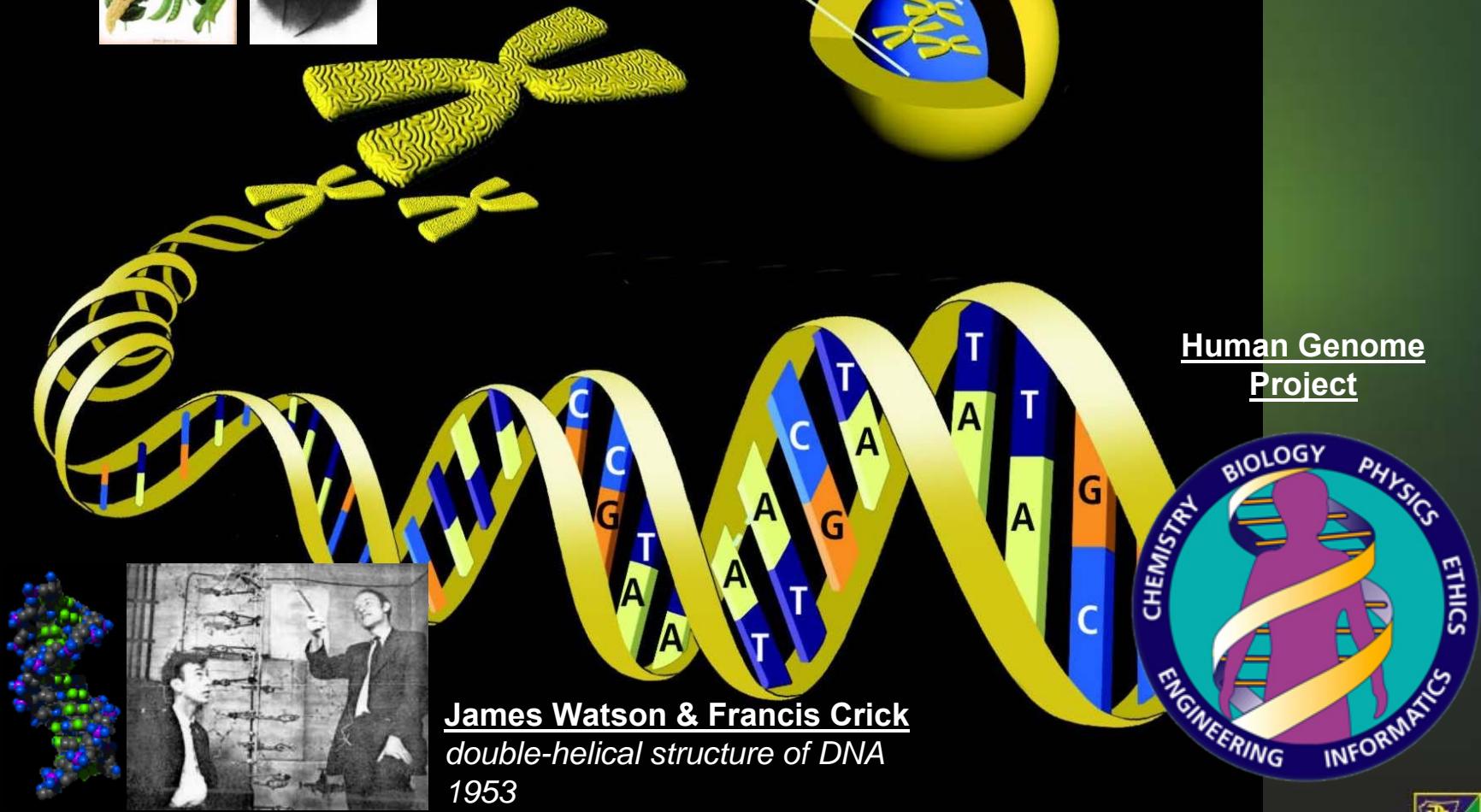
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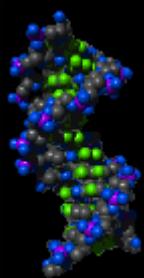
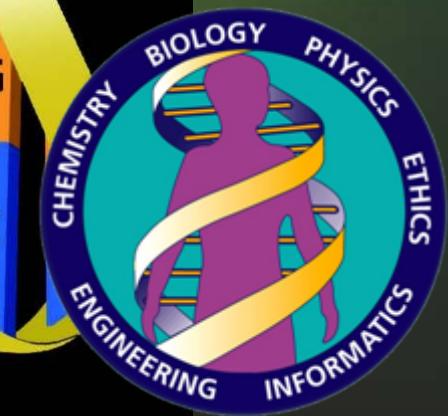
# Landmarks in Biology and Genetics



**Gregor Mendel**  
*laws of genetics*  
1865



**Human Genome Project**



**James Watson & Francis Crick**  
*double-helical structure of DNA*  
1953





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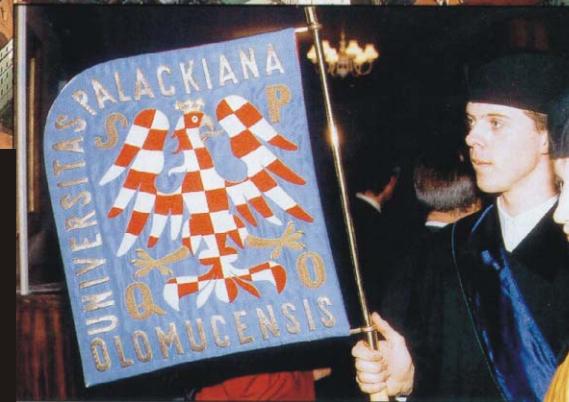
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# Co je Laboratoř růstových regulátorů?

1. **Laboratoř růstových regulátorů je společným pracovištěm Ústavu experimentální botaniky AVČR a Přírodovědecké fakulty Univerzity Palackého.**
2. **Byla založena v září 1996 jako výzkumné pracoviště interdisciplinárního charakteru.**
3. **Účelem pracoviště je integrovat kapacity PřF UP a ÚEB AV ČR pro společné řešení vědecko-výzkumných projektů v oblasti molekulárních a fyziologických mechanismů účinků růstových regulátorů u živých organismů.**



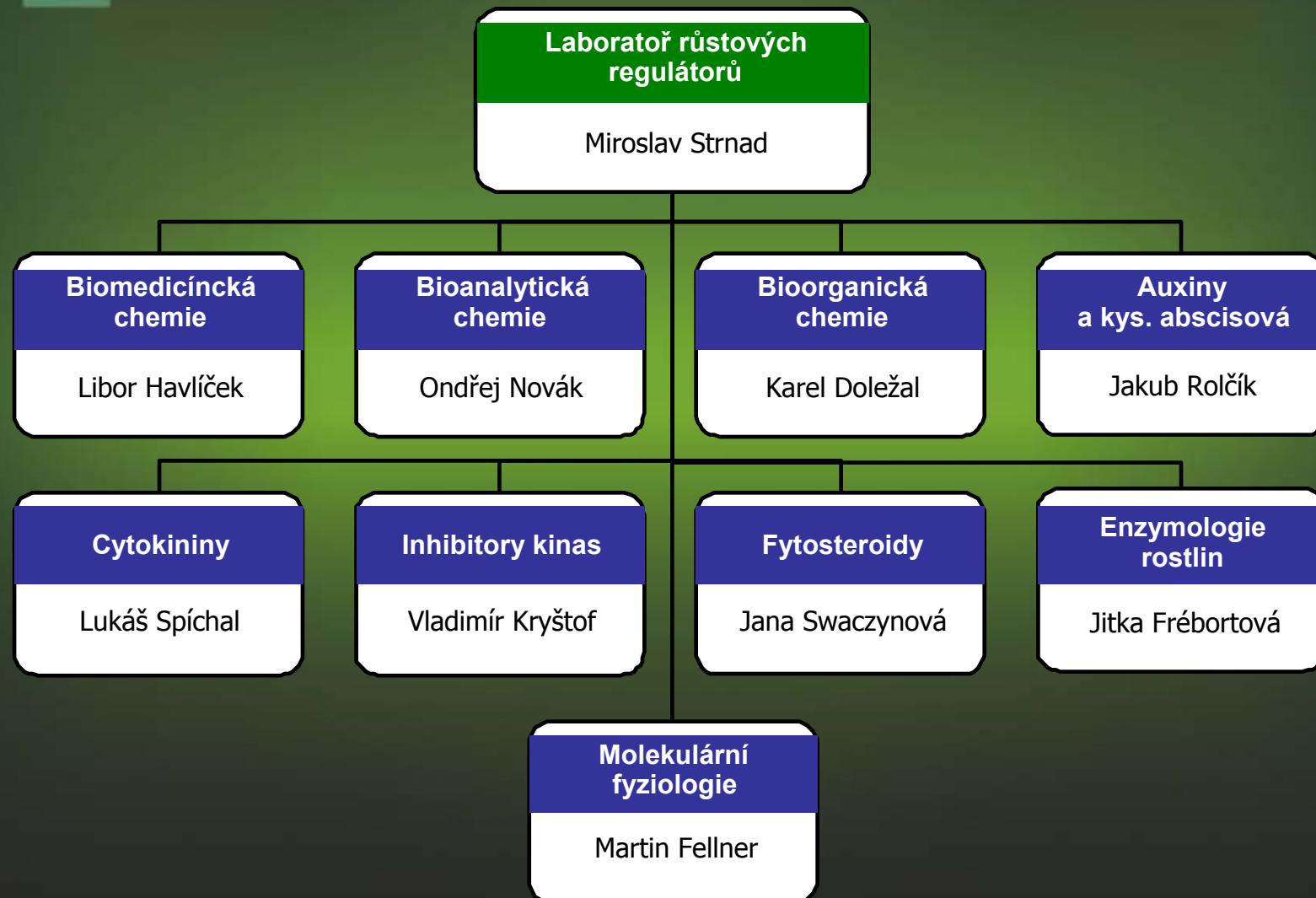
# Co je Laboratoř růstových regulátorů?

**Pracoviště se zabývá vědecko-výzkumnou a pedagogickou činností v oboru experimentální biologie, zejména:**

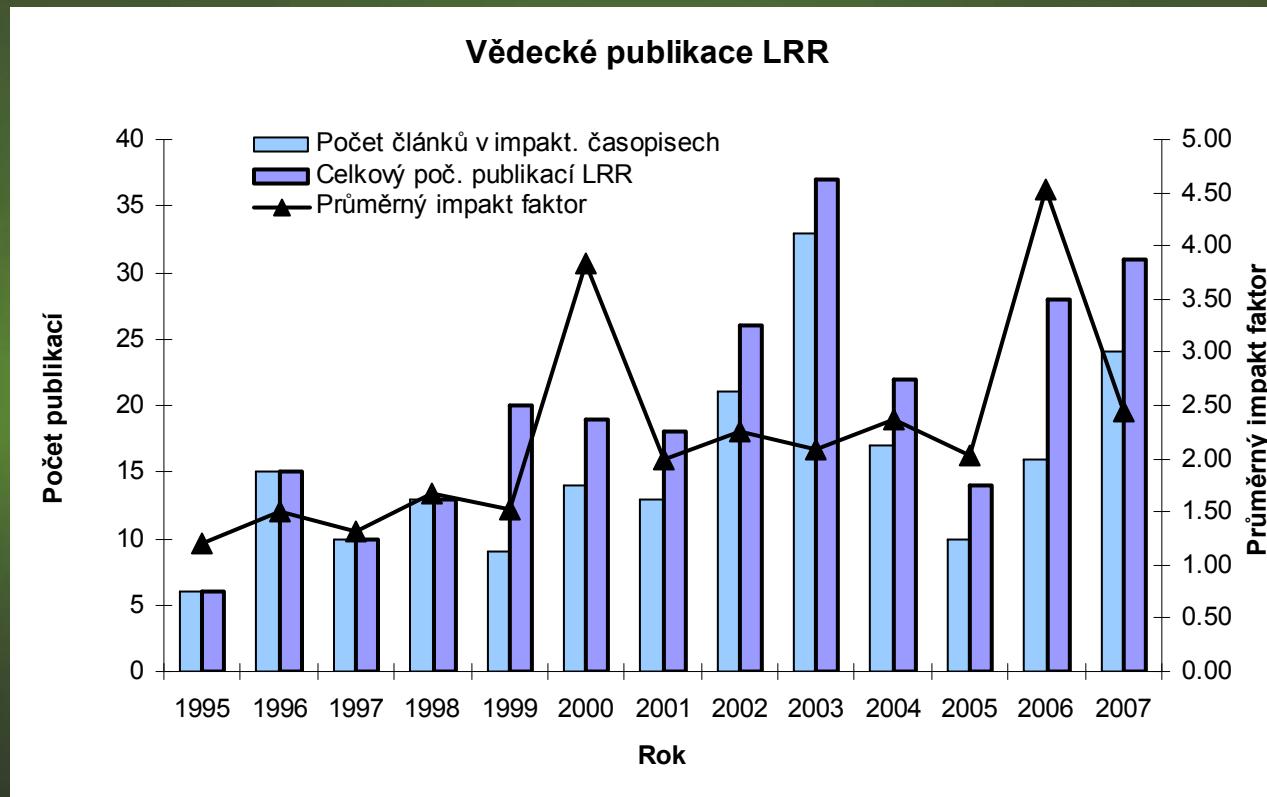
- a) pak přípravou nových, vysoce biologicky účinných růstových regulátorů na bázi purinu,
- b) vývojem metod jejich analýzy,
- c) studiem jejich funkcí a účinků v růstových a vývojových procesech normální a nádorové buňky, včetně vývoje protinádorových látek odvozených od rostlinných hormonů.
- d) studiem onkogenů a nádorových supresorových genů, mechanismů regulace jejich exprese, včetně vývoje transgenních organismů kontrolovaně exprimujících různé geny zapojené v růstově-regulačních a obranných funkcích organismů.



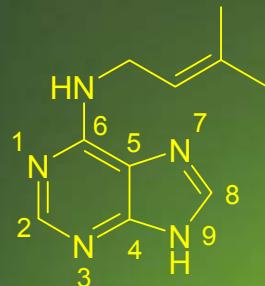
# Organizační schéma LRR



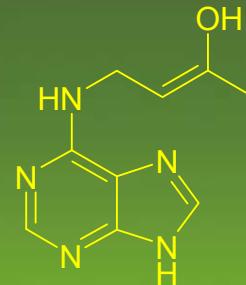
# Publikační aktivita LRR



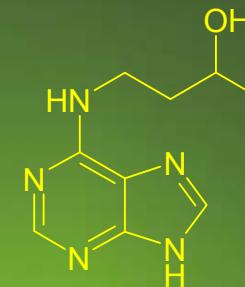
# Isoprenoid and Aromatic Cytokinins



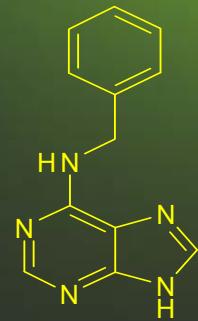
**N**<sup>6</sup>-isopentenyladenine



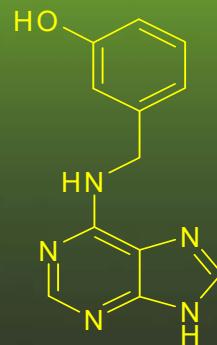
*trans*-zeatin



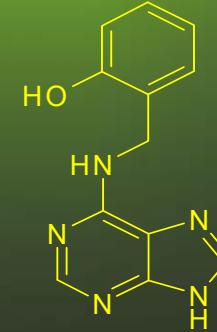
dihydrozeatin



**N**<sup>6</sup>-benzyladenine



*meta*-topolin

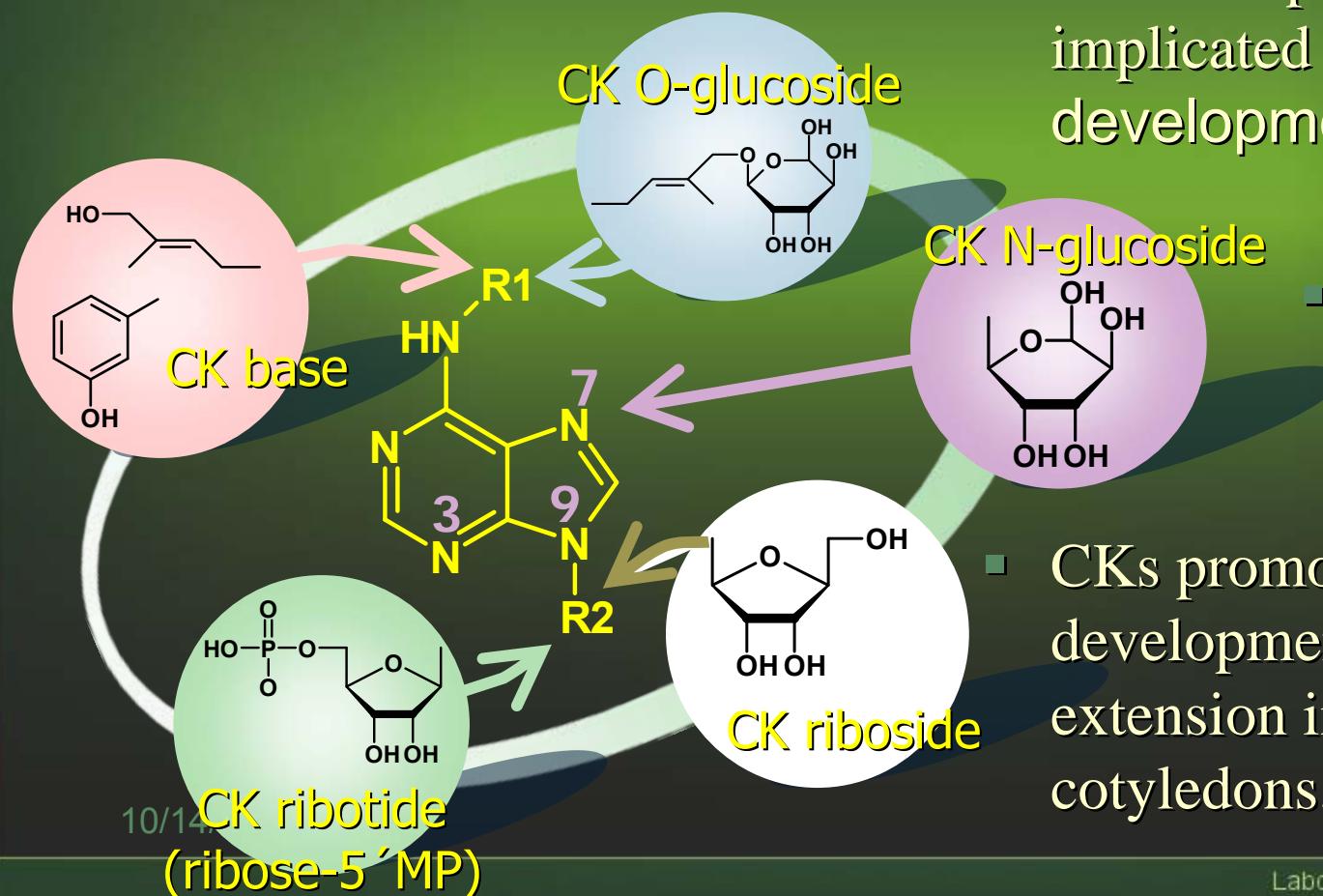


*ortho*-topolin



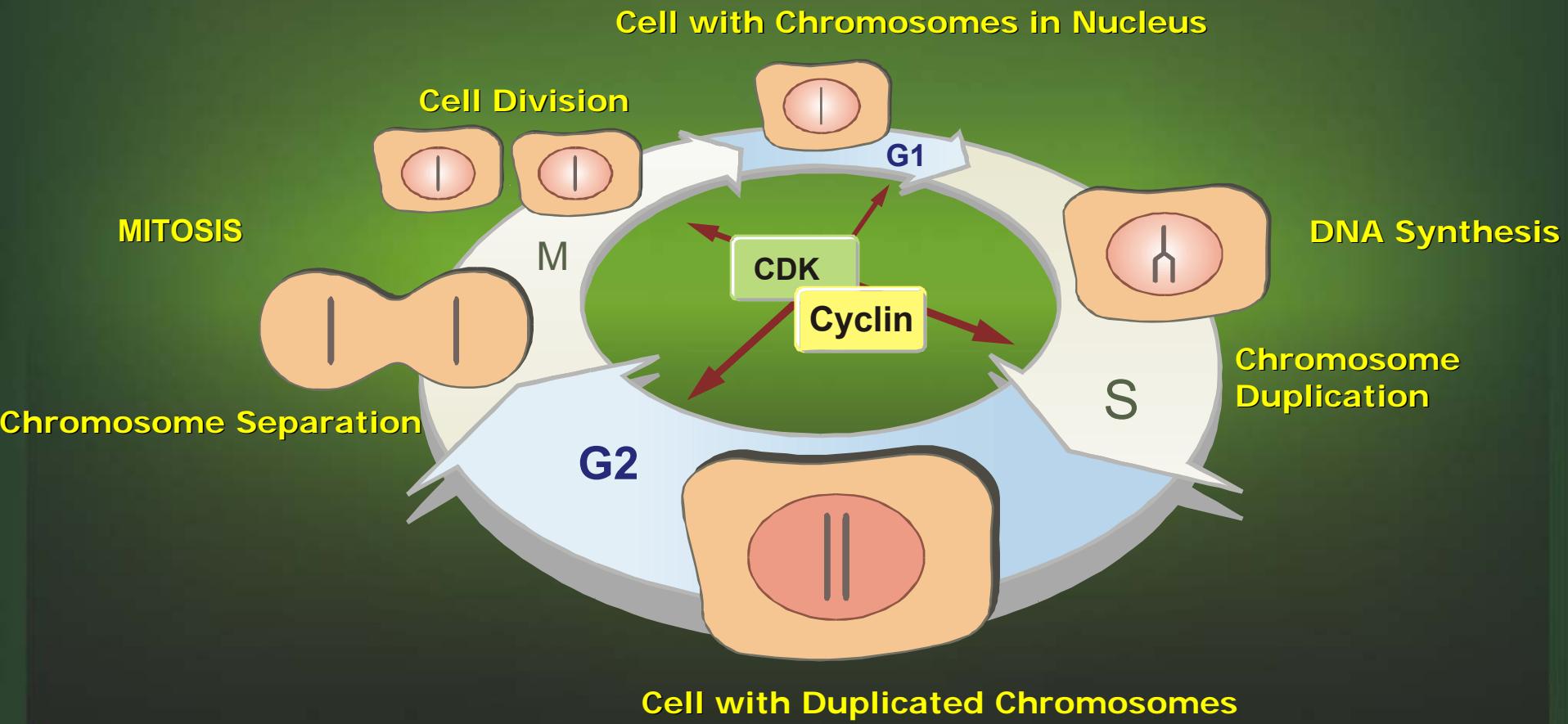
# Cytokinins (CK)

- CKs regulate cell division in shoots and roots, growth of stems and roots and specific components of the cell cycle.

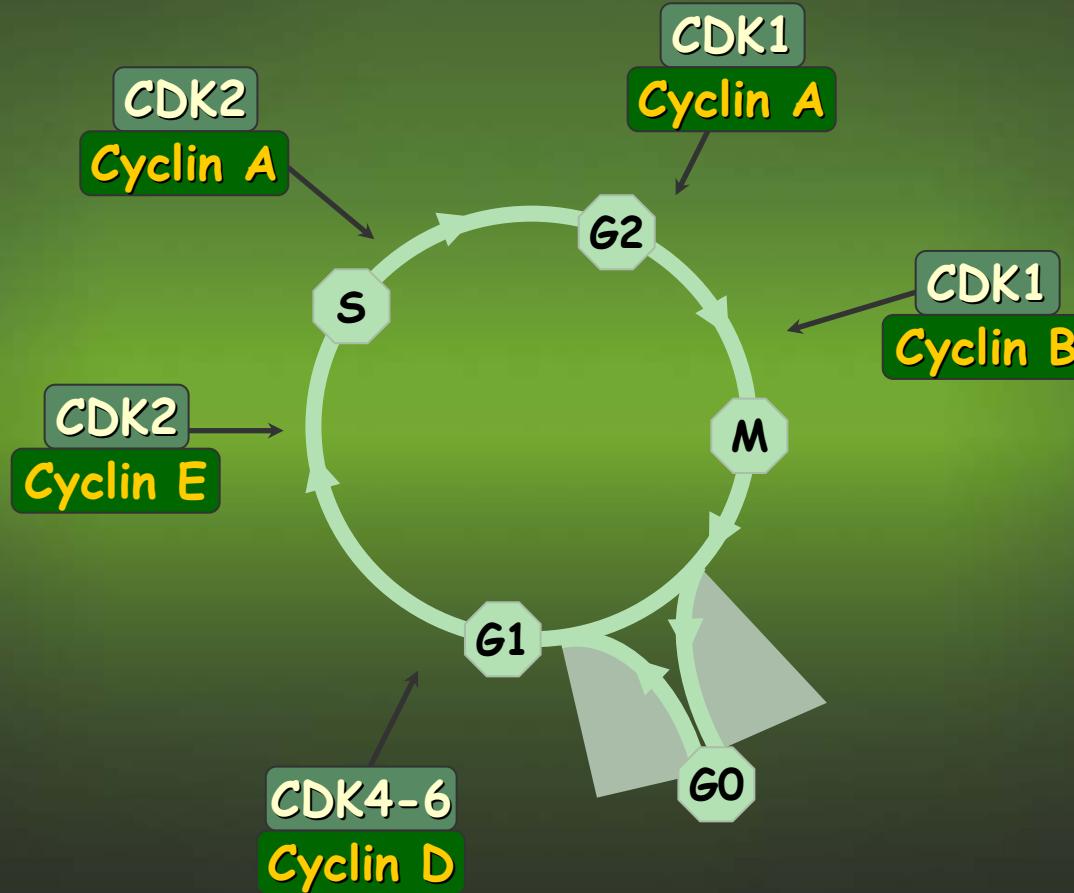


- CKs overproduction is implicated in plant tumour development.
- CKs delay leaf senescence.
- CKs promote chloroplast development and cell extension in leaves and cotyledons.

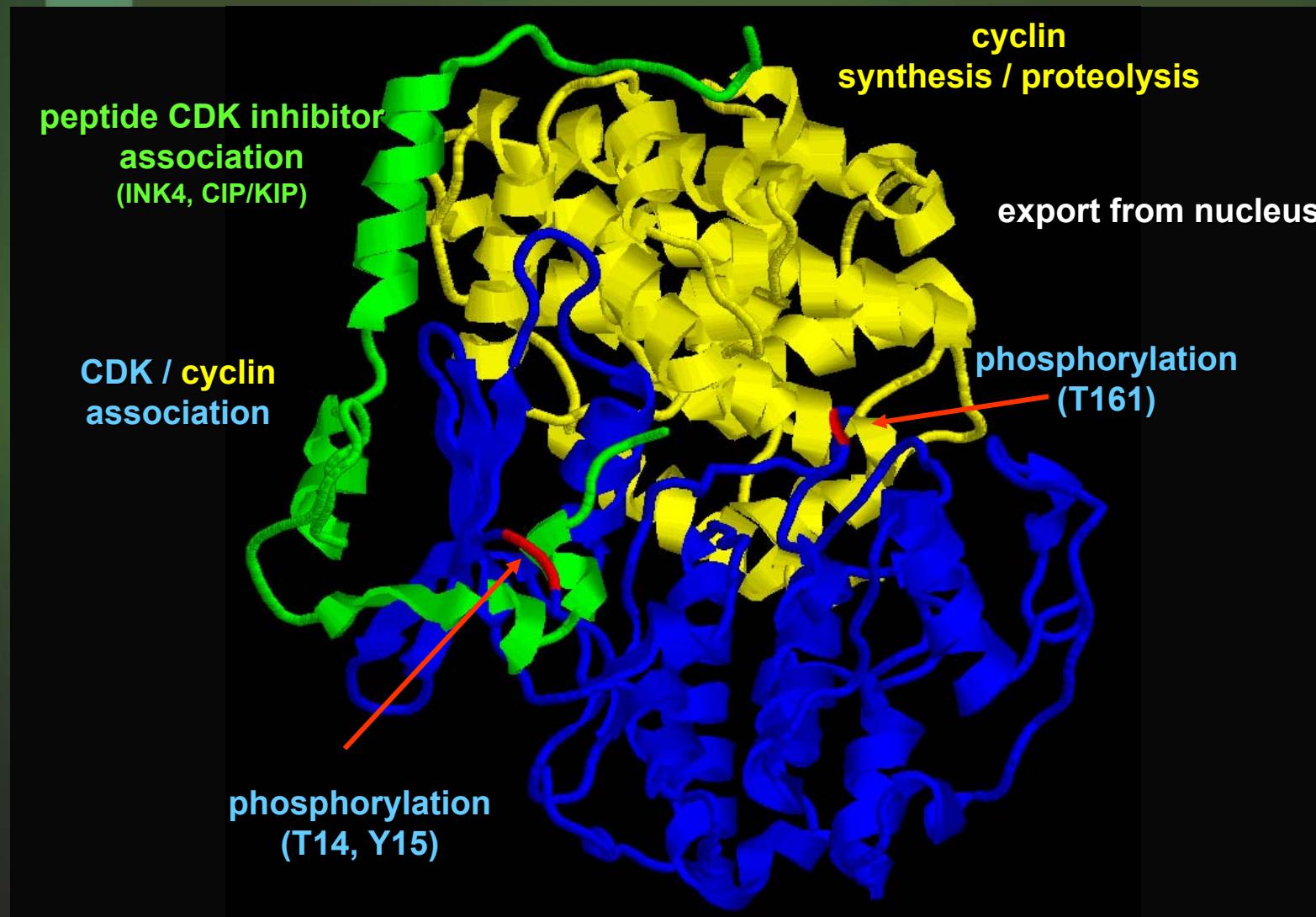
# Cell Cycle



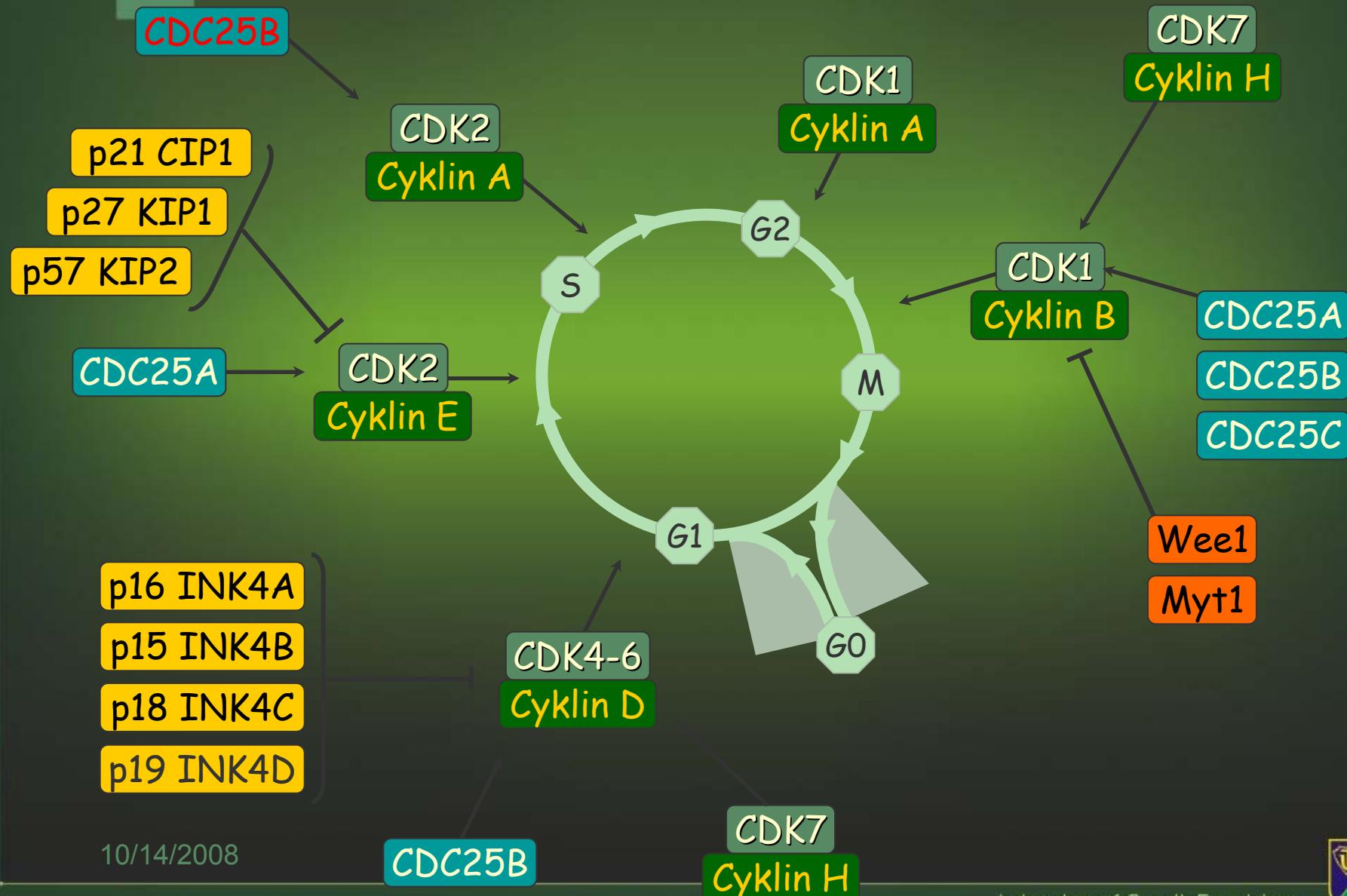
# Cell Cycle and CDK



# Regulation of CDK Activity

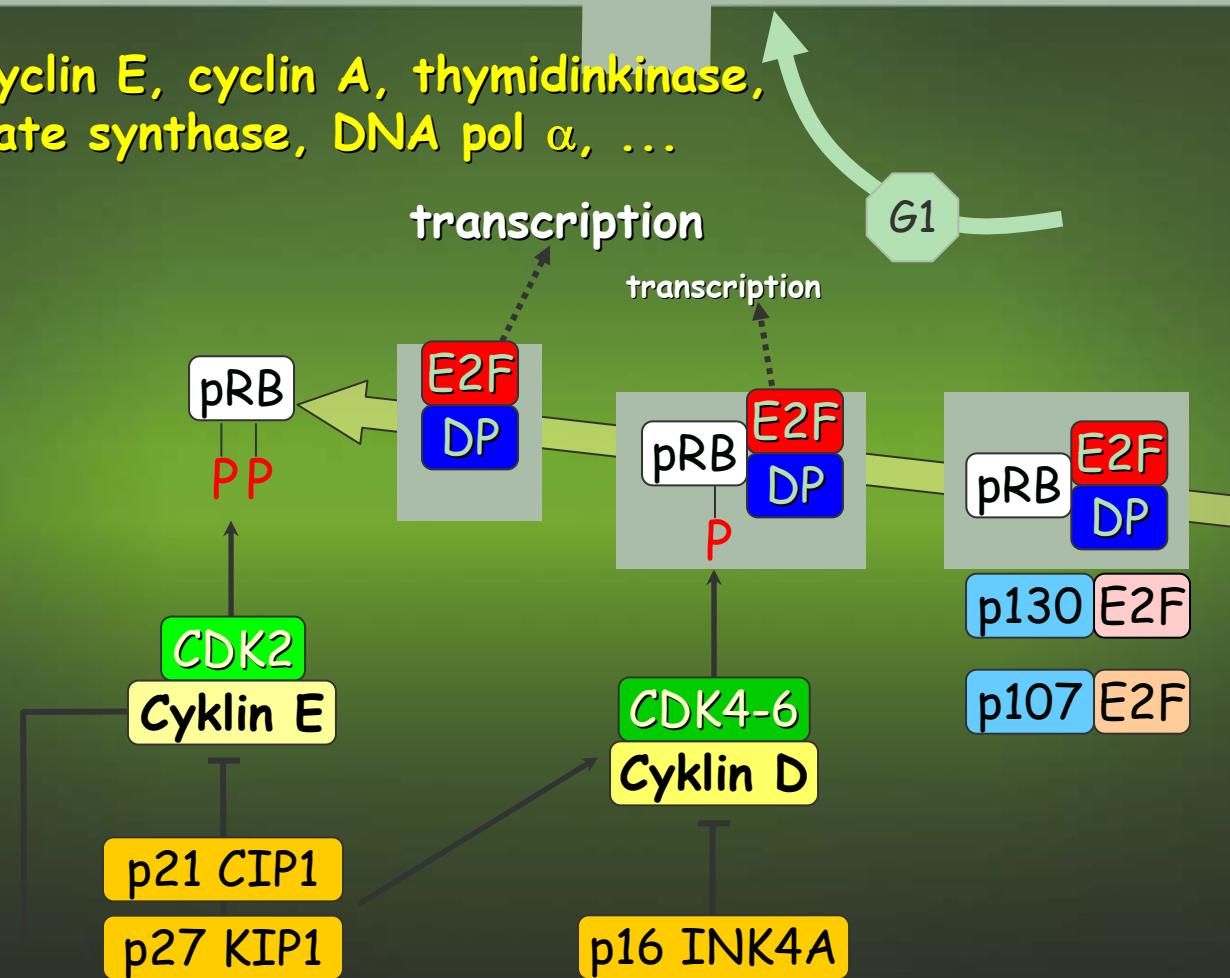


# CDK Regulation

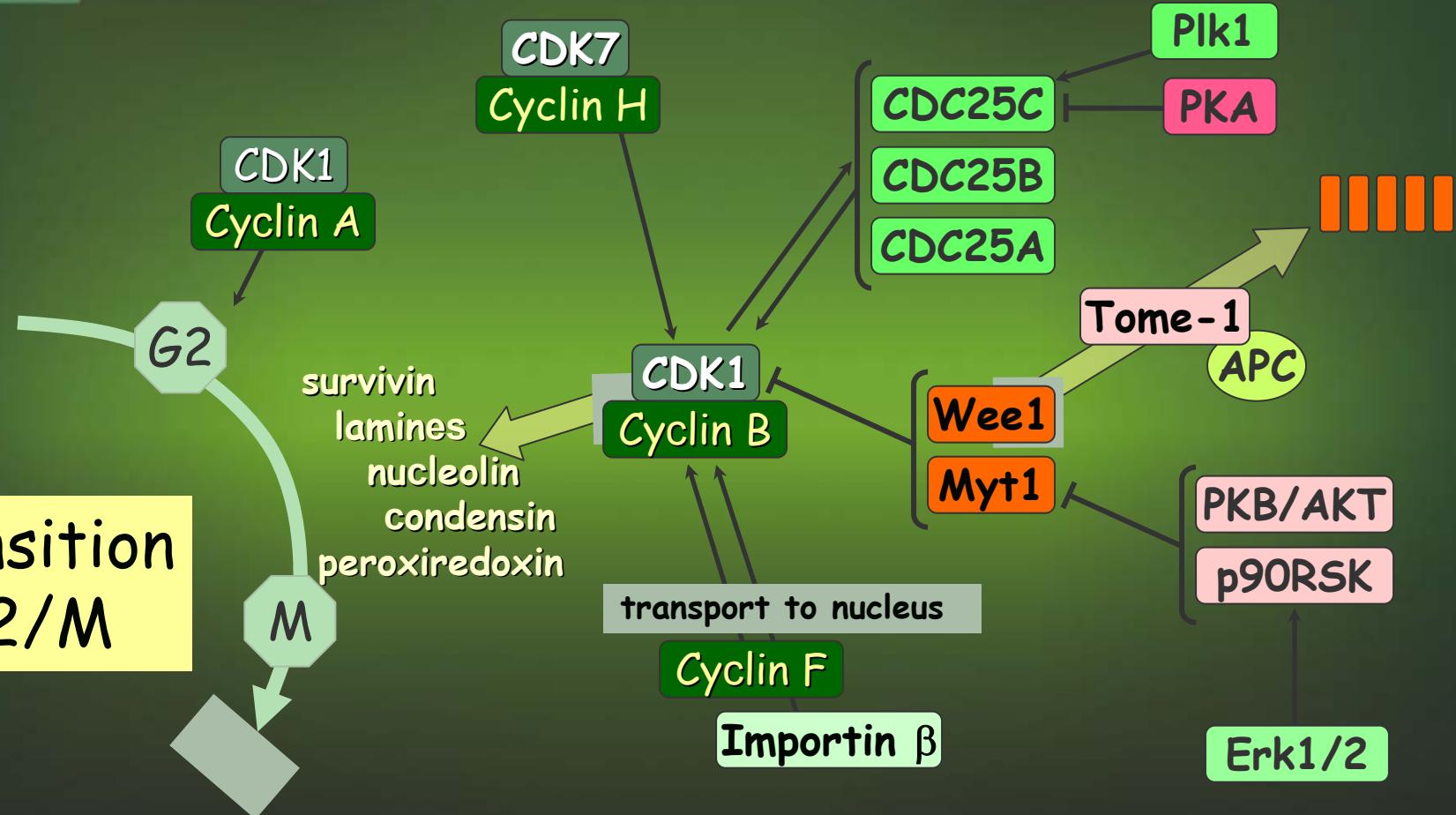


# CDK and Cell Cycle Regulation during G1/S Transition

c-myc, cyclin E, cyclin A, thymidinkinase,  
Thymidylate synthase, DNA pol  $\alpha$ , ...



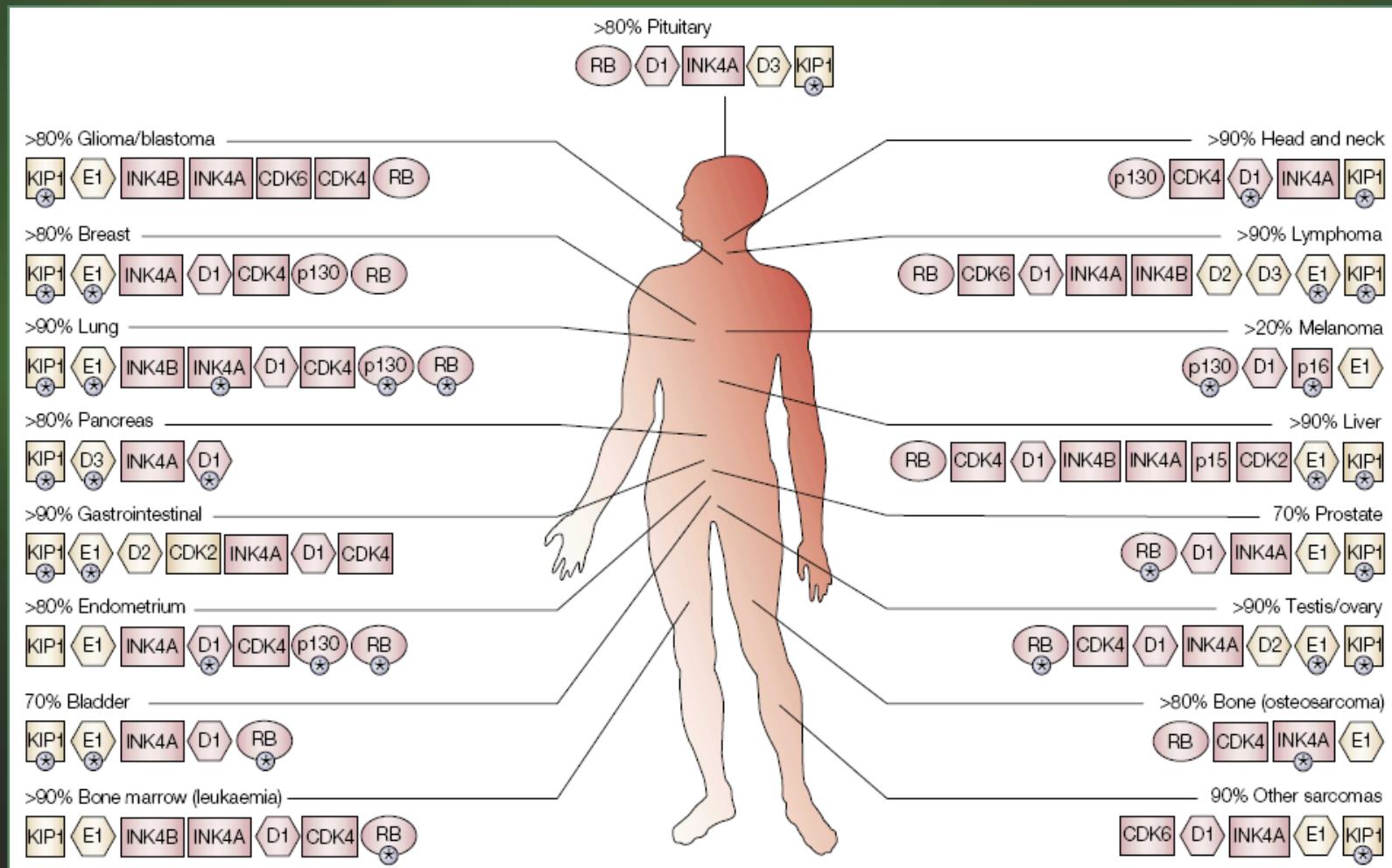
# CDK and G2/M Transition



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# Alterations of G1/S regulators



Nature Reviews Cancer 1, 222-231 (2001)

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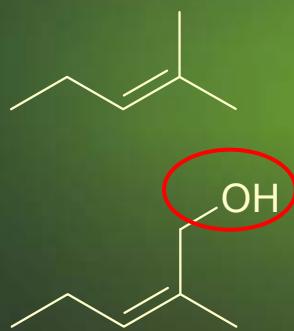


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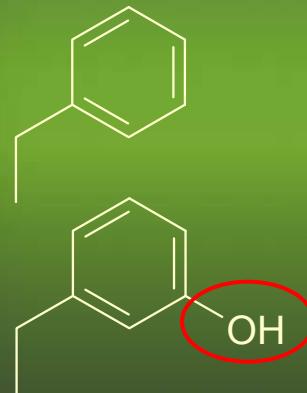
# Chemical structure...

N<sup>6</sup>-substituted  
derivatives of adenine

isoprenoid

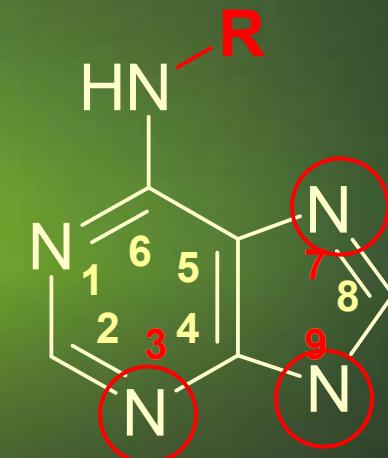


aromatic



free basis

- 3/7/9    N-glucosides  
9        ribosides  
9        ribotides  
*O*-glycosides

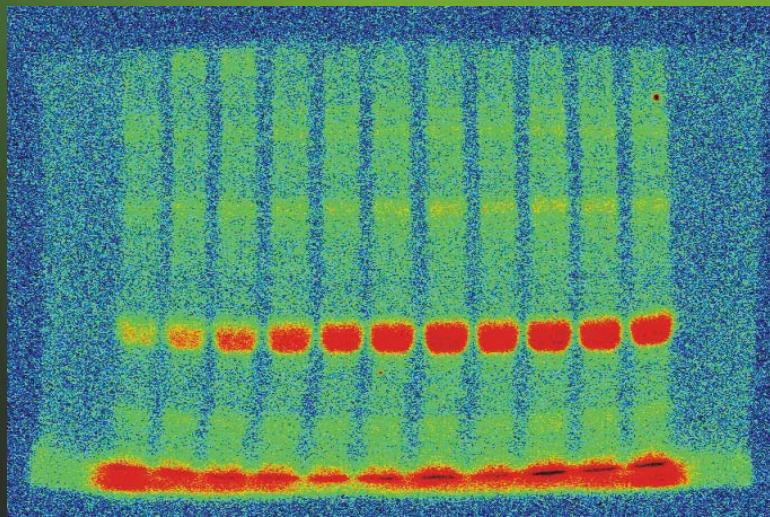


Which of the biologically active cytokinins and cytokinin activate/inhibits cyclin-depedent kinases?



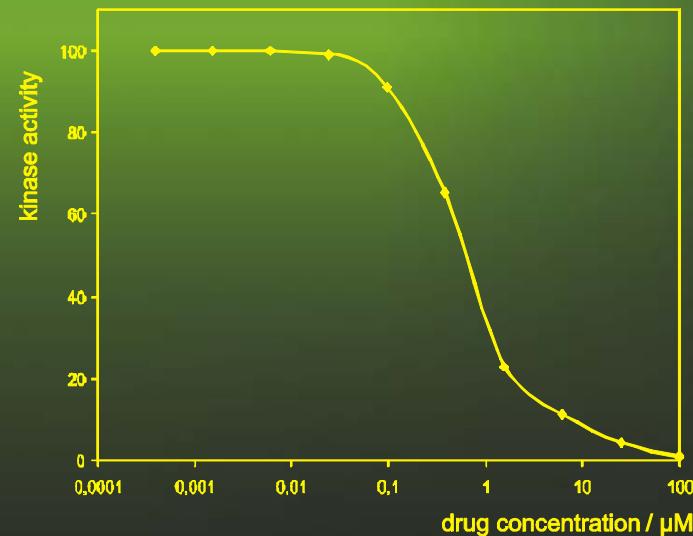
# CDK Inhibition Assays

- ✓ human cyclin B / CDK1 complex produced via baculoviral expression system
- ✓ enzyme purification on Ni-NTA affinity column.
- ✓ assay in the presence of histone H1, ATP + [ $\gamma$ -<sup>33</sup>P] ATP and tested drug
- ✓ SDS gel electrophoresis, digital image analyser BAS-1800
- ✓ graphic analysis ( $IC_{50}$ )



SDS gel with reaction mixtures containing decreasing concentrations of CDK inhibitor (BAS-1800 scan)

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Dose-response curve of CDK inhibition by purine inhibitor



# $IC_{50}$ Values for Various Purines Added to Purified CDC2, CDK5 and CDK4 Kinases

Compound	$IC_{50} (\mu M)$			
	CDK1	CDK5	CDK4	
6-substituted purines	6-aminopurine (adenine)	200	-	-
	6-dimethylaminopurine	120	120	-
	6-allylaminopurine	50	100	>500
	isopentenyladenine	55	70	200
	6-benzylaminopurine	200	80	-
	6-furfurylaminopurine (kinetin)	180	-	-
	<i>trans</i> -zeatin	70	150	>1000
	dihydrozeatin	80	-	-
	<i>cis</i> -zeatin	150	100	-
	<i>meta</i> -topolin	70	-	-
	<i>ortho</i> -topolin	200	-	-
	6-( $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-zeatin	850	-	-



# $IC_{50}$ Values for Various Purines Added to Purified CDC2, CDK5 and CDK4 Kinases

Compound		$IC_{50}$ ( $\mu M$ )		
		CDK1	CDK5	CDK4
6,9-substituted purines	adenosine	55	-	-
	6-benzylamino-9-(2-tetrahydropyranyl)purine(BPA)	200	160	-
	dihydrozeatin riboside	>500	>500	-
	benzyladenosine	>500	-	-
	<i>meta</i> -topolin riboside	>500	-	-
	<i>ortho</i> -topolin riboside	>500	-	-
	zeatin riboside	>500	>1000	-
	zeatin-9-glucoside	>500	-	-
	zeatin riboside-5'-monophosphate	>500	-	-

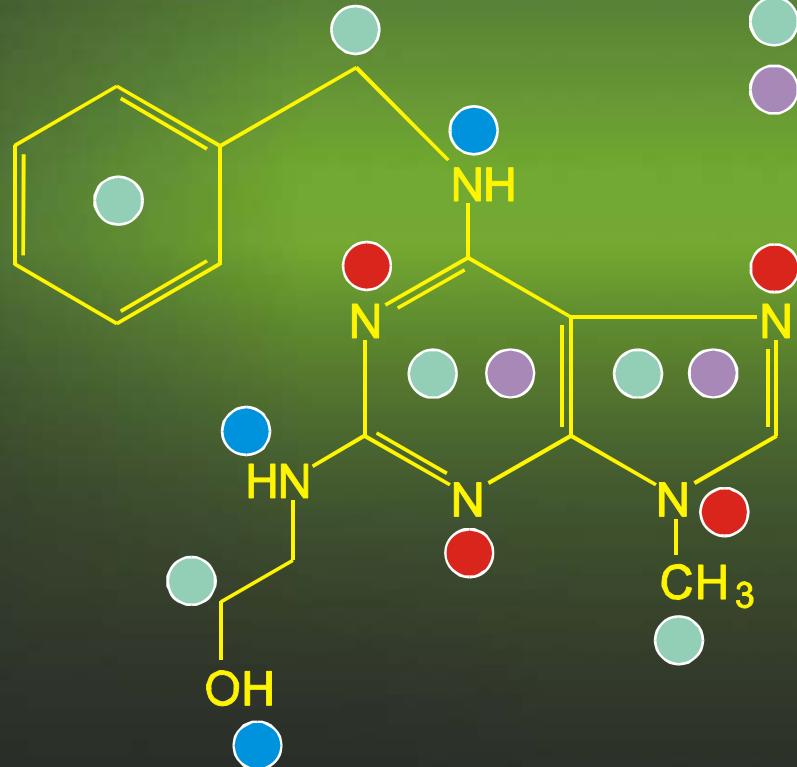


# $IC_{50}$ values for various purines added to purified CDC2, CDK5 and CDK4 kinases

Compound		$IC_{50}(\mu M)$		
		CDK1	CDK5	CDK4
2,6,9- substituted purines	2-amino-6- benzylamino -9-methylpurine	40	-	-
	2-chloro-6- benzylamino -9-methylpurine	70	-	-
	2-(2- hydroxyethylamino )-6- amino -9-methylpurine	50	-	-
	2-(2- hydroxyethylamino )-6- benzylamino - 9-methylpurine (olomoucine )	7	3	>1000
	2-(2- hydroxyethylamino )-6- isopentenylamino -9-methylpurine	65	13	>1000
	2-(2- hydroxyethylamino )-6- benzylamino -9- isopropylpurine	2	3	>1000
	2-(R)-(1- hydroxymethyl /propylamino )-6- benzylamino - 9-isopropylpurine (roscovitine )	0.2	0.1	>500



# Olomoucine and its Potential Interactions with a Binding Site



- HYDROGEN BOND DONOR
- HYDROGEN BOND ACCEPTOR
- HYDROPHOBIC / LIPOPHILIC INTERACTIONS
- CHARGE-TRANSFER INTERACTION

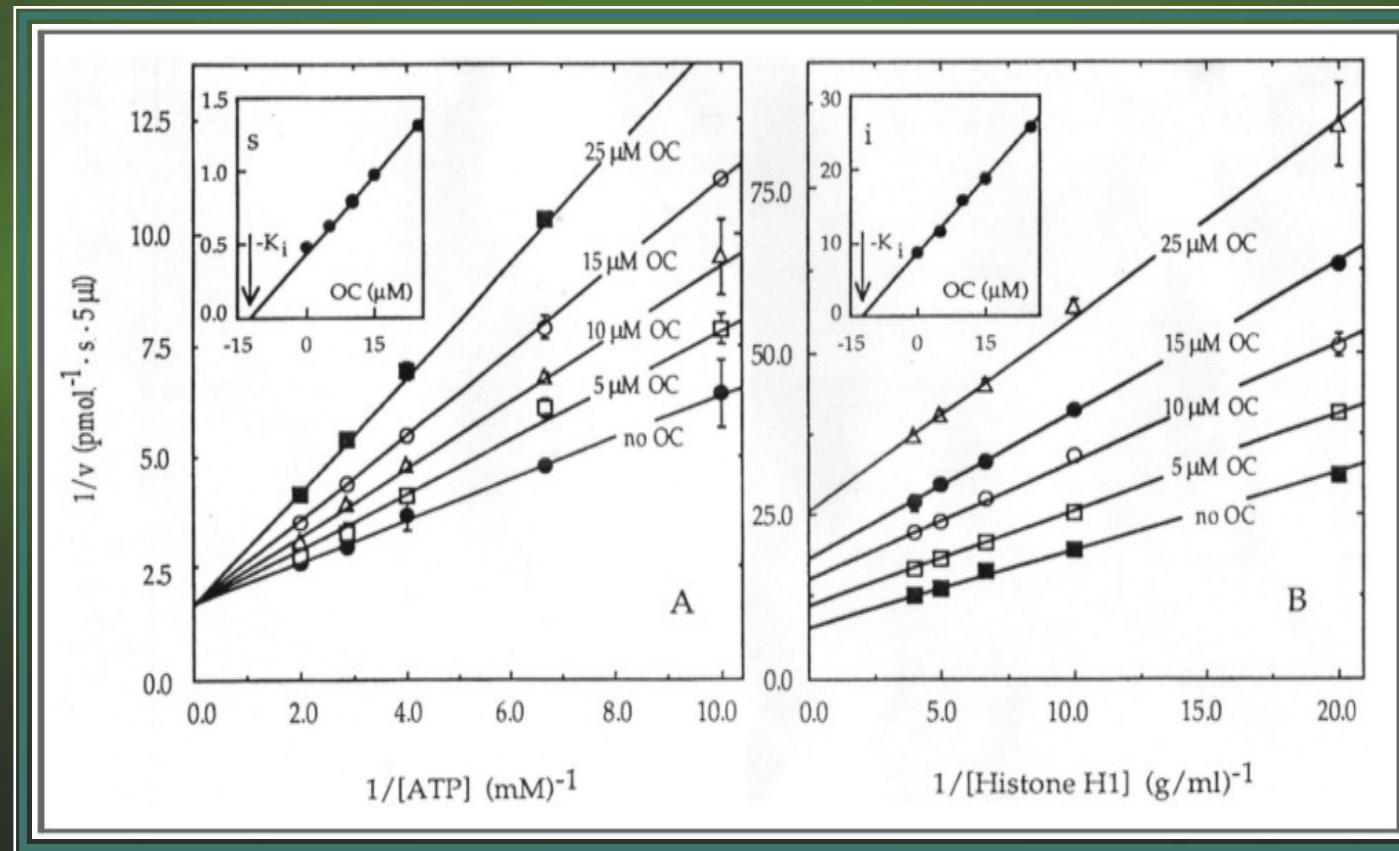


# $IC_{50}$ Values for Olomoucine and Isopentenyladenine Added to Various Purified Kinases

Enzyme	$IC_{50}$ ( $\mu M$ )	
	olomoucine	isopentenyladenine
p34 <sup>cdc2</sup> /cyclinA	50	-
p34 <sup>cdc2</sup> /cyclinB	7	45
p34 <sup>cdc2</sup> /cyclinE	10	-
p33 <sup>cdk2</sup> /cyclinA	7	50
p33 <sup>cdk2</sup> /cyclinE	7	-
p34 <sup>cdk4</sup> /cyclinD	>1000	200
p35 <sup>cdk5</sup> /35	3	80
p40 <sup>cdk6</sup> /cyclin D3	>250	>100
GST- erk -1	30	90
c-protein kinase C $\alpha,\beta 1,\beta 2,\gamma$	>1000	40-100
n-protein kinase C $\delta,\epsilon,\eta,\zeta$	>1000	50-100
cAMP -dependent kinase	>1000	50
cGMP -dependent kinase	>1000	50
Calmodulin -dependent kinases	>1000	>100
Myosin light -chain kinase	>1000	>1000
AMP- activated protein kinase	230	>1000
Insulin-receptor protein kinase	400	140
DNA topoisomerase I, II	250	-
DNA polymerase $\alpha,\delta$	500	-



# Double reciprocal plots of kinetic data from assays of p<sup>34</sup>cdc2/cyclin B protein kinase activity at different concentrations of olomoucine



# Schematic Drawing of CDK2 with the Inhibitor Roscovitine Superimposed in the Binding Pocket

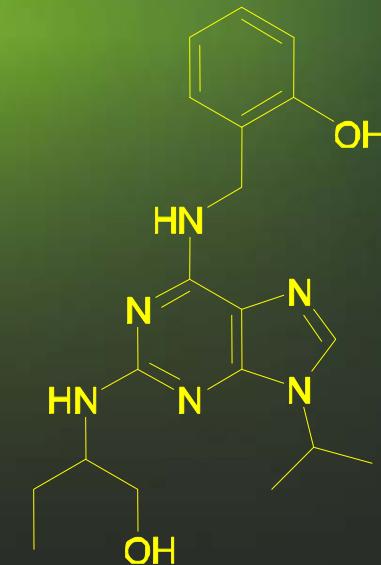
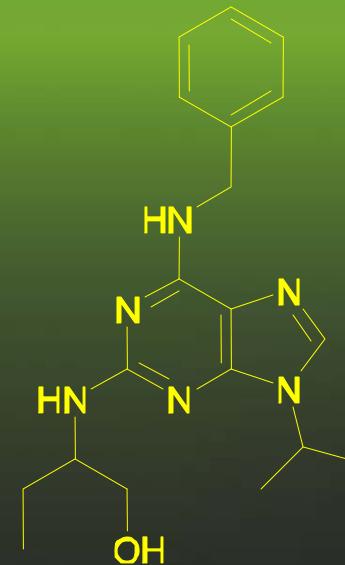
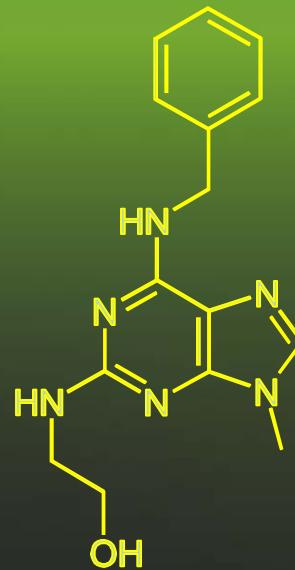
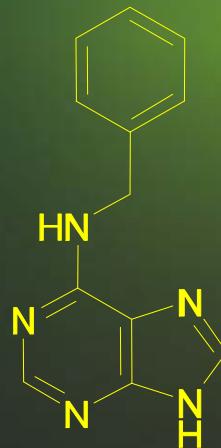


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# Development of Purine CDK2 Inhibitors

Compound	$IC_{50}$ / $\mu M$
6-benzylaminopurine	200
olomoucine	7
roscovitine	0.2
olomoucine II	0.02



6-benzylaminopurine  
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Olomoucine

Roscovitine

Olomoucine II



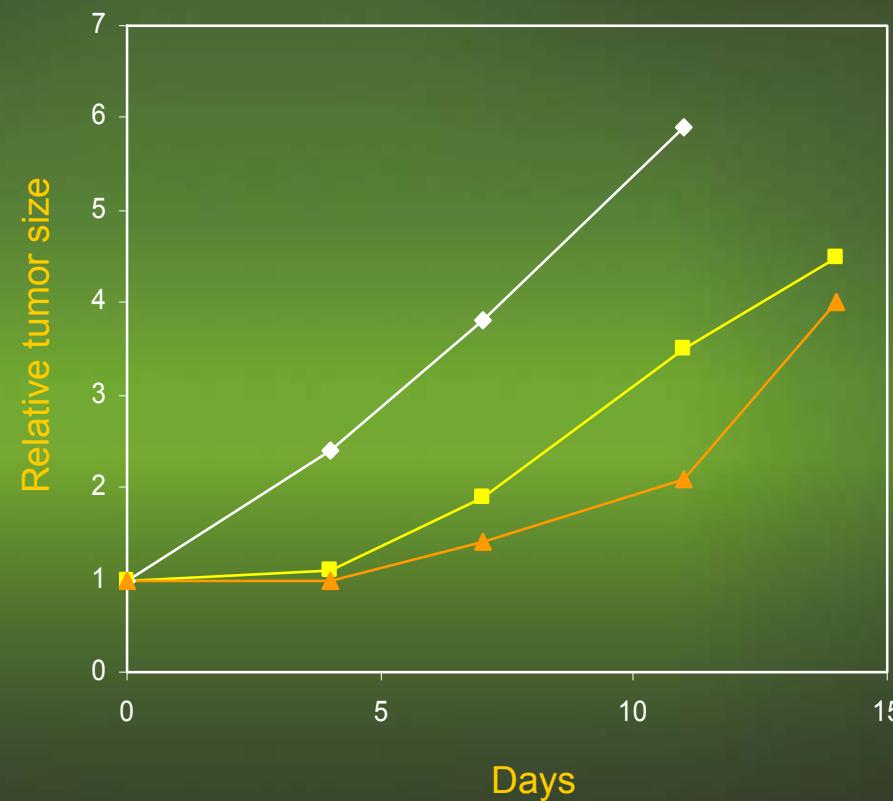
# Therapeutical Effects of CDK Inhibitors

Roscovitine (Cyc202)

Control

Roscovitine 200 mg / kg

Roscovitine 500 mg / kg



## MOUSE XENOGRAFTS: LOVO AND MESSA-DX5 CARCINOMAS

*Int. J. Cancer 102, 463-468, 2002*

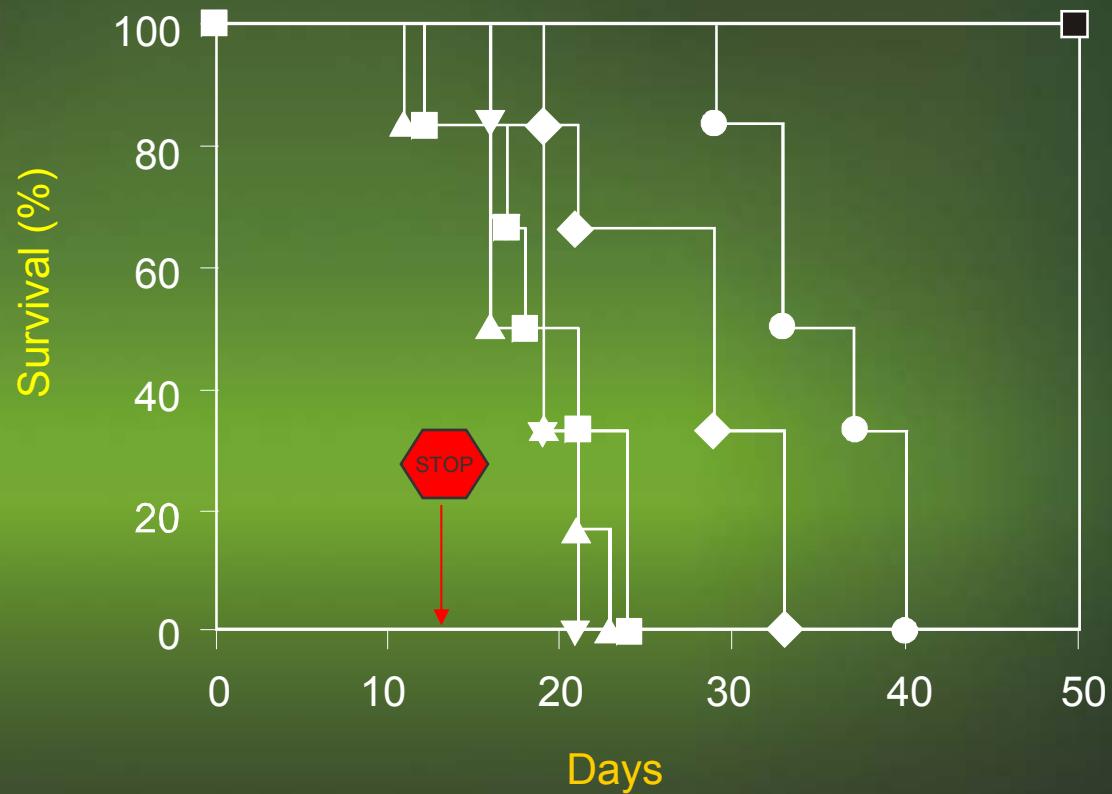
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# Therapeutical Effects of CDK Inhibitors

Sequential combination:

1. Taxol
2. Purvalanol A



Intensive apoptosis

Reduction of tumor

Low toxicity

Unlimited survival

Carcinoma MCF7

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- Control
- ▲ Taxol (2,5 mg/ml)
- ▼ Taxol (5 mg/ml)
- ◆ Taxol (2,5 mg/ml) – Purvalanol A
- Taxol (5 mg/ml) – Purvalanol A
- Taxol (5 mg/ml) – Purvalanol A continuously

*Cancer Cell 2, 43-54, 2002*



# Roscovitine in Clinical Trials



*R*-roscovitine (CYC202, Seliciclib)

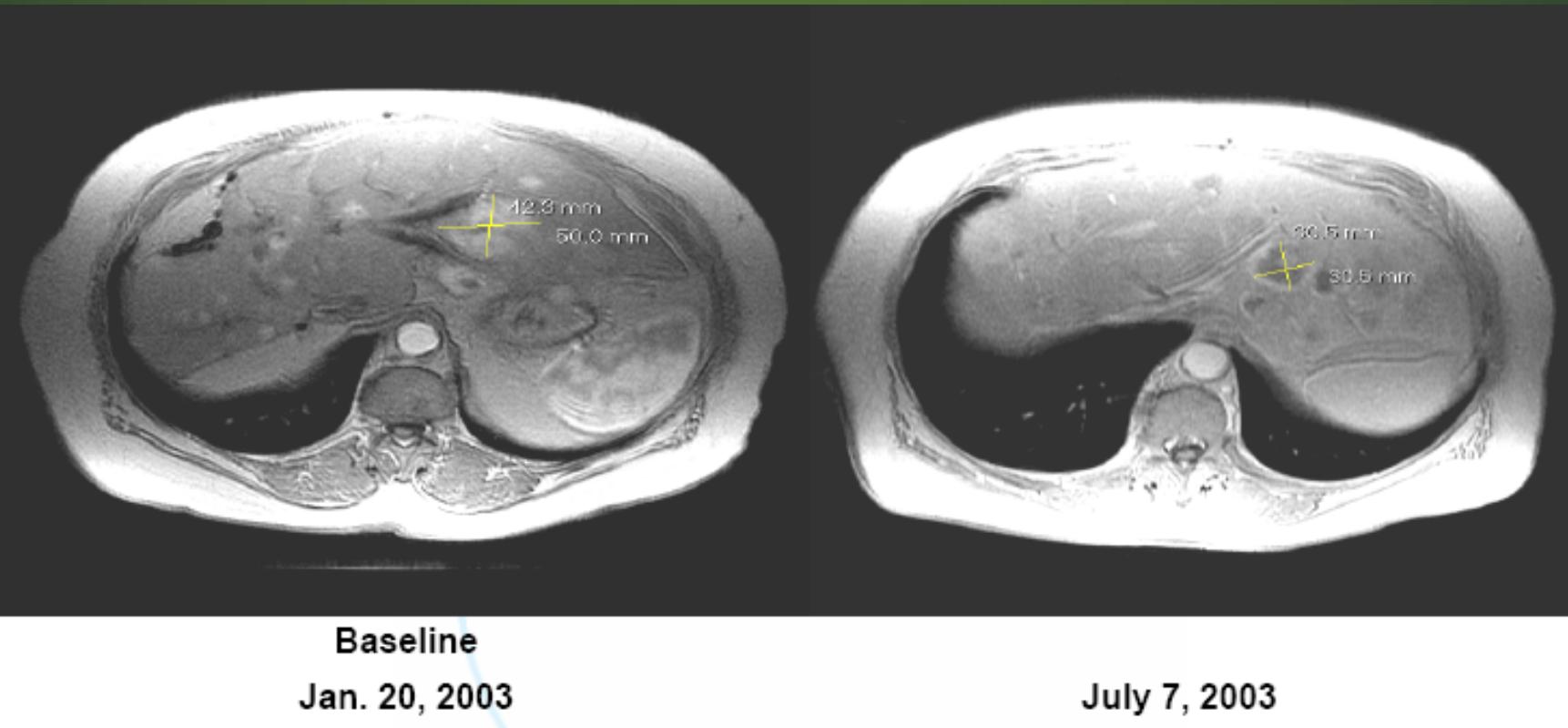
Licenced to Cyclacel Ltd.

Seliciclib is currently in Phase II clinical trials as a single therapy in multiple myeloma as well as two other B-cell hematological malignancies: B-cell Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia and Mantle Cell Lymphoma.

An additional Phase II clinical trial is in progress investigating the effects of Seliciclib in patients with Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin.



# Roscovitine (Seliciclib)<sup>R</sup> – Clinical Results



**Seliciclib:** Monotherapy of hepatocellular liver carcinoma - reduction 46%, data from clinical examinations of Cyclacel, Scotland

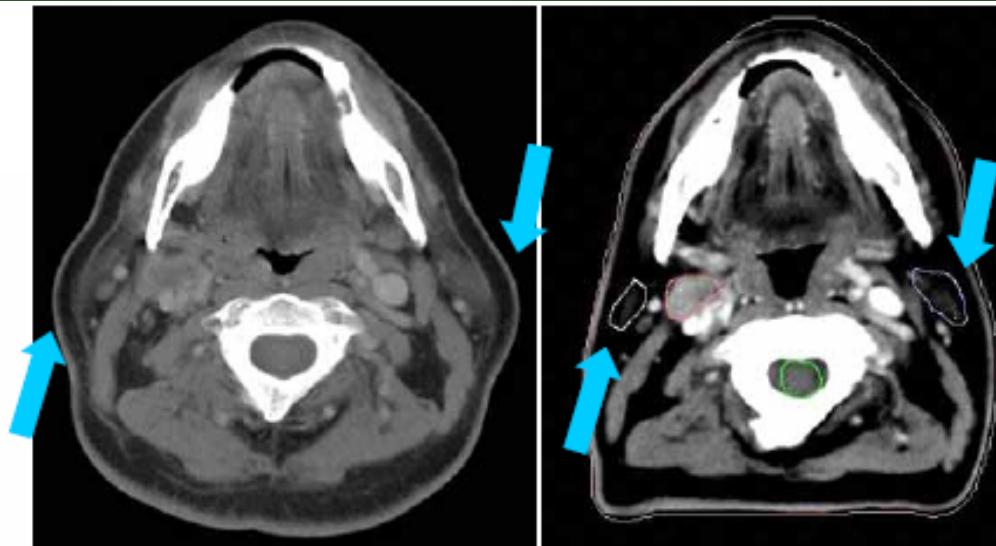
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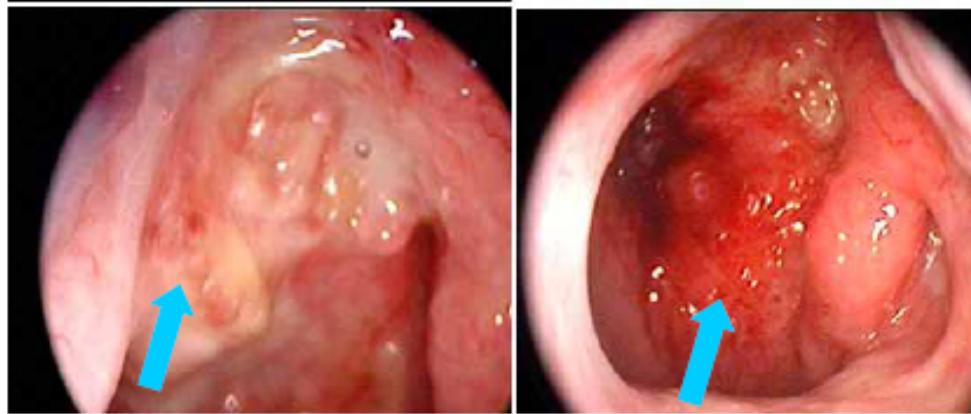


# Roscovitine (Seliciclib)<sup>R</sup> – Clinical Results

Lymph node shrinkage



Primary NPC tumor shrinkage



Pre-seliciclib

Post-seliciclib

Seliciclib: Monotherapy of nasopharyngeal carcinoma associated with EBV infection (Epstein-Barr virus), no drug available – reduction > 50%, regression of neck metastasis lymph nodes

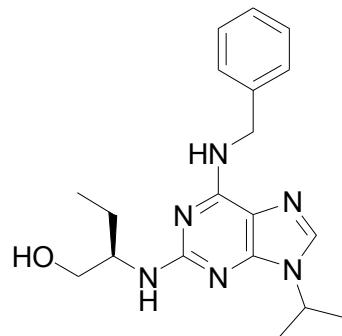


# List of CDK inhibitors in clinical development

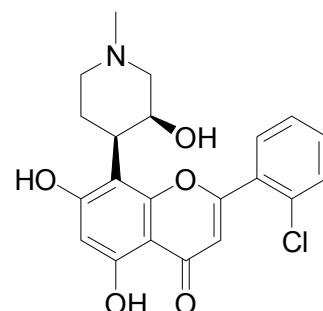
Compound	Structure	Sponsor	Comments	Phase	Route
Seliciclib (CYC202, <i>R</i> -roscovitine)	<b>1</b>	Cyclacel	Selective CDK2-CDK7-CDK9 inhibitor	II	<i>p.o.</i>
Alvocidib (flavopiridol, HMR1275)	<b>2</b>	Sanofi-Aventis	Promiscuous kinase inhibitor with potent CDK-inhibitory activity	II	<i>i.v.</i>
UCN-01	<b>3</b>	Kyowa Hakko Kogyo	Promiscuous kinase inhibitor with CDK-inhibitory activity	II	<i>i.v.</i>
E7070 (indisulam)	<b>4</b>	Eisai	G1/S cell cycle agent with indirect effects on CDK function	I/II	<i>i.v.</i>
SNS-032 (formerly BMS-387032)	<b>5</b>	Sunesis	Selective CDK2-CDK7-CDK9 inhibitor	I	<i>i.v.</i>
ON 01910.Na	<b>6</b>	Onconova	Dual specificity non-ATP-competitive CDK1/PLK1 inhibitor	I	<i>i.v.</i>
AZD-5438	Not disclosed	AstraZeneca	Not known	I	?
ZK-CDK	Not disclosed	Schering AG	Dual-specificity CDK2/VEGF-/PDGF-RTK inhibitor	I	<i>p.o.</i>
PD 0332991	<b>7</b>	Pfizer	Highly CDK4-selective with G1/S activity	I	<i>p.o.</i>
PHA-690509	Not disclosed	Nerviano Medical Science	Not known	I	?
JNJ-7706621	<b>8</b>	Johnson & Johnson	Dual specificity CDK and ARK inhibitor	Preclinical	<i>p.o.</i>
Not disclosed	Not disclosed	Hoffmann-La Roche	Not known	Preclinical	?
GPC-286199	<b>9</b>	GPC Biotech	Pan-CDK inhibitor with antimitotic activity	Preclinical	<i>i.v.</i>



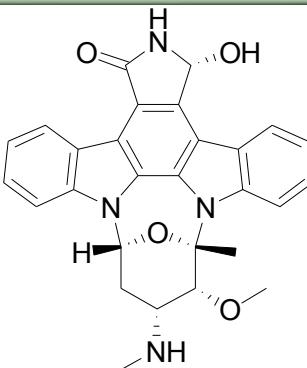
# CDK inhibitors in clinical development



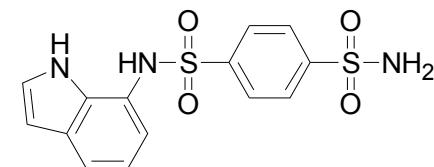
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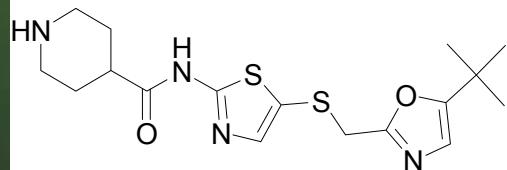
## **2: Flavopiridol (Aventis/NCI)**



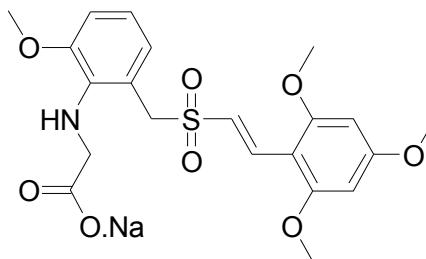
### 3: UCN-01 (Kyowa Hakko Kogyo)



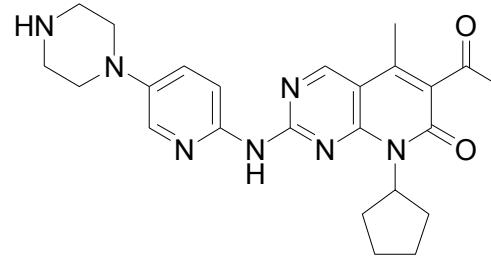
4: E7070 (Eisai)



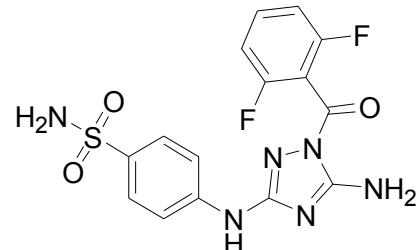
## 5: SNS-032 (Sunesis)



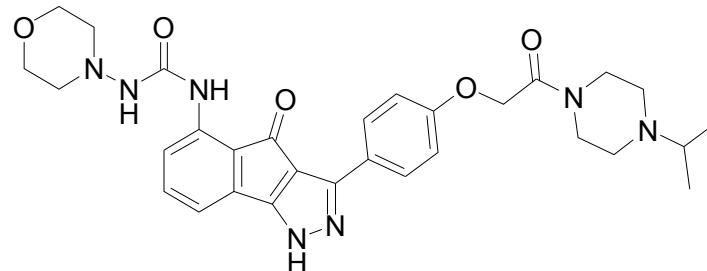
## 6: ON 01910Na (Onconova)



7: PD 0332991 (Pfizer)



8: JNJ-7706621 (Johnson & Johnson)

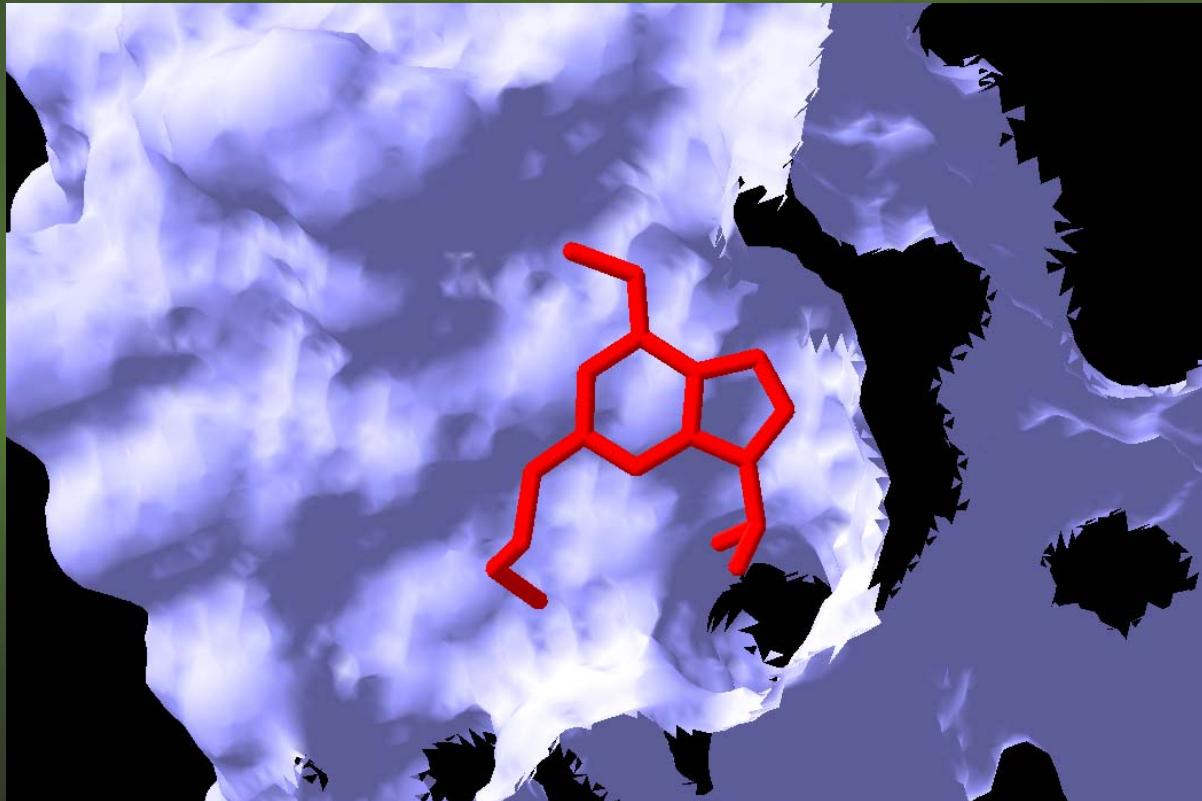


9: GPC-286199 (GPC Biotech)

# **Cytokinin-Like Inhibitors of CDK9 (CDK7) = Olomoucine II**



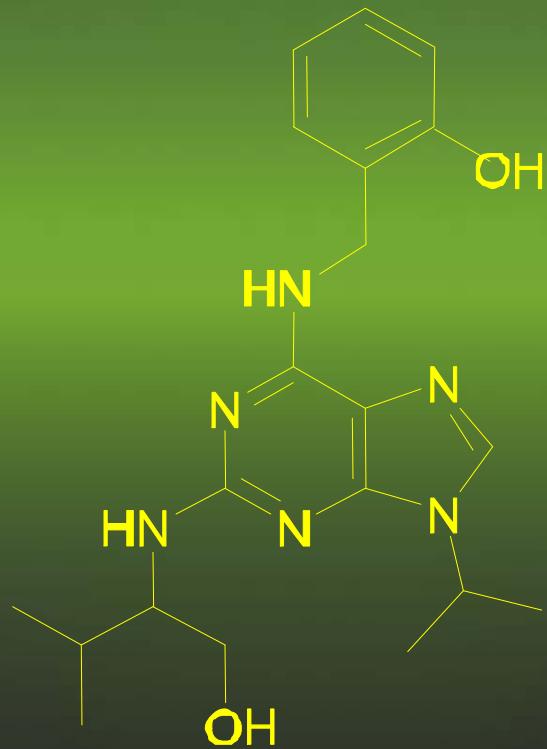
# Molecular Docking



Insight into the active site of CDK2 with a purine bound.

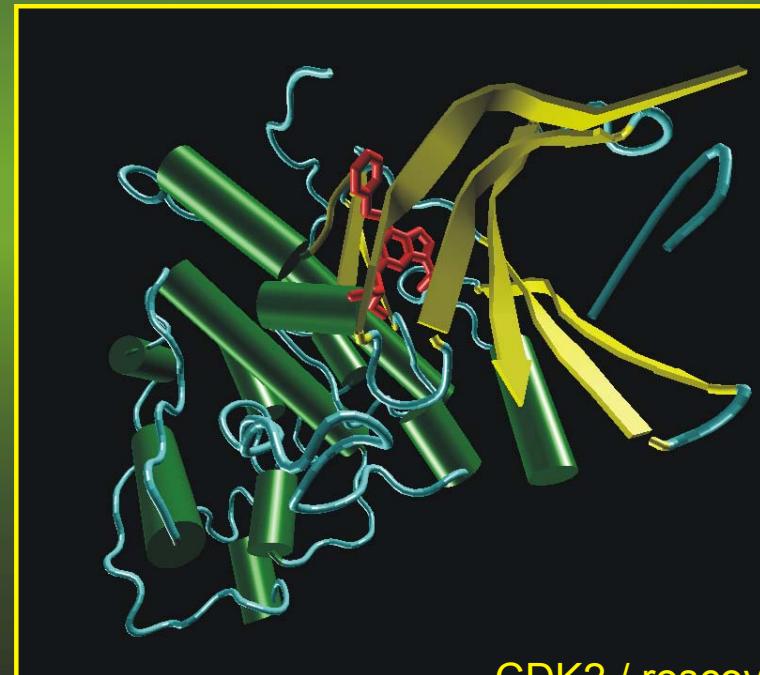


# Olomoucine II: *ortho*-Hydroxylated Roscovitine Derived from *ortho*-Topolin



# Biochemical Aspects of Roscovitine

kinase	IC50 / $\mu\text{M}$
CDK1/B	2.7
CDK2/E	0.84
CDK4/D	14.2
CDK7/H	0.49
CDK9/T	0.72
Erk2	1.17
PKA	>100
PKC	>100
CHK1	>100
c-Abl	>100

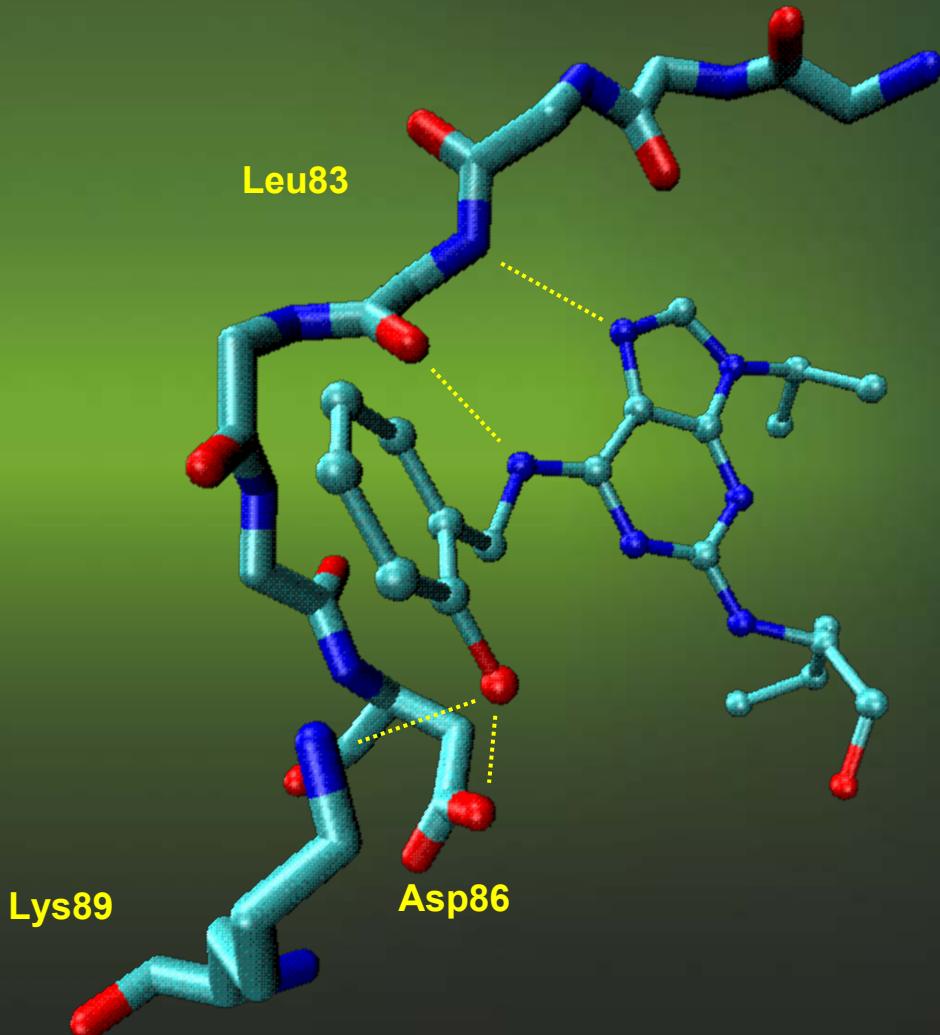


CDK2 / roscovitine co-crystal



# Olomoucine II Interactions with CDK2

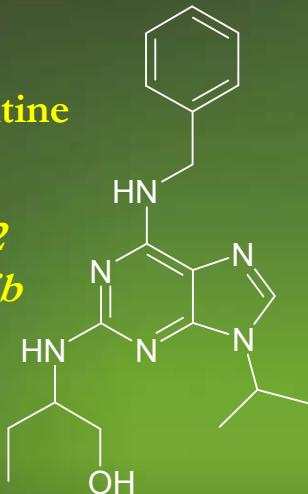
kinase	IC <sub>50</sub> / $\mu\text{M}$
CDK1/B	2.7
CDK2/E	0.1
CDK4/D	20
CDK7/H	0.45
CDK9/T	0.06
Erk2	32
PKA	>100
PKC	>100
CHK1	>100
c-Abl	>100



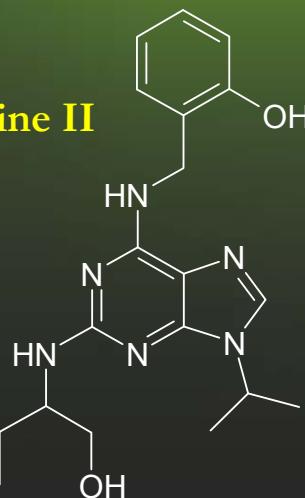
# Anticancer effect of olomoucine II

Roscovitine

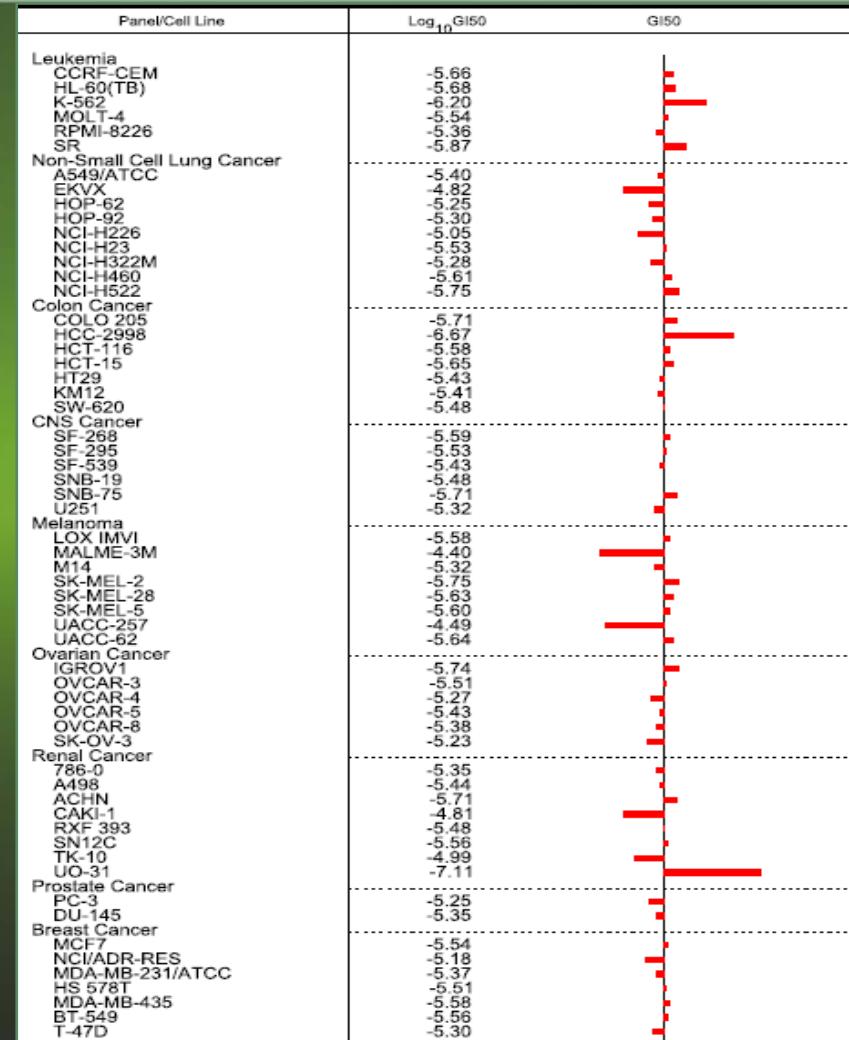
*CYC202*  
*Seliciclib*



Olomoucine II



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roscovitine

Mean  $GI_{50} = 19 \mu M$

olomoucine II

Mean  $GI_{50} = 3.3 \mu M$



# p53 signalling

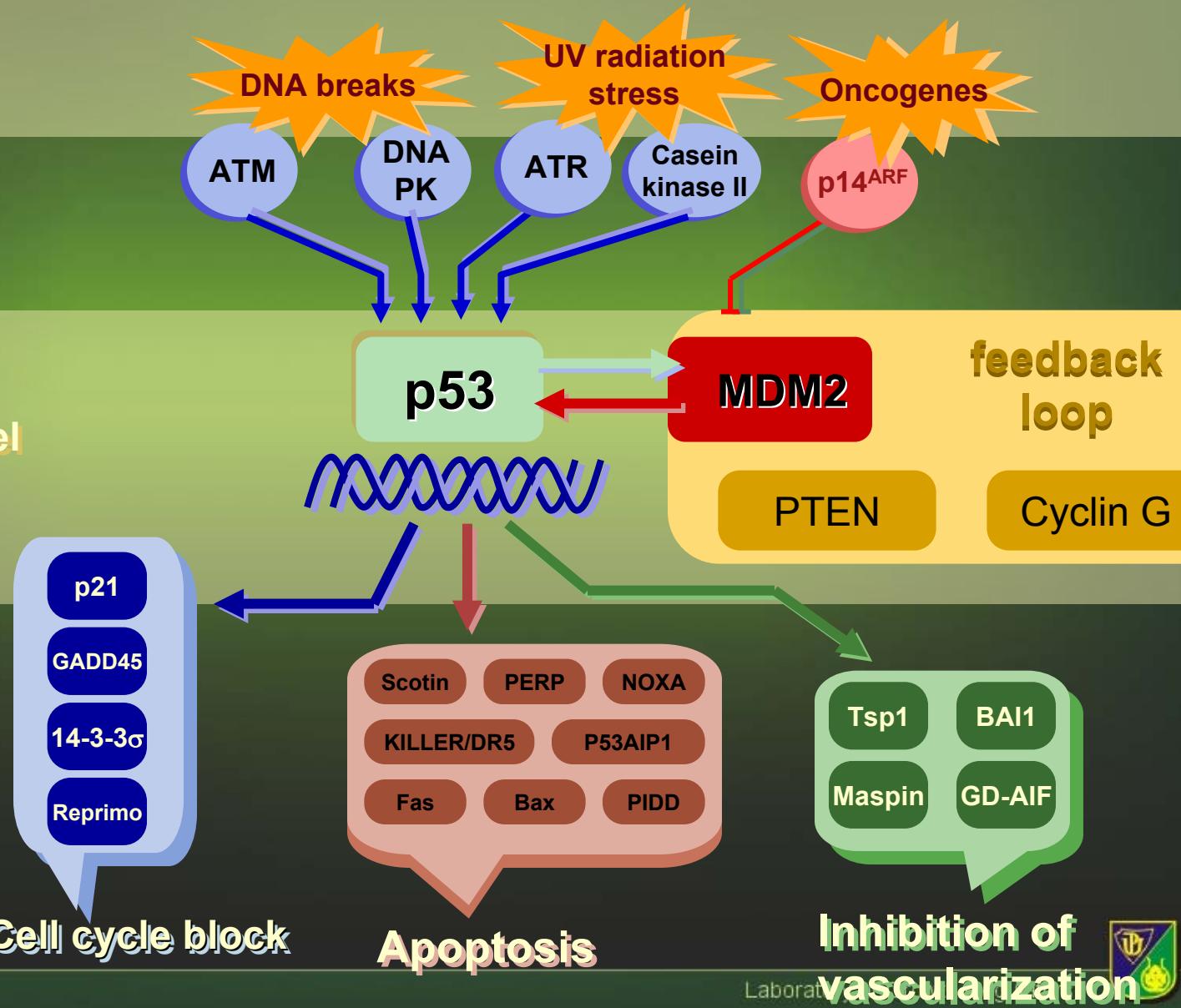
Stress

Stress  
signalling

Increase of p53 level  
Transactivation

Expression of  
effector  
genes

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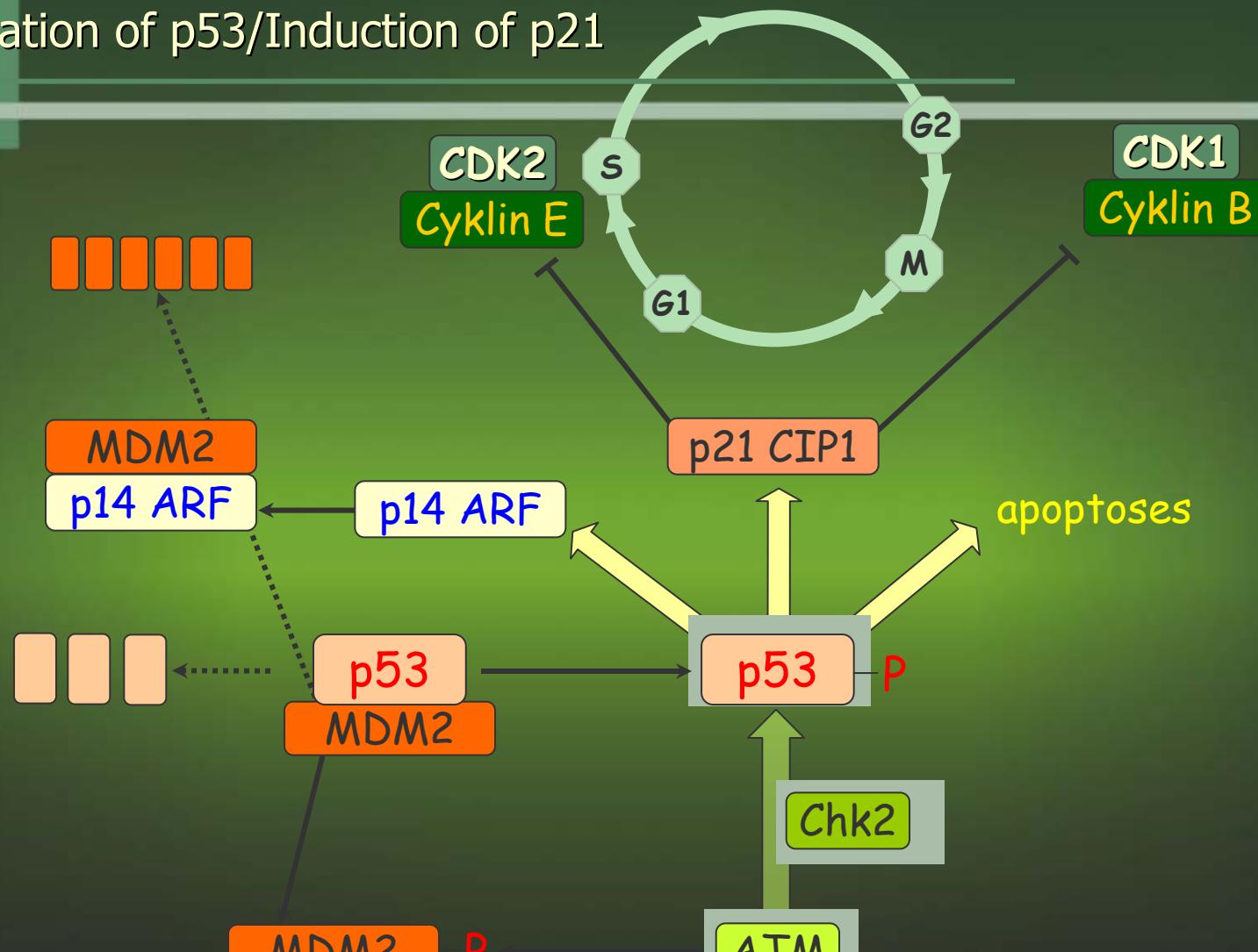
Cell cycle block

Apoptosis

Inhibition of  
vascularization



## Stabilization of p53/Induction of p21

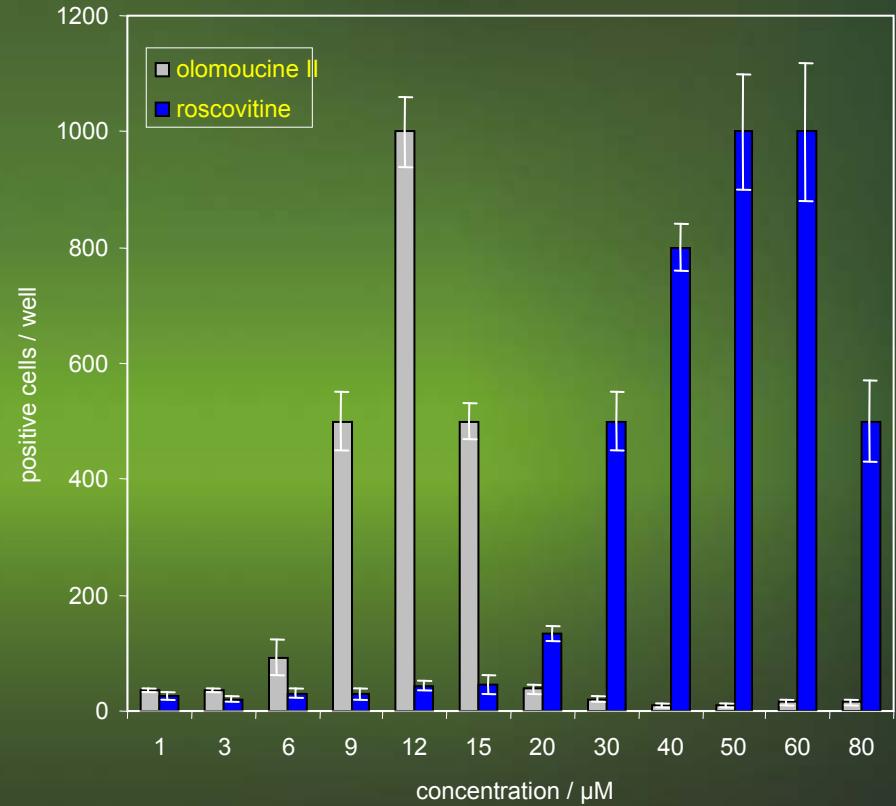
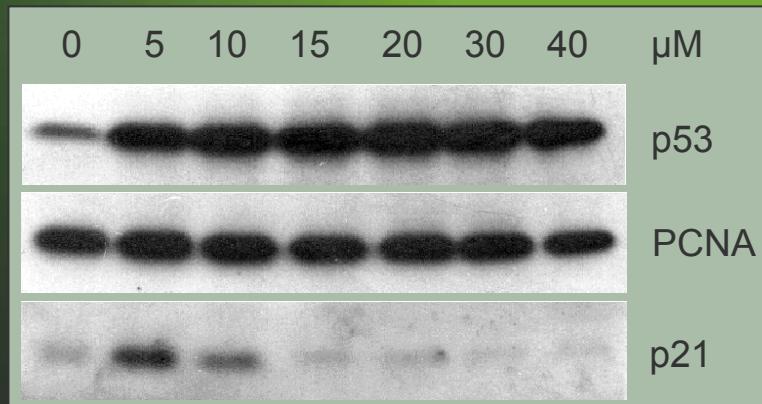


DNA damage, hypoxia and temperature shock ...



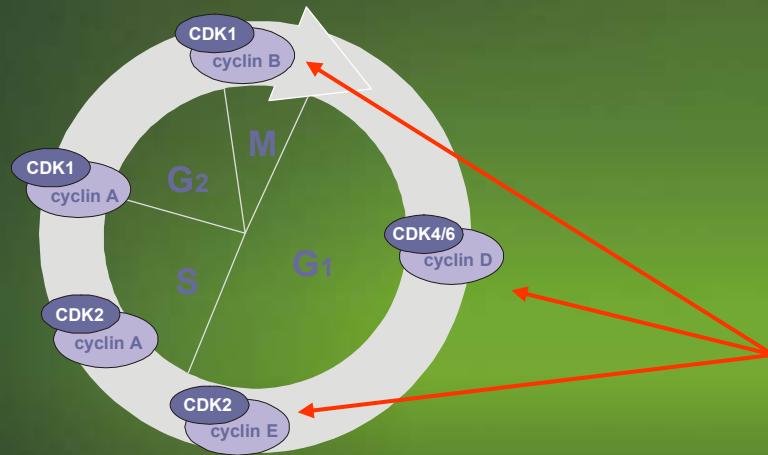
# Stabilization of p53/Induction p21 expression

Accumulation of p53 and p21<sup>WAF</sup> proteins in olomoucine II treated MCF7 cells

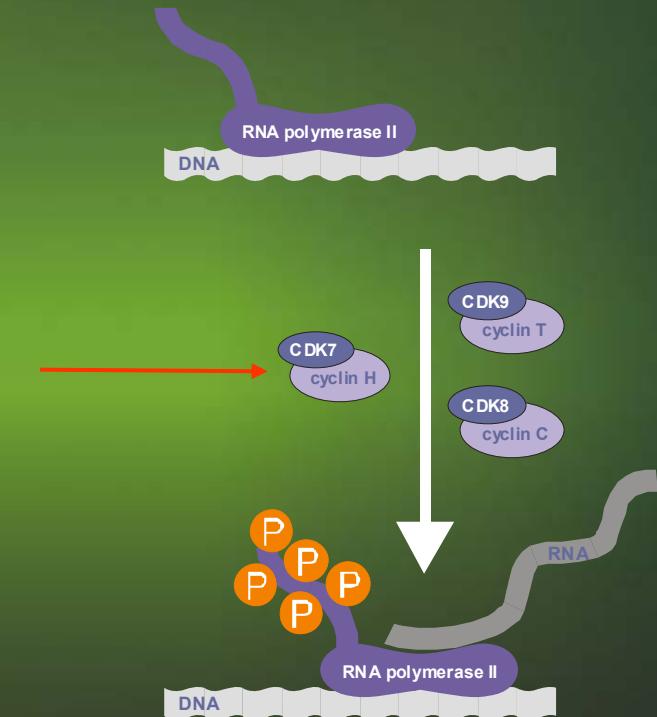


Induction of p53-transcriptional activity by olomoucine II in Arn8 cells with reporter system

# Anticancer activity of CDK inhibitors

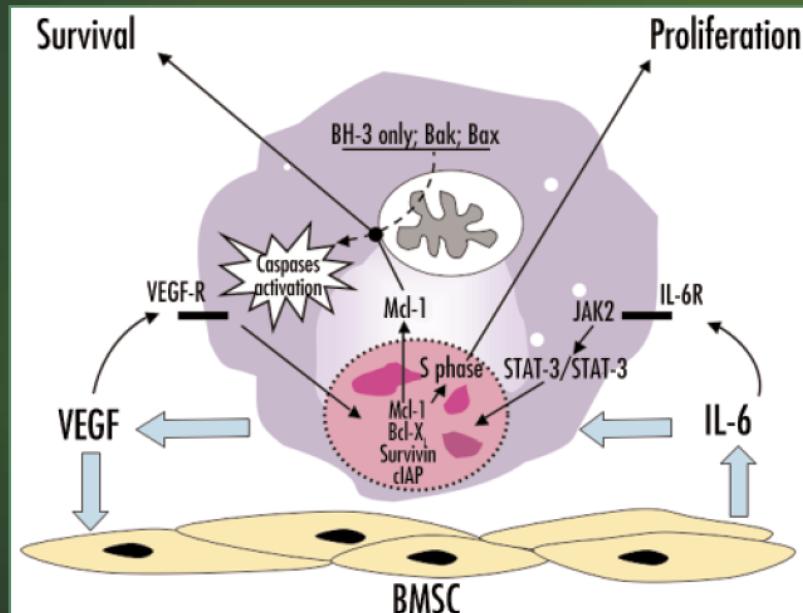


inhibitor



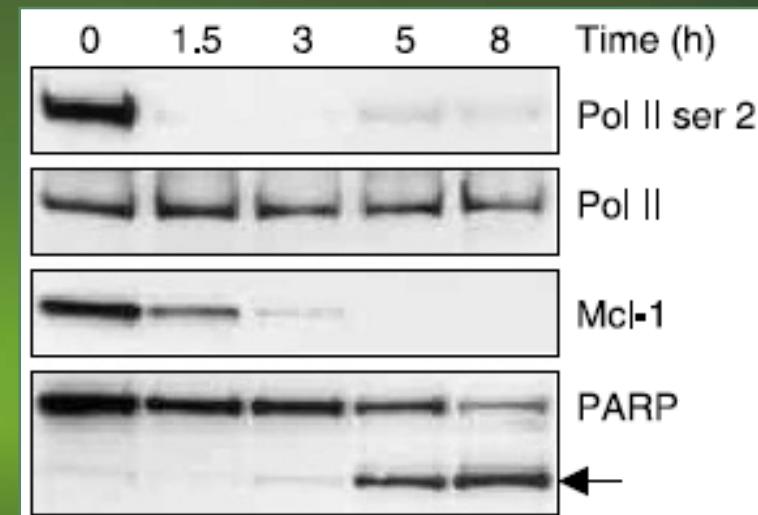
- Cell cycle arrest
- Induction of apoptosis
- Activation of p53

# Anticancer activity of CDK inhibitors



Cell Cycle. 2004 Oct;3(10):1259-62

**Pivotal role for Mcl-1 in multiple myeloma cells.** Mcl-1 (a member of the Bcl-2 family) antagonizes apoptosis upon mitogenic and survival stimuli. It is rapidly degraded in response to cell death signals.



**Roscovitine inhibits phosphorylation of RNA polymerase II by CDK9.**

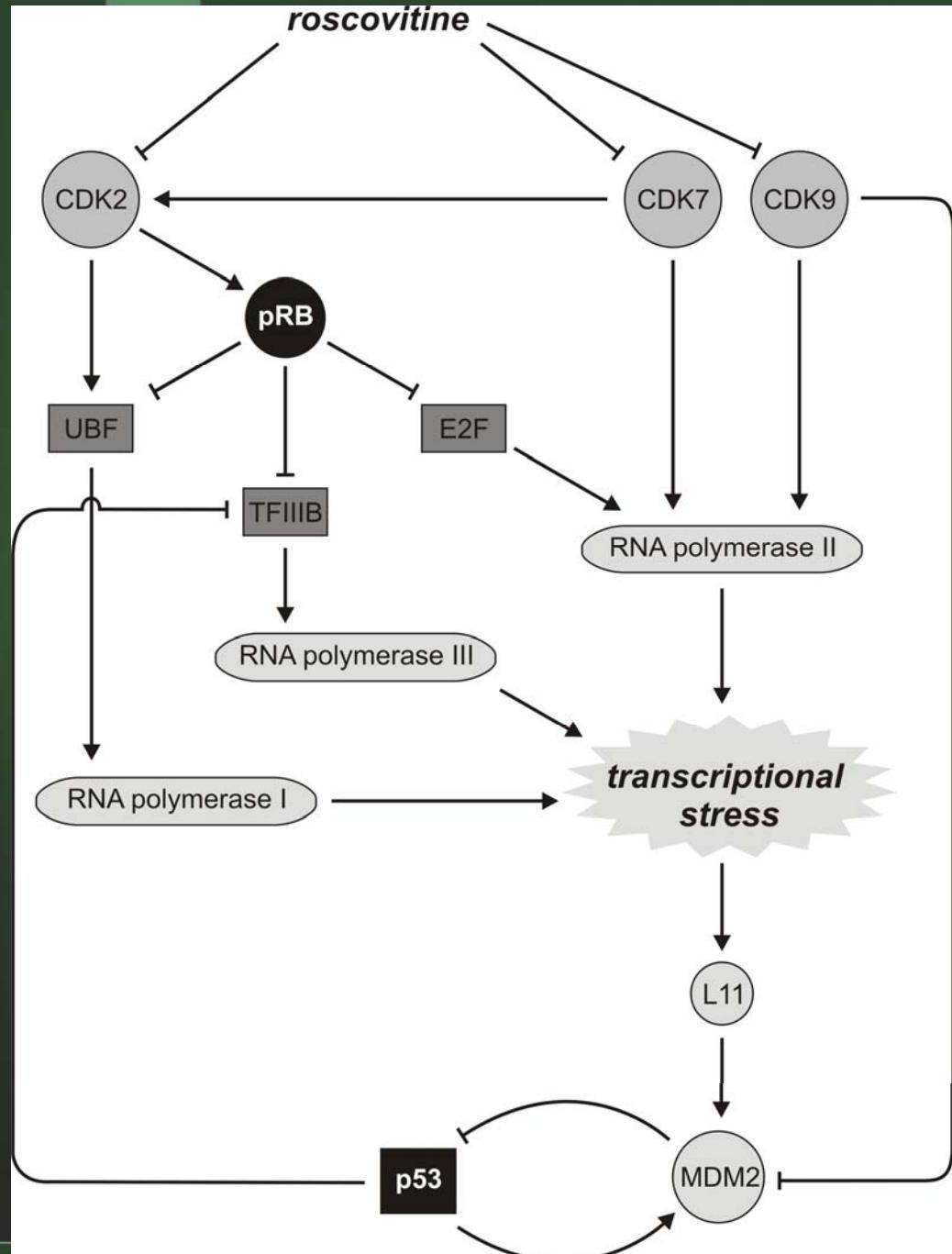
Inhibition of transcription exerts its greatest effect on gene products where both mRNA and protein have short half-lives, resulting in rapid decline of the protein levels. Mcl-1, crucial for the survival of a range of cell types including multiple myeloma, is rapidly down-regulated, which precedes the induction of apoptosis.

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Cancer Res. 2005 Jun 15;65(12):5399-407.



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**Roscovitine blocks transcription through combined inhibition of CDK2, CDK7 and CDK9. Being activated by roscovitine, tumor suppressor proteins pRB and p53 potently repress transcription factors necessary for RNA polymerase I (UBF), RNA polymerase II (e.g. E2F) and RNA polymerase III (TFIIIB).**

# Structure of Our Research

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- Cell Cycle and CDKs
- Cytokinin-Like Inhibitors of Cyclin -Dependent Kinases 1/2
- Cytokinin-Like Inhibitors of CDK7 a CDK9 – p53 activation
- Selective Inhibitors of CDK9
- Anticytokinins as New Database for Development of CDK Inhibitors
- Anticancer Drugs Combining CDK Inhibition with Antiinflammatory properties
- Anticancer Drugs Exhibiting Antiviral Activities



# CDKI Therapeutic Applications

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- oncology (new generation of drugs affecting cell cycle)
- neurology (Alzheimer's disease, stroke)
- virology (human cytomegalovirus, herpes virus ...)
- parasitology (*Plasmodium, Trypanosoma, Toxoplasma* ...)

... and other diseases resulting from uncontrolled proliferation

atherosclerosis  
post-angioplastic restenosis  
tumor angiogenesis  
glomerulonephritis  
psoriasis



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