

Novel leads and drugs for vector borne diseases: Targets and off targets (toxicity and ecotoxicity) and mechanism of action”

Thursday 19th and Friday 20th September 2024

National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, Greece

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Thursday 19th September 2024	
08:30	Arrival & registration
09:00	Welcome
Session 1: Targets and Mechanism of Action Studies for Vector Borne Diseases <i>Chairing: Anabela Cordeiro da Silva and Cecilia Pozzi</i>	
09:15	<i>“Innovative approaches to target trypanothione reductase an essential enzyme for the survival of trypanosomatids in the host”</i> Andrea Ilari , Institute of Molecular Biology and Pathology, Italian National Research Council, Italy
09:35	<i>“Cyclic AMP signaling and nucleoside activated Protein Kinase A in Trypanosoma and Leishmania: genetic target validation and structure-guided inhibitor design”</i> Michael Boshart , University of Munich (LMU), Germany
09:55	<i>“Chemical tools to decipher the modes of action of antiplasmodial redox-active 3-benzylmenadiones”</i> Elisabeth Davioud-Charvet , CNRS-Université de Strasbourg-Université Haute-Alsace, France
10:15	<i>“Unravelling the mechanism of action of highly potent Pteridine Reductase 1 inhibitors: new insights into dual targeting of PTR1 and DHFR”</i> Nuno Santarém , i3S, University of Porto, Portugal.
10:35	Coffee Break
11:05	Promoters: Cecilia Pozzi, Ulrike Wittig and the Team OHD1 - Target database project: the BioTarget DataBase (BioT-DB) <i>Round table discussion: Structural biology approaches to understand and fight VBDs.</i>

Session 2: Novel leads and drugs for Vector Borne Diseases

Chairing: Sandra Gemma and Gulsah Bayraktar

12:00	<p><i>"Phenotypic and target-based screening of nucleoside analogues as antitrypanosomal agents"</i> Ewout Van de Velde, Ghent University, Belgium <i>Recipient of the "Best presentation on vector-borne diseases" from the COST action (CA21111) at the Paul Ehrlich meeting held in Rome on June 2024.</i></p>
12:20	<p><i>"Specialized pro-resolving mediators as leads for resolution pharmacology targeting vector borne diseases."</i> Trond Vidar Hansen, University of Oslo, Norway</p>
12:40	<p><i>"Robenidine Derivatives As Potential Antischistosomal Drug Candidates"</i> Christian N. Lotz, University of Basel, Switzerland</p>
13:00	Break-Refreshments
14:00	<p><i>"Synthesis and Anti-Parasitic Evaluation of Fused N,S-Heterocyclic Derivatives"</i> Maria João Ribeiro Queiroz, University of Minho, Portugal</p>
14:20	<p><i>"Discovery and preliminary preclinical in vivo evaluation of a dicationic candidate for the oral treatment of leishmaniasis"</i> Christophe Dardonville, Medicinal Chemistry Institute, CSIC. C. Madrid, Spain.</p>
14:40	<p><i>"Arnica tincture is effective against cutaneous Leishmaniasis in human patients: A novel drug for this vector borne disease without toxic or ecotoxicological impact"</i> Thomas J. Schmidt, University of Münster, Germany</p>
15:00	<p>Promoters: Jose Maria Alunda, Anabela Cordeiro da Silva, Guy Caljon and the Team OHD3 project: Transition from in vitro to in vivo evaluation: recommendations for obtaining high-quality leads against kinetoplastids and round table discussion.</p>
16:00	Coffee break

Session 3: Flash Poster Presentations

Chairing: George Magoulas, Daniele Aiello

16.30	<p>Targets and Mechanism of Action Studies for Vector Borne Diseases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>"Comparative analysis of activated cysteine residues in human and parasitic enzymes: potential for covalent inhibition"</i> Črtomir Podlipnik, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia <i>"Molecular modelling on antiparasitic nucleoside drugs: revealing mechanism of drug action"</i> Alexandar Cvetkovski, Goce Delcev University, Republic of Northern Macedonia <i>"Plasmodium falciparum type-II NADH:ubiquinone:oxidoreductase as a possible target for bio-reductively activated antiplasmodial agents"</i> Narimantas Čėnas, Vilnius University, Lithuania <p>Questions</p>
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17:00	Novel leads and drugs for Vector Borne Diseases
17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Antitrypanosomal activity of D-ring modified steroid derivatives” Jovana Ajdukovic, University of Novi Sad, Serbia • “Novel Naphthyl Indolyl maleimides (NIM’s) as inhibitors of kinase and new leads in the treatment of Leishmaniasis” Florence McCarthy, University College Cork, Ireland • “Adamantane Nitro-Heterocyclic Derivatives with Activity against <i>L. infantum</i>” Konstantina Stavropoulou, National Kapodistrian University of Athens • “Activity of novel heterocyclic compounds against promastigote and amastigote-like <i>Leishmania infantum</i> and <i>Leishmania tropica</i>” Gulsah Bayraktar, Ege University, Turkey <p>Questions</p>
17:45	Diagnostics-Epidemiology of Vector Borne Diseases
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Molecular Detection Of Filarial Nematode Parasites In Mosquitoes From Albania” Elton Rogozi, Institute of Public Health, Albania • “Analyzing High Throughput Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Test Effectiveness and Genetic Diversity in Dominican Republic: Considerations for Elimination Efforts” Claudia Federo, University of Minho, Portugal • “A stochastic model for spread of Malaria under insecticide-treated nets and possible treatments” Jasmina Djordjevic, University of Niš, Serbia • “Vivax malaria cases imported from Greece during 2010-2016” Teita Myrseli, Institute of Public Health, Albania <p>Questions</p>
18.30	End of 1 st day
20:30	Dinner

Friday 20th September

Session 4: Medicinal chemistry and One Health principle integration: expanding the concepts of selectivity in drug discovery

Chairing: Ioannis Papanastasiou & Ulrike Wittig

09:00	<i>"Integration of AI Assisted Toxicity Assessment framework across All Life Forms in Green Chemistry Principles while Designing New Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals"</i> Nikolaos Thomaidis , National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
09:20	<i>"G.AI.A. A computational platform for ecotoxicity predictions of chemical compounds"</i> Evangelos Tsoukas , CLOUDPHARM, Athens, Greece
09:40	<i>"In silico Ecotoxicological Assessment of Compounds and their Metabolites: A Lesson from Curcumin"</i> Simone Brogi , University of Pisa, Italy
10:00	<i>"Optimizing Trypanothione Reductase Inhibitors for Leishmania Treatment: A Multiparametric Prediction Approach to Enhance Solubility and Biodegradability"</i> Sandra Gemma , University of Siena, Italy
10:20	<i>"Development of NMT-A004-loaded biodegradable nanocarriers"</i> Theano Fotopoulou , National Hellenic Research Foundation, Greece
10:40	Coffee Break
11:10	<i>"One Health Approach in Drug Discovery for Leishmaniasis by Targeting Calpain cys-protease"</i> Daniele Aiello , University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy
11.30	<i>"Innovative Therapeutic Strategies for Vector-Borne Diseases: Exploring Novel Drug Targets and Addressing Off-Target Toxicity"</i> Lori Doko , University of natural sciences and biological sciences, Albania
11:50	<i>"Drug Discovery and preclinical Development for Human and Animal African Trypanosomiasis: Profiling of a collection of Natural Compounds with ADME-(Eco)Toxicity properties"</i> Laura Bertarini , University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy
12:10	<i>"Bioethical and human security approaches on evolution of drugs for vector borne diseases"</i> Serghei Sprincean , Moldova State University, Moldova
12:30	Promoters: Sandra Gemma, Gulsah Bayraktar and the Team OHD2 – Compound Database project: Antiparasitic drug discovery and emerging scaffolds with predictive low environmental impact. Round table discussion
13:10	Break-Refreshments
14:00	<i>COST CA21111 General Meeting (Planning Action activities and YRI)</i>
17.00	Closing remarks