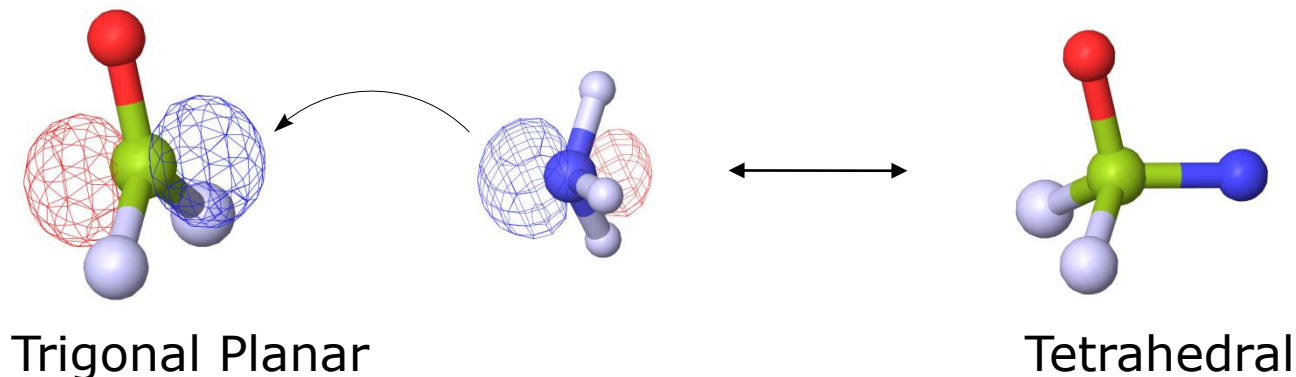




Discovery and Development of Novel
Benzoxaboroles to Treat Kinetoplastid
Diseases

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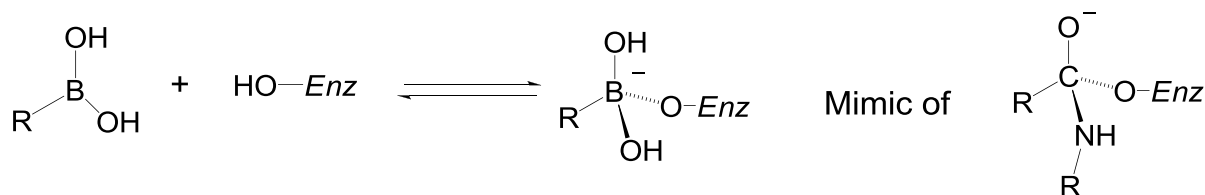
Boron has a Unique Bonding Orbital Configuration: An Empty P-Orbital¹



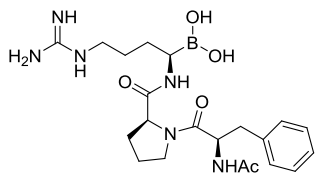
- Boron has an empty P-orbital & can form a new bond under specific conditions
- The new bond forms a tetrahedral structure
- Exploitation of P-Orbital Expands Drug Design Possibilities

History and Overview of Boronic Acid Drug Discovery Efforts¹

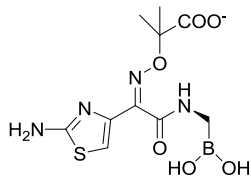
- Design of boronic acid enzyme inhibitors initiated in 1970s



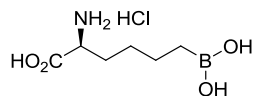
- Multiple disease targets have been pursued



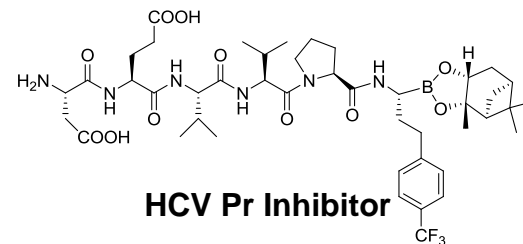
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Dup 714**



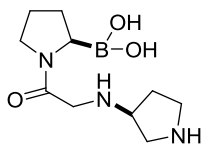
β-Lactamase Inhibitor



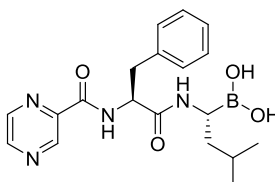
Arginase Inhibitor



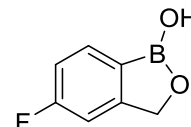
HCV Pr Inhibitor



DPP4 Inhibitor – PHX-1149



bortezomib



tavaborole

- Velcade® (bortezomib) was approved by FDA in 2008 for use in multiple myeloma²

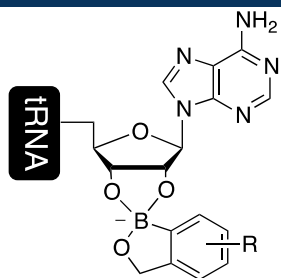
- KERYDIN™ (tavaborole) topical solution, 5% was approved by FDA in 2014 for topical treatment of onychomycosis³

1 Baker *et al.* (2009) *Future Medicinal Chemistry*, 1(7), 1275-1288.
 2 US Dept of Health and Human Services, www.fda.gov, June 23, 2008
 3 KERYDIN™ (Tavaborole) Topical Solution, 5%, Package Insert. Palo Alto, CA: Anacor Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; 2014

Summary of Modes of Interaction of Anacor Boron Compounds with Biological Targets

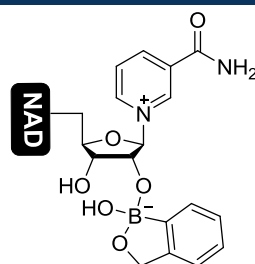
All shown by X-Ray Crystallography

Covalent Boron Interaction with Activated Cis-diol



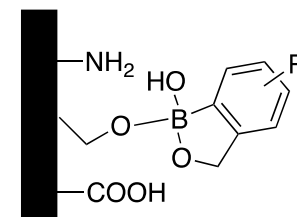
LeuRS Inhibitor¹

Covalent Boron Interaction with NAD⁺ OH



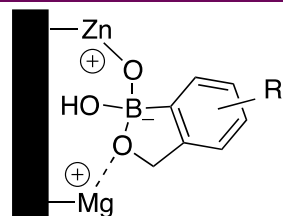
Oxidoreductases²

Covalent Boron Interaction with Activated OH of Serine



Serine Protease³

Oxaborole Metal Chelating Interaction



PDE4⁴

Novel chemistry
Broad target applicability
High selectivity



Covalent Bonding

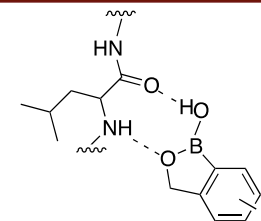


Metal Interaction



Hydrogen bonding

Conventional Hydrogen Bonding Interaction



Kinase Inhibitor⁵

1. Rock, F etal (2007) *Science*, **316**, 1759-1761.
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Anacor's Boron Chemistry Pipeline for Neglected Diseases

Research

Hit-to-Lead

Lead Op

Preclinical
Safety

Phase 1

Parasitic Diseases

African Sleeping Sickness (HAT)

SCYX7158 / AN5568

Visceral Leishmaniasis

Chagas disease

Malaria - Lead Series

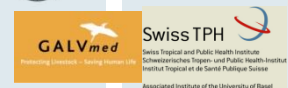
Malaria (New Scaffolds)

River Blindness (Macrofilaricide)

River Blindness (Wolbachia)

African Animal Trypanosomiasis

Cutaneous Leishmaniasis



Bacterial Diseases

Tuberculosis (TB) LeuRS

TB (non-LeuRS)

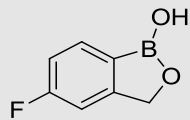
TB new targets



Anacor's Boron Chemistry Technology Has Delivered 8 Drug Candidates

Clinical Candidates

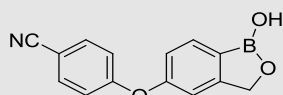
Antifungal



KERYDIN™

FDA Approved

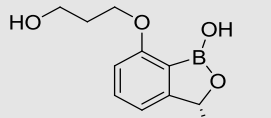
Anti-inflammatory



AN2728

Phase 3

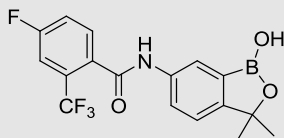
Antibacterial



AN3365

Phase 2

Antitrypanosome



SCYX-7158
(AN5568)

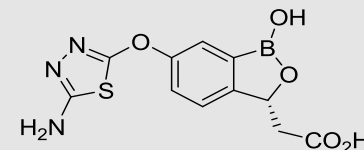
Phase 1 completed

Preclinical Candidates



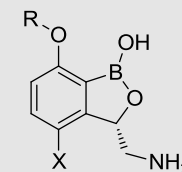
Antibacterial

Preclinical Candidate



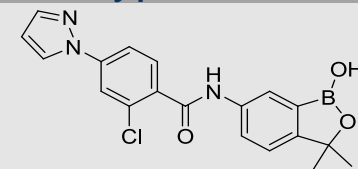
Antitubercular

Preclinical Candidate



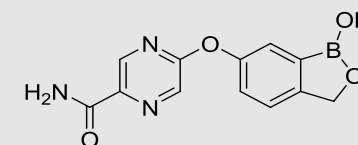
Antitrypanosome

Preclinical Candidate



Antimalarial

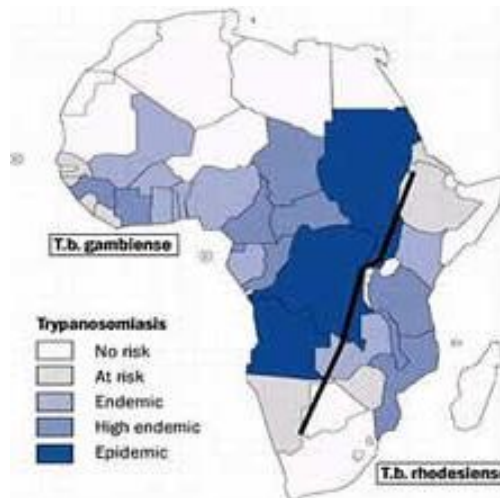
Advanced Lead



Boron
Chemistry
Technology

Human African Trypanosomiasis (HAT): "Sleeping Sickness"

- Caused by the single cell parasite *Trypanosoma brucei sp.*
- Transmitted through bite of tsetse fly
- 55 million at risk in 36 countries in sub-Saharan Africa¹
 - Estimated 10-20 thousand deaths per year
- Disease progresses through two stages; timing dependent upon parasite strain
 - Stage 1 HAT: Parasites restricted to blood, symptoms are mild
 - Stage 2 HAT: Parasites have invaded the brain, symptoms are more severe, ultimately leads to coma and death²



¹ WHO. Human African trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness): epidemiological update. Wkly Epidemiol. Rec. 81 (8), 71-80 (2006)

² Grab, DJ, et al. J. Neuroviral. 14(5), 344 -351 (2008)

HAT Collaboration: Partners

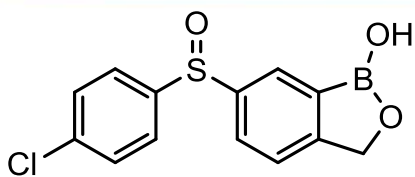
- Anacor (Palo Alto, California)
 - Founded in 2002; drug discovery company based on a boron chemistry platform; products and clinical candidates in anti-fungal, anti-inflammatory and anti-infective applications
- Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (Geneva, Switzerland)
 - Founded in 2003; ~ 100 staff; origins with MSF; non-profit, virtual R&D organization focused on neglected diseases
- SCYNEXIS (RTP, North Carolina)
 - Founded in 2000; ~ 100 employees; contract drug discovery/development focus
 - Responsible for medicinal chemistry, *in vitro* biology and DMPK
- Haskins Laboratories, Pace University (New York, NY)
 - Established 1977; interdisciplinary research in kinetoplastids and related parasites; discovered eflornithine (DFMO) for stage 2 HAT
 - Responsible for *in vivo* evaluation of compounds in HAT models
- Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Basel, Switzerland)
 - Founded in 1943; ~ 500 staff; world-leading expertise in HAT research and clinical applications of HAT drugs



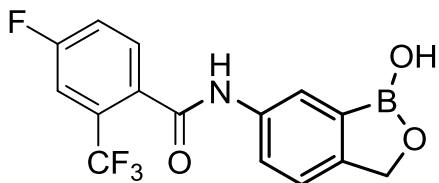
Swiss TPH



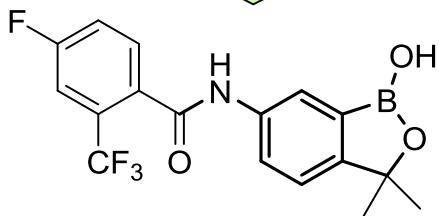
Benzoxaboroles: Project Progression^{1,2}



AN2920



AN4169



AN5568

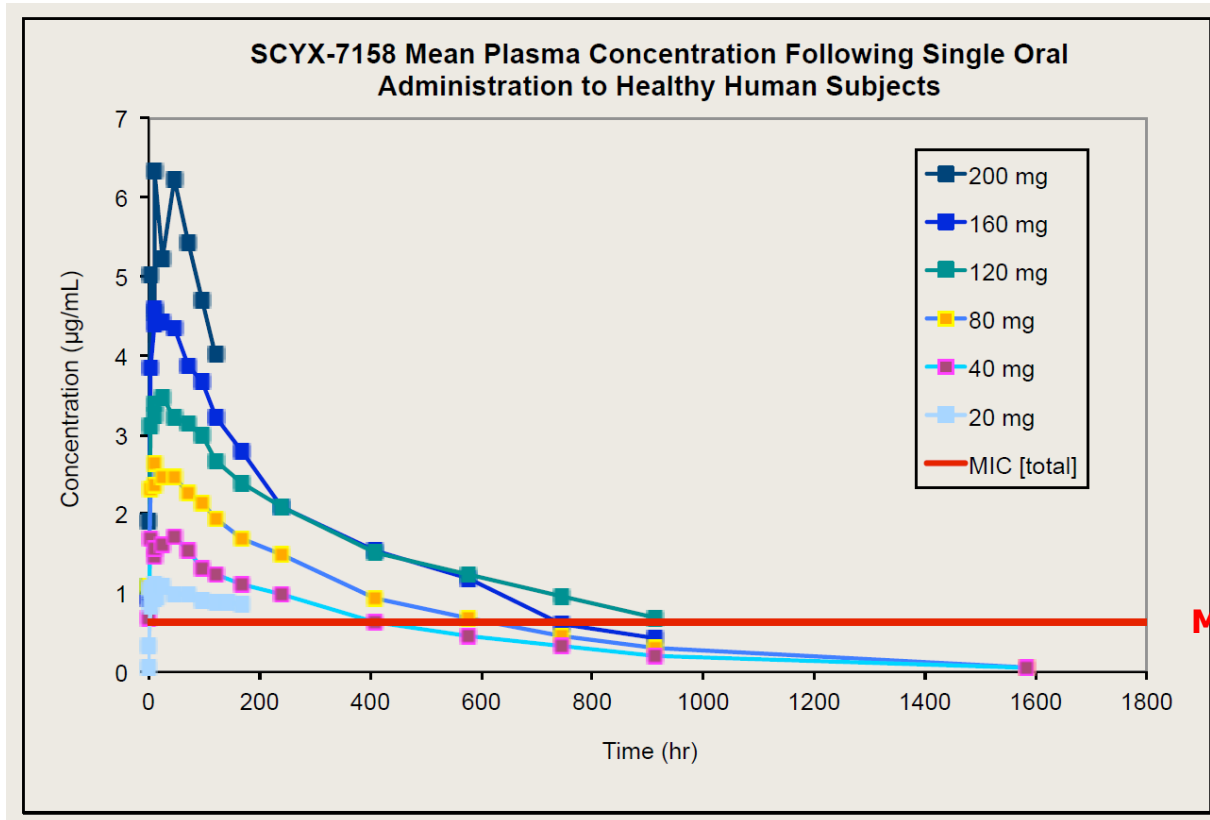
- Initial screening hit identified at UCSF Sandler Center (J. McKerrow)
- Initial "lead" identified from further screening and early SAR development at SCYNEXIS
- Optimized lead which was progressed to pre-clinical and clinical evaluation³

¹Jacobs, R.T., et al, Future Med Chem **2011**, 3, 1259

²Nare, B., et al, Antimicrobial Agents Chemotherapy **2010**, 54, 4379

³Jacobs, R.T., et al, PLoS Negl Trop Dis **2011**, 5, e1151

AN5568 (SCYX-7158): Interim Pharmacokinetics in Healthy Human Subjects¹



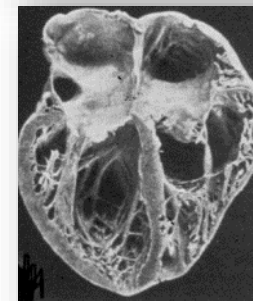
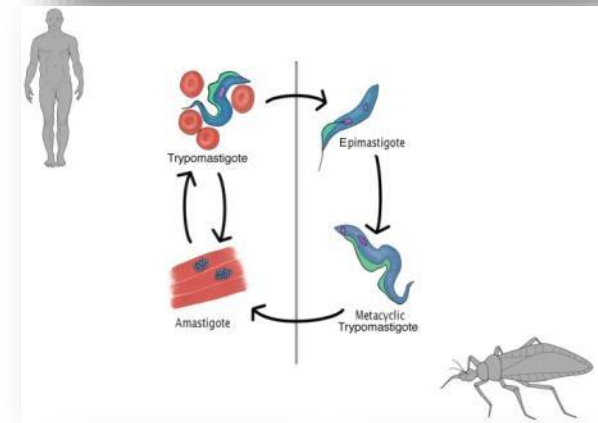
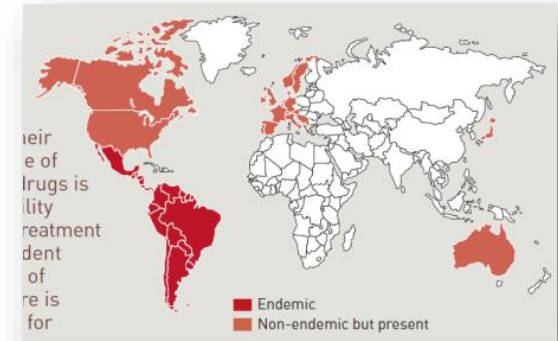
MIC = 0.6 µg/mL

- The geometric mean value for half-life across the 20 – 160 mg treatment groups is 325 hr/ 13.5 days (range, 259 – 402 hr/ 10.8 – 16.8 days).
- The prolonged half-life is consistent with a single dose treatment, which is desirable to mitigate against potential treatment failures from poor compliance.

¹ Wring, S, et al, 62nd ASTMH Meeting, November 2013, Poster LB-2117. Available at www.dndi.org/media-center.

Trypanosoma cruzi and Chagas Disease

- 25-100 million at risk, mostly in Latin America^{1,2}
- At least 7.6 million people infected²
- Transmitted by triatomine insects, blood transfusion, organ transplantation, congenitally, or orally³
- Largest parasitic cause of death in western hemisphere and leading infectious cause of cardiomyopathy³
- Usually controlled by immune response, but not eliminated
- Majority of patients undiagnosed until decades into the infection
- Up to 30% of chronically infected people develop cardiac alterations, and up to 10% develop digestive, neurological or mixed alterations³
- Estimated that <1% of infected people get treatment
- Zoonotic infection – will not be eradicated
- Solution for control – reduce transmission, survey for infected, treat those infected

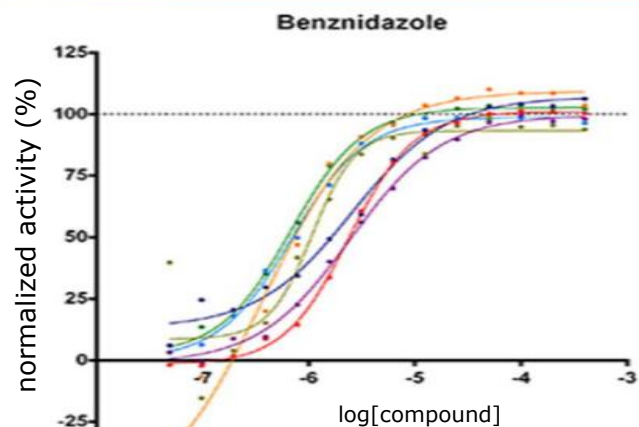


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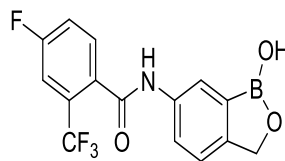
² WHO Technical Report 975 (2012) <http://www.who.int/tdr/publications>.

³ Coura, J et al (2002) *Mem Inst Oswaldo Cruz*, **97**, 3-24.

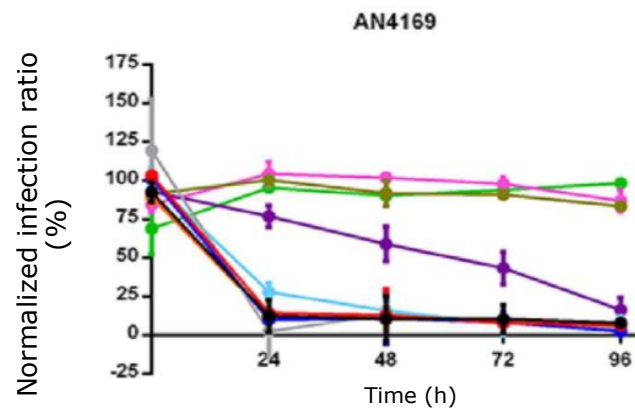
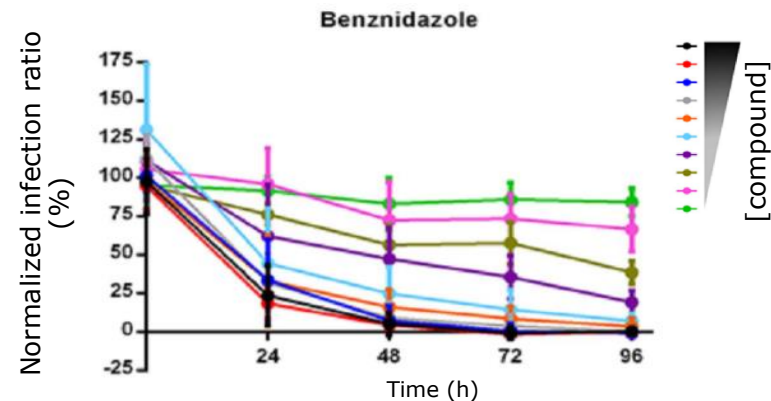
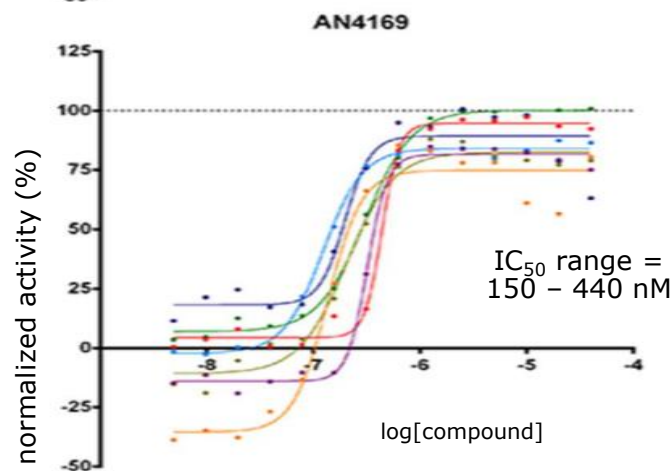
Like Benznidazole, AN4169 Exhibits Attractive *in vitro* Activity and Speed of Kill¹



Each curve represents a strain of *T. cruzi*



AN4169



Like benznidazole, AN4169 is highly active against *T. cruzi* strains from DTUs I-VI.

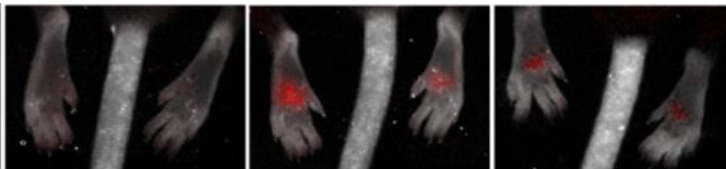
Like benznidazole, AN4169 exhibits fast trypanocidal activity and can significantly reduce intracellular *T. cruzi* with 24-48 h exposure

¹ Moreas, C.B., et al. (2014) *Nature Scientific Reports* 4, 4703. doi: 10.1038/srep04703

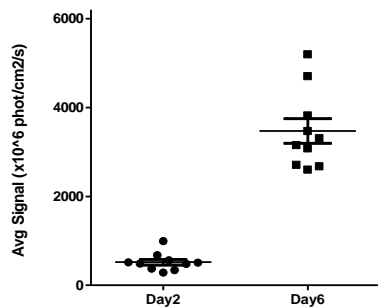
Rapid and "cure" assays suggest comparable results for Nifurtimox and AN4169

Rapid assay¹

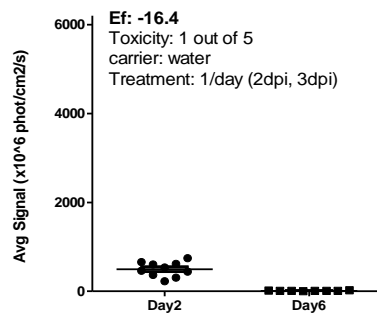
2e05 *T. cruzi*
tdTomato strain
foot pad infection



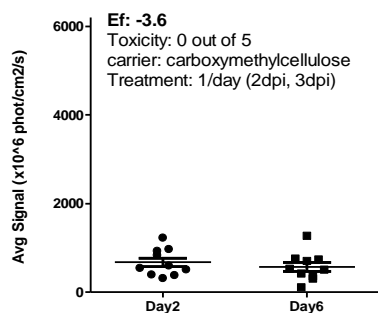
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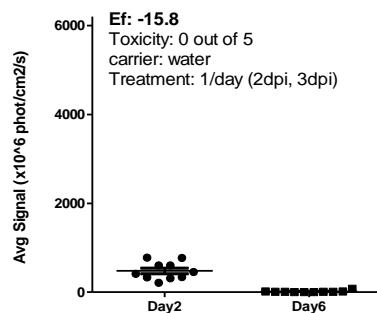
^aBZ 50mg/kg, 2 doses, oral



AN4169 50mg/kg, 2 doses, oral



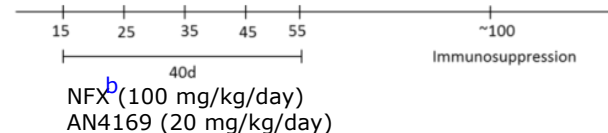
^bNFX 50mg/kg, 2 doses, oral



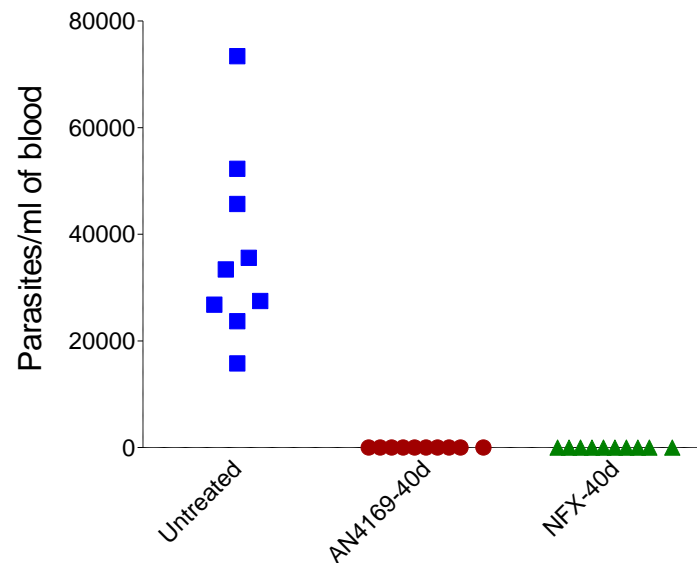
^aBenznidazole; ^bNifurtimox

Cure assay²

1000 *T. cruzi*
Brazil strain



~2 weeks after immunosuppression



- 1 Canavaci, AM, etal (2010) *PLoS Negl Trop Dis* e740
- 2 Bustamante, J etal, (2014) *J. Infect. Dis.*, 209, 150

Summary

- Benzoxaboroles have been a rich source of leads for development of new drugs to address the significant unmet medical need in kinetoplastid diseases.¹
- The most advanced benzoxaborole designed to treat a kinetoplastid disease is AN5568 (SCYX-7158), which has recently completed Phase 1 clinical trials for HAT, with Phase 2 clinical trials anticipated to begin in 2015.²
- Screening of the benzoxaboroles against *T. cruzi* and *Leishmania spp.* has provided good leads for treatment of diseases caused by these parasites as well.
- The lead compound AN4169 has demonstrated good activity across a phylogenetically diverse panel of *T. cruzi* parasites,³ and has shown activity in both rapid screening and chronic cure models in mice.^{4,5}

¹ Jacobs, R.T. et al, (2011) *Curr Opin Infect Dis*, 24, 586-592.

² Jacobs, R.T., et al, (2011) *PLoS Negl Trop Dis*, 5, e1151

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