

# FAPESP-RSC-MMV-DNDi workshop

## Frontiers in Science on Neglected Diseases



Recent collaborations with *Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative-DNDi* and with *Medicines for Malaria Venture-MMV* in the area of neglected diseases

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# The *Lead Optimization Latin America (LOLA)* consortium: collaborative drug discovery for Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)

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**DNDi**

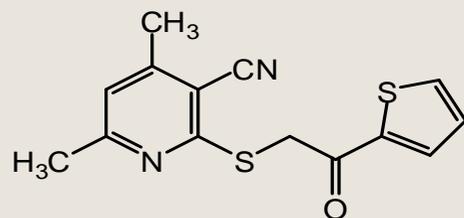
Drugs for Neglected Diseases *initiative*

***Lead Optimization Latin America (LOLA)***

# Origins of leads against *T. cruzi*

## Early leads for new drugs for Chagas disease

### Monocyclic series

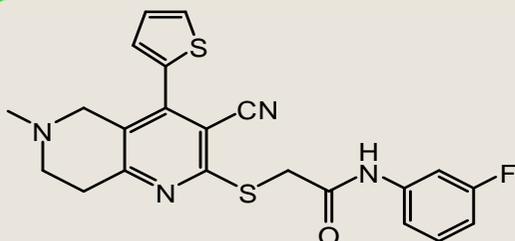


**TDR30139**

$IC_{50} = 0.34 \mu\text{M}$  (*in vitro*)

- TDR screening campaign
- TDR optimisation project

### Bicyclic series



**LOLA4**

$IC_{50} = 0.03 \mu\text{M}$  (*in vitro*)

- NIH funded screen of the Broad Institute compound collection



## Medicinal Chemistry Centre for Chagas Disease in Brazil

### World Health Organization

New Medicinal Chemistry Centers to Join Drug Discovery Networks  
T24/181/136 ID No. A80141

The Special Program for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases  
TDR/UNICEF/UNDP/WB/WHO

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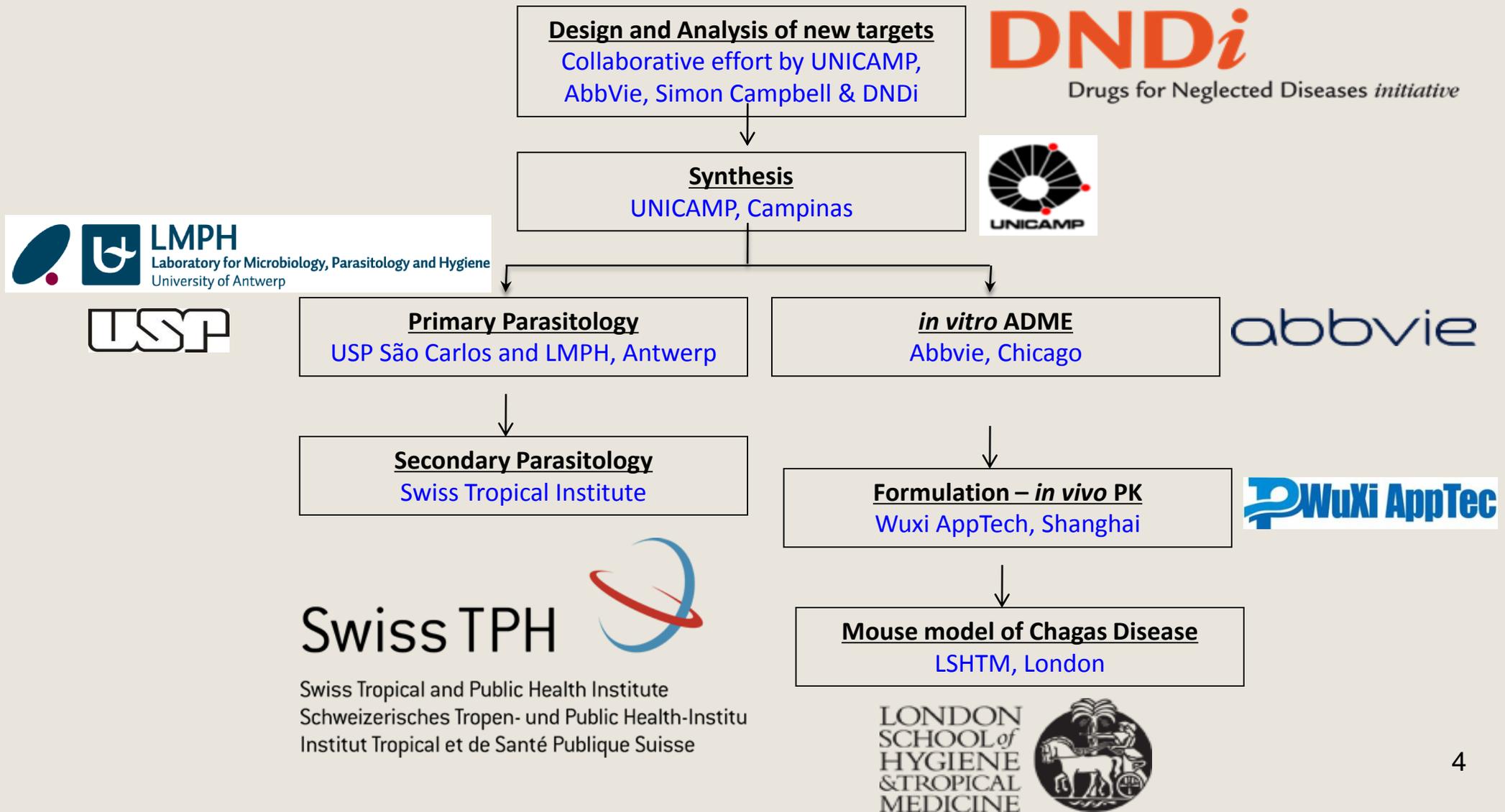
STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY  
AND STRATEGIC PLANNING



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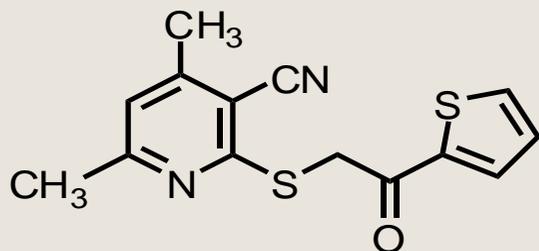
ORGANIC SYNTHESIS

# Early screening cascade & partners



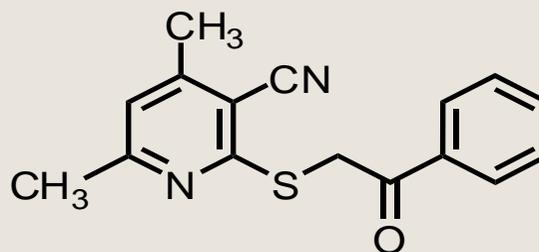
# MOA is not CYP51 inhibition

- **TDR30139 & TDR91219** have promising *in vitro* activity against *T. cruzi*
- Hit to lead chemistry in progress at University of Campinas
- Check for CYP51 inhibition before investing too much effort:



**TDR30139**

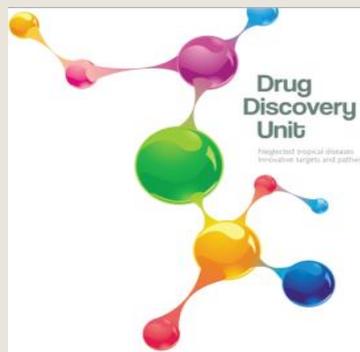
*T. cruzi* IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.34 μM  
**CYP51 IC<sub>50</sub> > 10 μM**



**TDR91219**

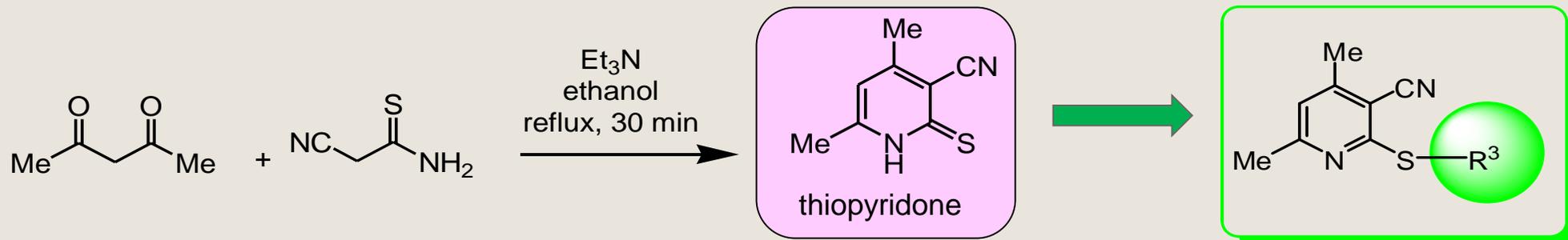
*T. cruzi* IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.7 μM  
**CYP51 IC<sub>50</sub> > 10 μM**

- Experiment kindly carried out by collaborators at GSK, Tres Cantos, and Dundee Drug Discovery Unit



# General Synthesis

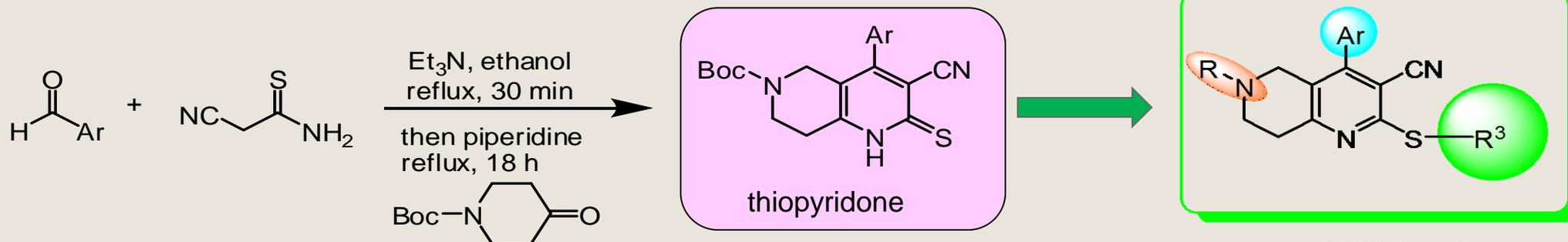
## monocyclic cyanopyridines



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**TDR30139**  
analogues

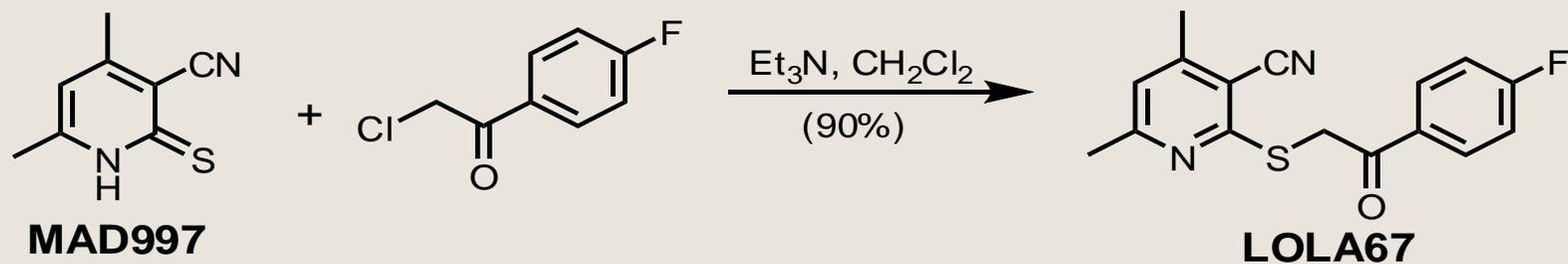
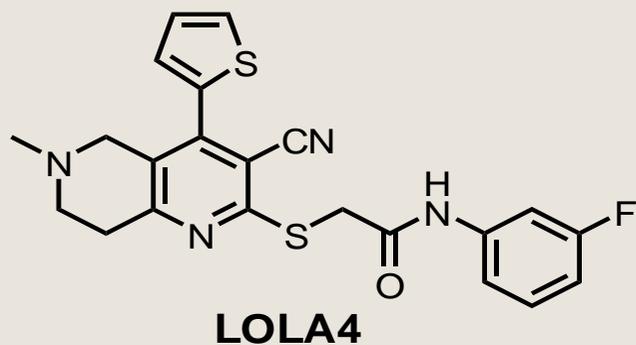
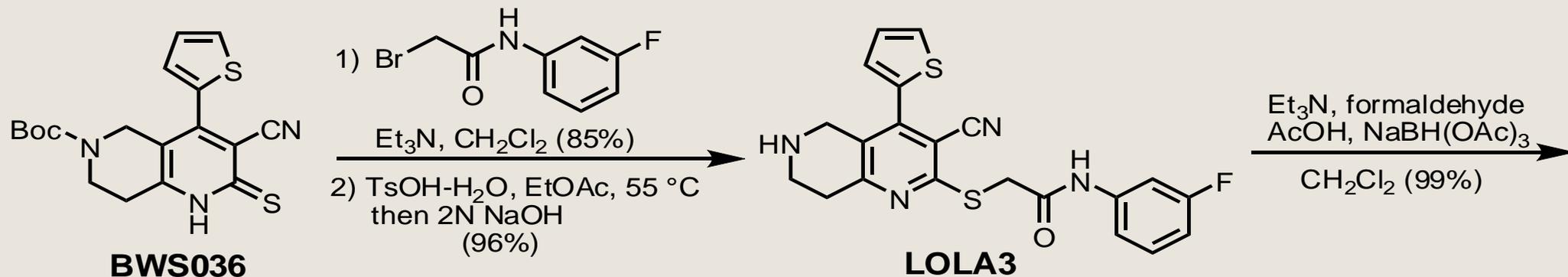
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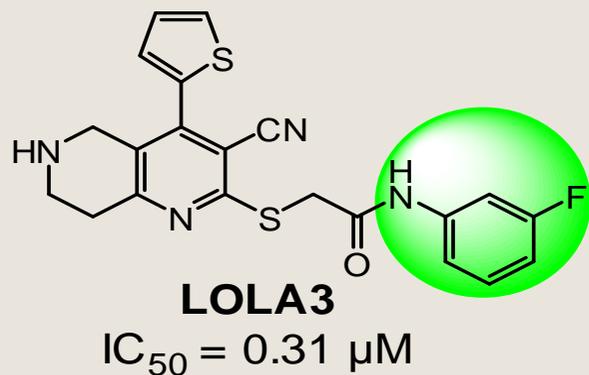
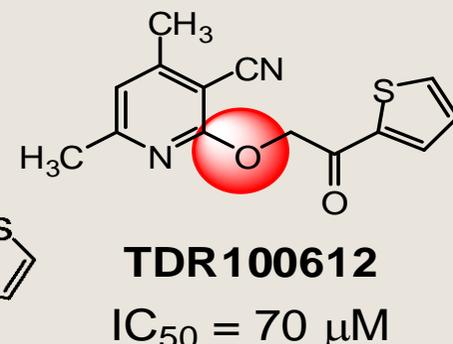
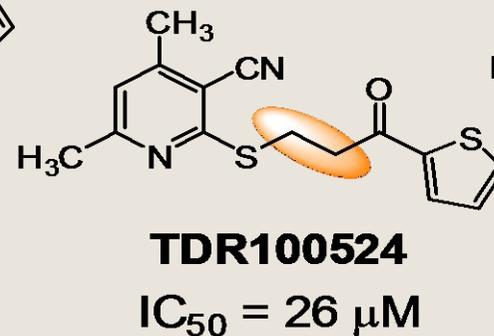
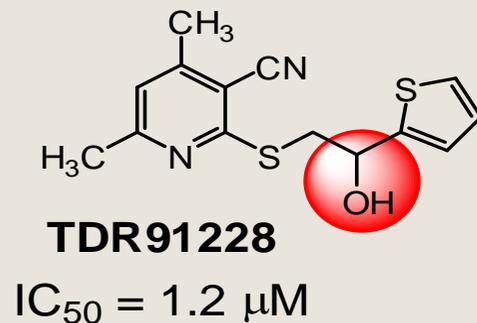
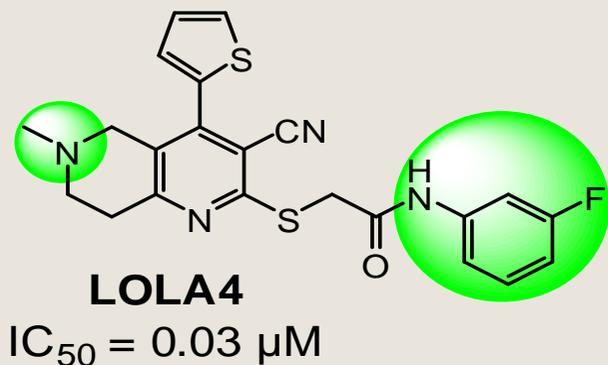
Abdel-Wadood, F. K.; Abdel-Monem, M. I.; Fahmy, A. M.; Geies, A. A. *J. Chem. Res.* **2008**, 89-94.

**NIH lead**  
analogues

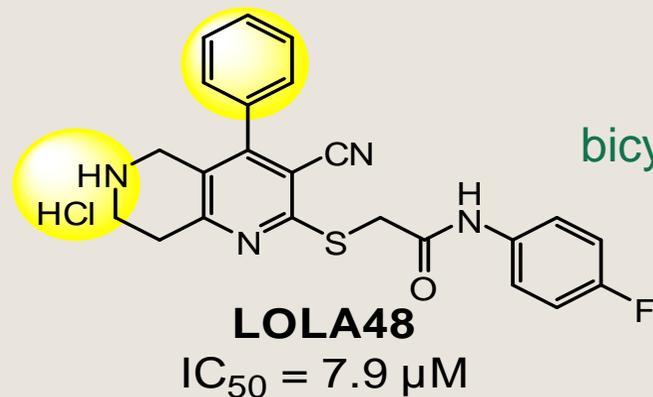
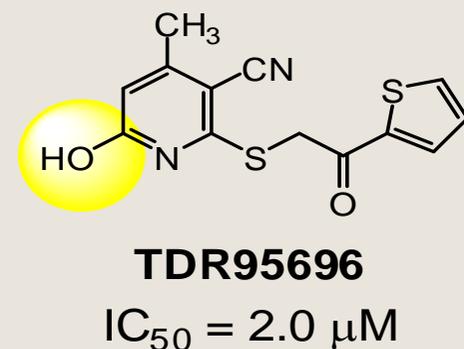
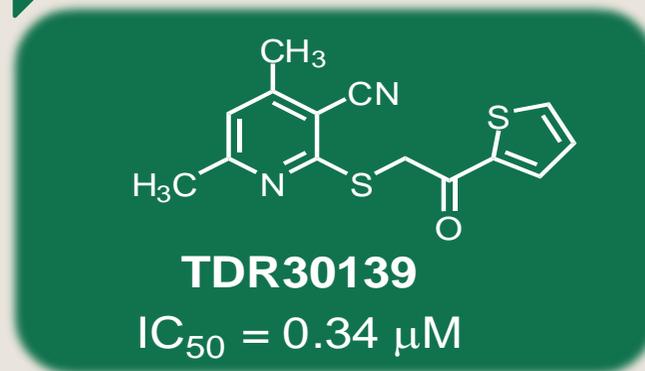
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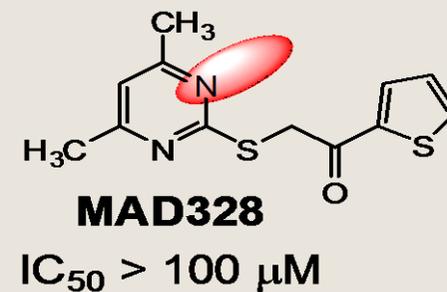
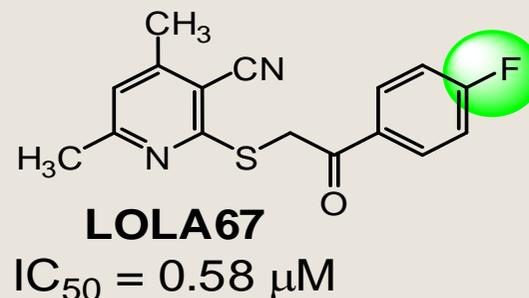
# Synthesis of TDR30139 derivatives



monocyclic



bicyclic



# Summary

- **Cyanopyridine series**
  - ▣ Synthetic chemistry is the key to progress
  - ▣ Encouraging *in vitro* profiles of lead compounds
  - ▣ Leads scaled up for formulation and *in vivo* studies
  - ▣ Mouse pk carried out
  - ▣ Applying metabolite ID to guide design
  - ▣ Aim to test leads in a mouse model of Chagas disease soon
  
- **Apply medicinal chemistry & drug discovery principles to other new chemical series from Pfizer and AbbVie**  
 
  
- **Extend the LOLA consortium**
  - ▣ DMPK, *in vivo* models, more chemistry, safety/toxicology,...
  - ▣ Maintain the excellent, close teamwork



Unicamp/MMV  
Anti-malarial drug  
discovery Project

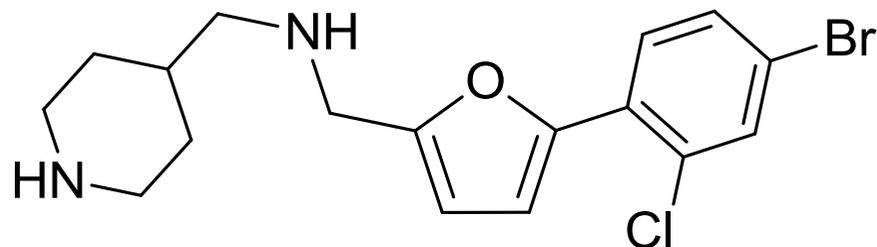
# BRAZIL HETEROCYCLES

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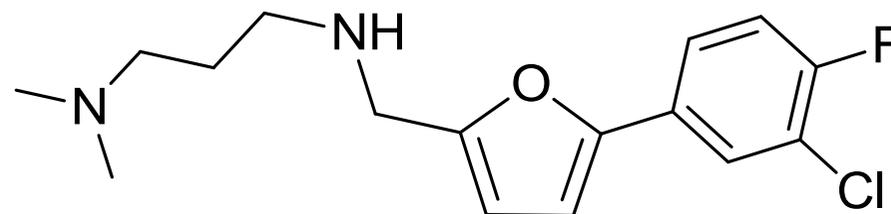
Defeating Malaria Together

MMV   
Medicines for Malaria Venture

# Furan series: Hits from MMV Malaria Box



**MMV019918**



**MMV020505**

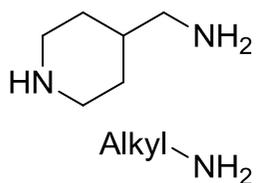
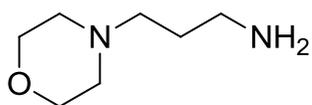
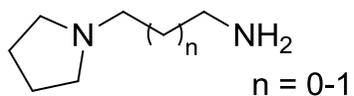
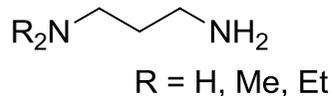
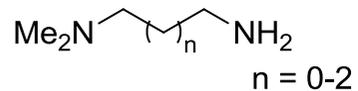
	In vitro					
	MWT	aLogP	EC50 Pf (nM)	Cytotoxicity EC50 MRC5 (μM)	Kinetic Solubility pH 7.4 (μM)	hERG % inh at 10 μM
MMV019918	384	3.9	800	3	4	83
MMV020505	311	3.4	875	17	44	48

**Series found to have short duration of action in rodents**

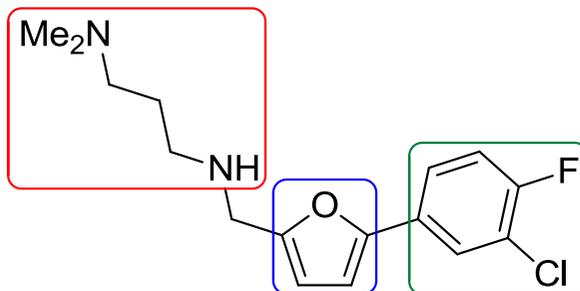
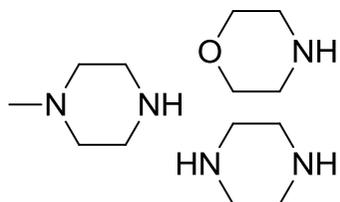
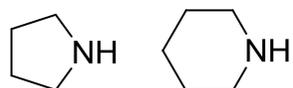
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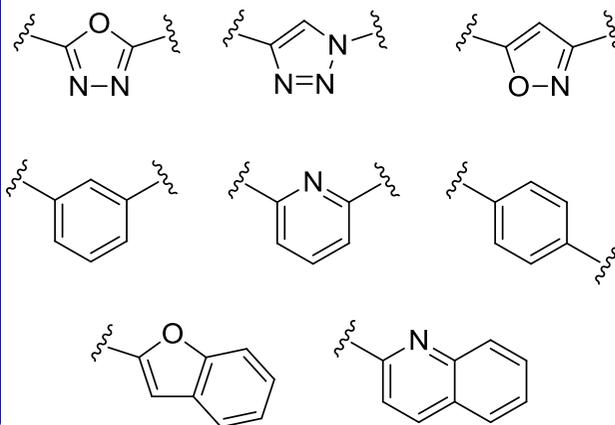
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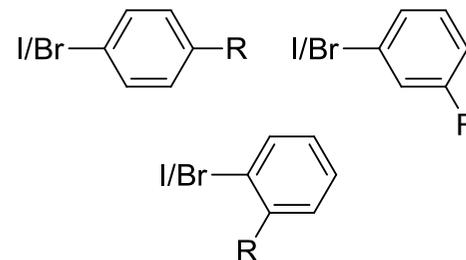
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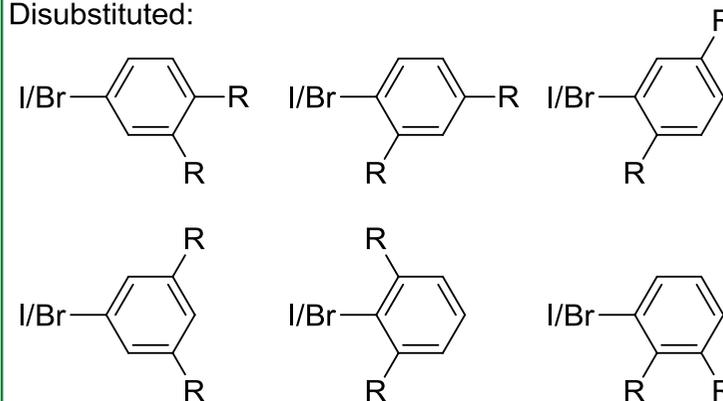
## Furan replacements:



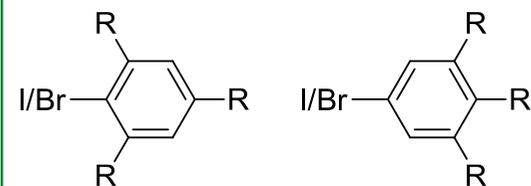
## Monosubstituted:



## Disubstituted:

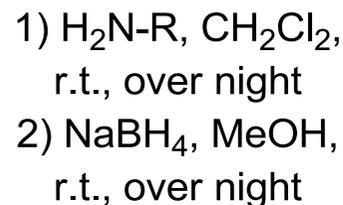
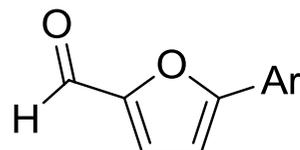
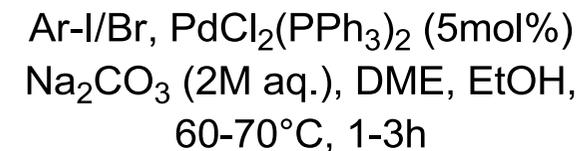
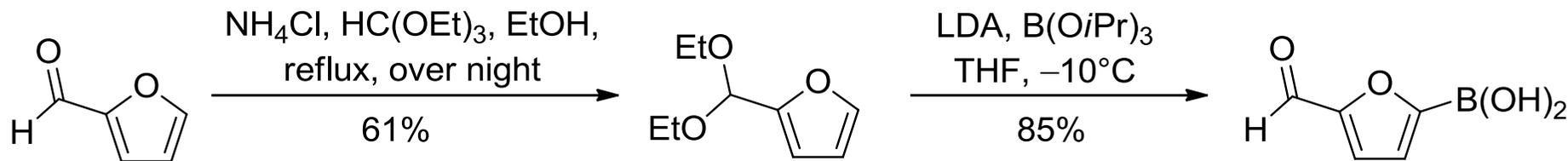


## Trisubstituted:

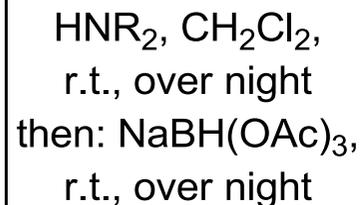
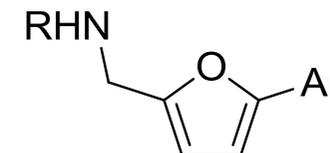


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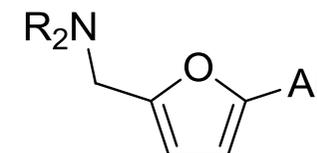
# Synthetic Pathway



24-96%



83-94%



# Key Partners for screening



In vitro DMPK  
In silico modelling

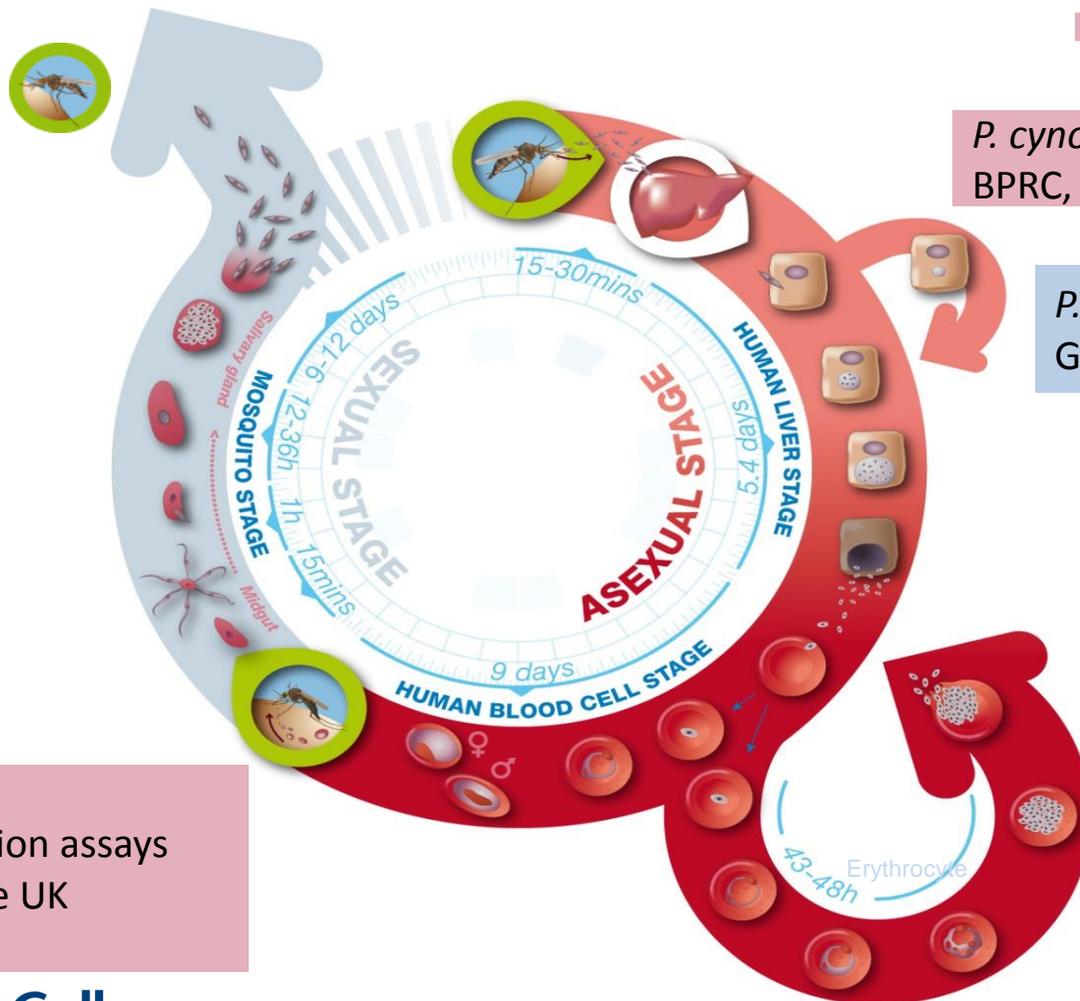


In vitro DMPK  
In vivo DMPK  
Phys Chem  
measurements

Gamete formation assays  
Imperial College UK



Resistance risk assessment  
Columbia University, USA



Academia Industry

*P. cynomolgi* hypnozoite assay  
BPRC, Netherlands

*P. berghei* liver stage assay  
GNF Novartis/ UCSD, USA

*In vitro* blood stage activity  
Swiss TPH, Switzerland

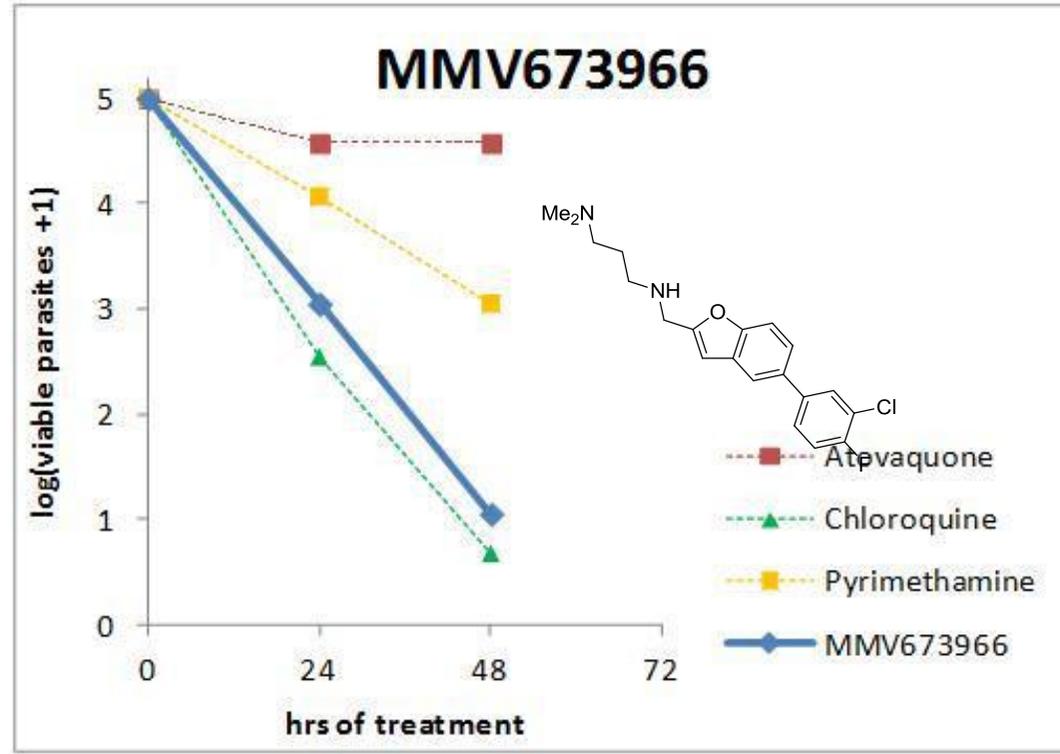
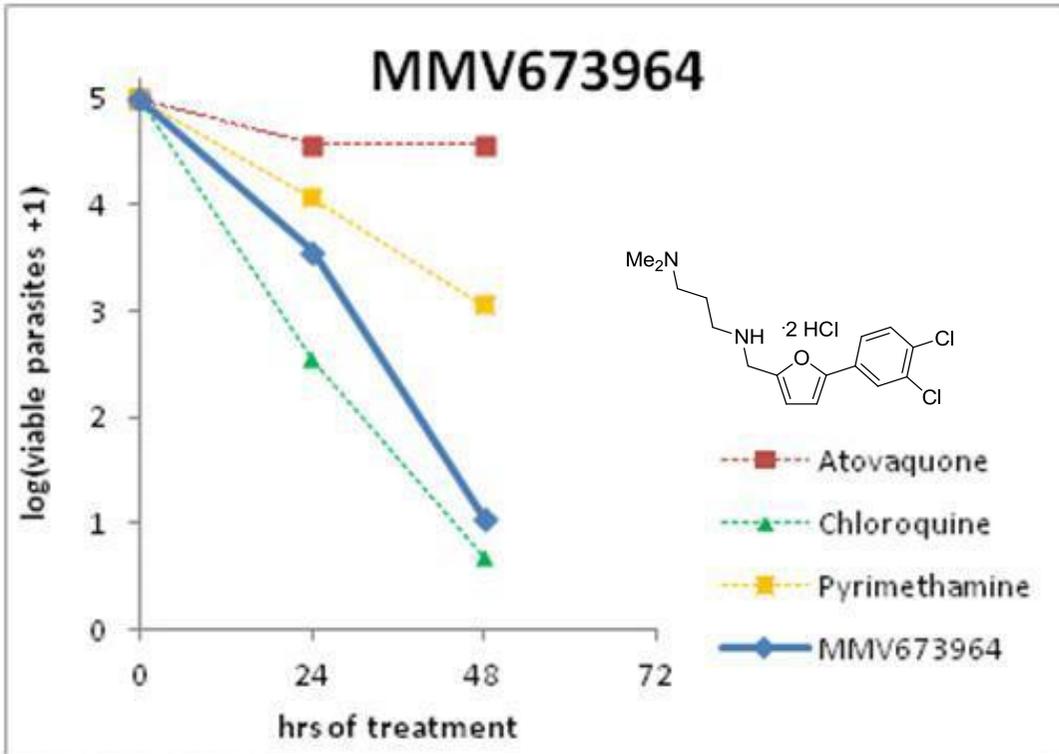


Parasite Reduction Rate  
*in vivo* hu-SCID model  
GSK Tres Cantos, Spain





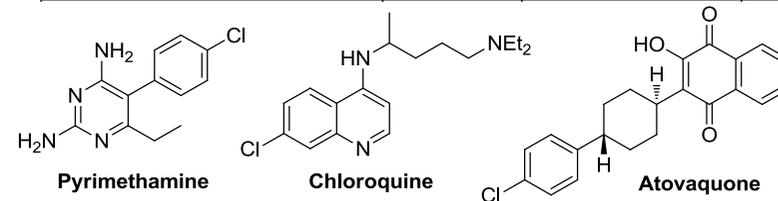
# Rate of Killing assay - PRR

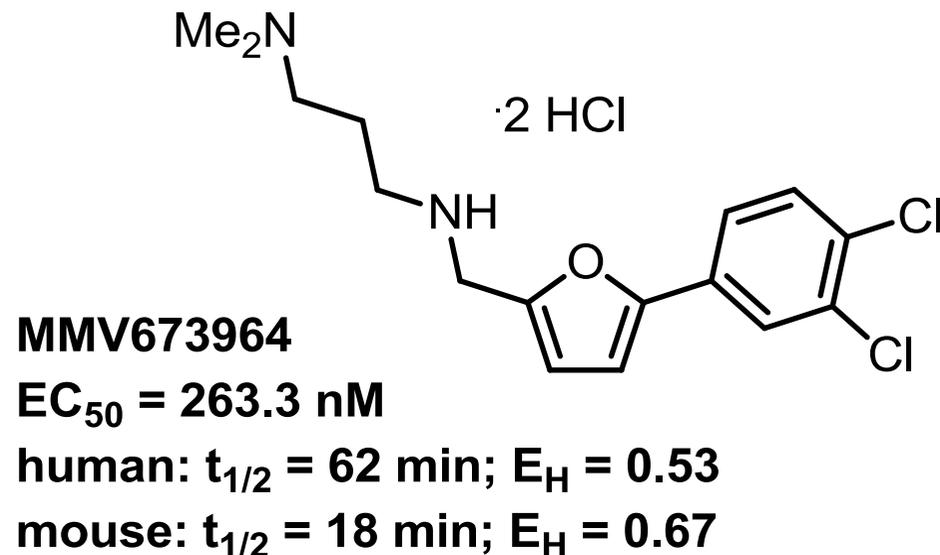
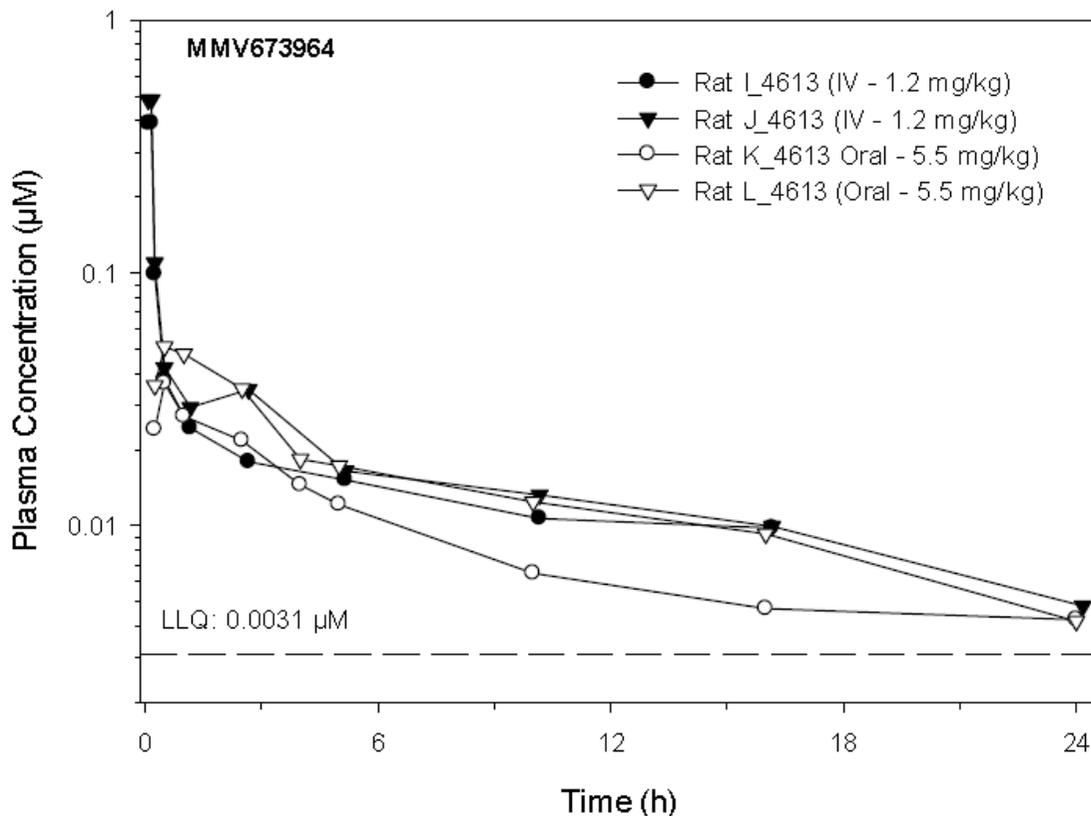


	log(viable parasites +1)		
	0	24 h treatment	48 h treatment
MMV673964 10x IC50	5	3.6	1.1
Chloroquine 10x IC50	5	2.5	0.7
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**Compounds have a fast rate of killing (chloroquine like)**





- Total of 53 analogs synthesized
- Pharmacokinetic properties of series improved
- Series stopped due to tight SAR
- Novel MOA? Target identification with the Gates Target ID project
- Publication planned

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