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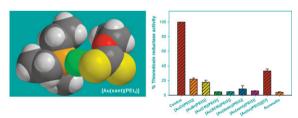
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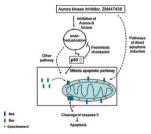
Lenka Zerzankova, Tereza Suchankova, Oldrich Vrana, Nicholas P. Farrell, Viktor Brabec, Jana Kasparkova

A detailed study of the molecular mechanism of action of a new dinuclear platinum complex is reported. DNA adducts of this complex can largely escape repair and yet inhibit very effectively transcription.

#### Aurora kinase inhibitor ZM447439 induces apoptosis via mitochondrial pathways

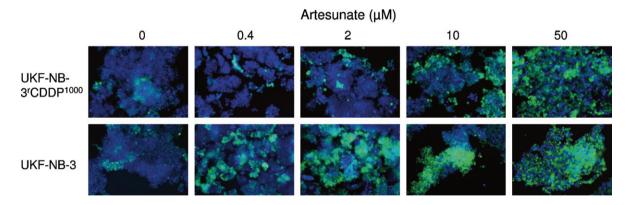
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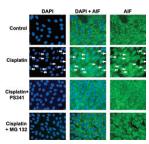
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#### Proteasome inhibitors prevent cisplatin-induced mitochondrial release of apoptosisinducing factor and markedly ameliorate cisplatin nephrotoxicity

Ling Liu, Cheng Yang, Christian Herzog, Rohit Seth, Gur P. Kaushal

Proteasome inhibitors PS-341 and MG-132 are capable of blocking mitochondrial translocation of cisplatin-induced apoptosis-inducing factor (AIF) in renal tubular epithelial cells. Green fluorescence is for AIF and blue staining is for DAPI.



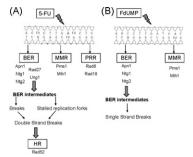
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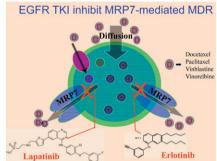
A systematic study in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* reveals important differences in the repair of DNA lesions induced by 5-flourouracil and its major metabolite, FdUMP.



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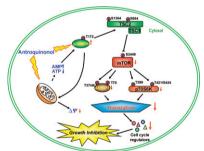
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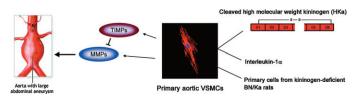


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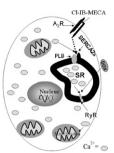
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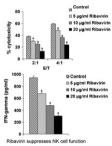
Doxorubicin (DOX) causes cardiotoxicity which is accompanied by  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  release from the sarcoplasmic reticulum (SR). By activating SERCA2a, the  $A_3R$  agonist, CI-IB-MECA, leads to the restoration of  $Ca^{2+}$  homeostasis, thus attenuating DOX cardiotoxicity.



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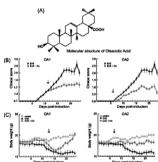
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# Beneficial actions of oleanolic acid in an experimental model of multiple sclerosis: A potential therapeutic role

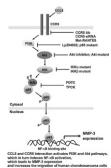
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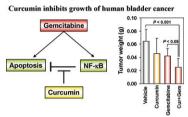


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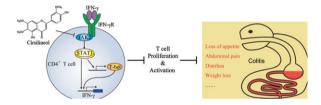
Curcumin, a component of turmeric exhibits significant antitumor effects against human bladder cancer and further potentiates the effects of gemcitabine through the modulation of inflammatory transcription factor NF-kB, and gene products linked to survival, proliferation and metastasis of the cancer.



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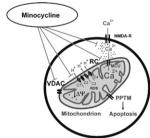
Cirsilineol, a natural flavone compound, attenuates TNBS-induced experimental colitis through selective inhibiting IFN- $\gamma$ /STAT1/T-bet signaling in intestinal CD4+ T cells.



#### **NEUROPHARMACOLOGY**

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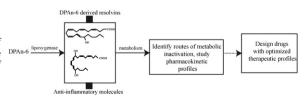
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17S-HDPAn-6 and 10S,17S-HDPAn-6 are resolvins produced from DPAn-6 by the action of lipoxygenase. Analysis of the metabolic stability and identification of metabolites of these compounds could play an important role in the design of better analogs with longer durations of action and hence better efficacy.

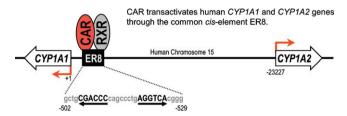


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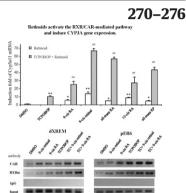
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#### Retinoids activate RXR/CAR-mediated pathway and induce CYP3A

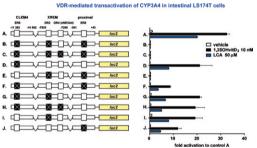
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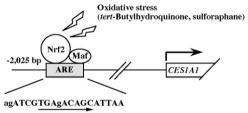
Petr Pavek, Katerina Pospechova, Lucie Svecova, Zdenka Syrova, Lucie Stejskalova, Jana Blazkova, Zdenek Dvorak, Jaroslav Blahos



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Human CES1A1 is transactivated through binding of Nrf2 to the antioxidant response element at −2025 bp.



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