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EGFR inhibition by covalent drugs

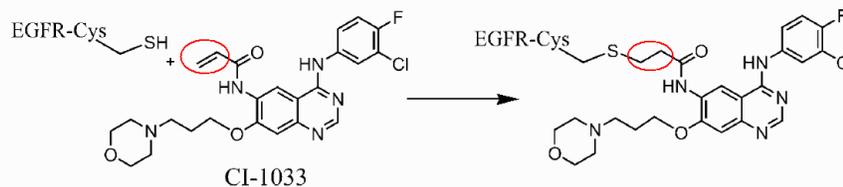
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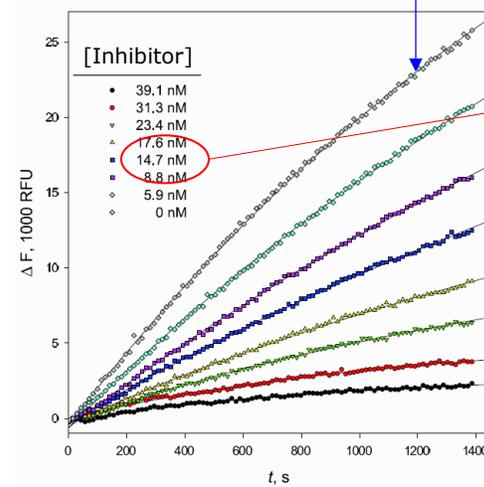
EXAMPLE:



Example data: Neratinib vs. EGFR T790M / L858R mutant

OBSERVE FLUORESCENCE INCREASE OVER TIME

nonlinear "control" progress curve



[Enzyme] = 13 nM

"tight binding" inhibition

Conventional kinetic analysis of covalent inhibition

TWO-STEP ALGEBRAIC METHOD

1. Fit [Product] vs. time to obtain k_{obs}
2. Fit k_{obs} vs. [Inhibitor] to obtain k_{inact} and K_i

THIS METHOD RELIES ON TWO IMPORTANT **ASSUMPTIONS**

1. Control progress curve ($[I]_0 = 0$) is strictly linear
Implies near zero substrate consumption or else $[S]_0 \gg K_M$
2. Inhibitor is *not* "tight binding"
Implies $[E]_0 \ll K_i$

Generalized numerical kinetic analysis of covalent inhibition

SINGLE-STEP NUMERICAL METHOD

- Global fit of [Product] vs. time to obtain microscopic rate constants
- Numerical-mathematical model is a system of differential equations
- The model is derived automatically using the software *DynaFit*

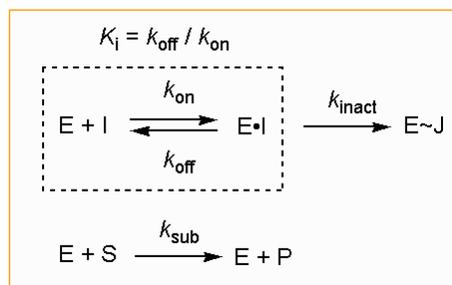
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EGFR inhibition by covalent drugs: Mechanistic model

THREE STEPS IN THE INHIBITION BRANCH OF OVERALL MECHANISM

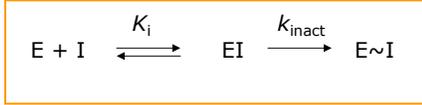


THREE STEPS:

1. k_{on} association
2. k_{off} dissociation
3. k_{inact} inactivation

} assumed to be extremely rapid

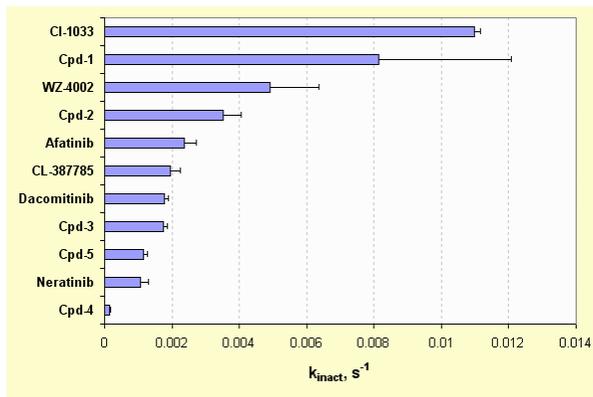
EGFR inhibition by covalent drugs: Results



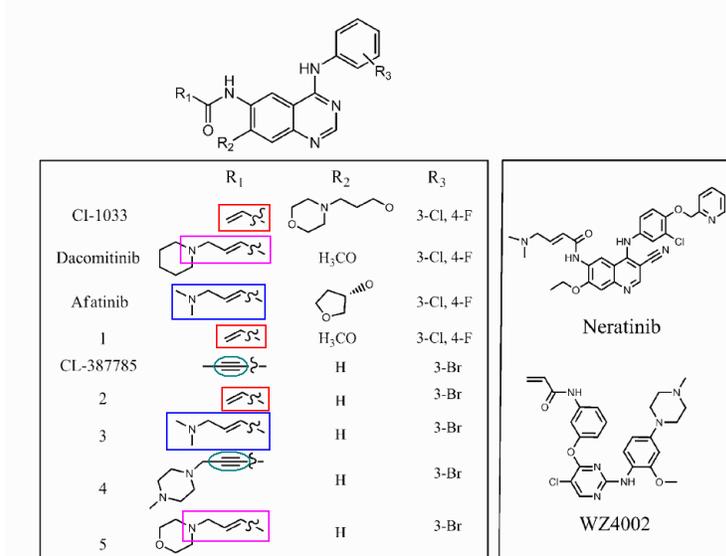
Compound	1000 k_{inact} , s ⁻¹	±SD	K_i , nM	±SD
Afatinib	2	0.3	2.8	0.6
CI-1033	11	0.2	1.9	0.4
CL-387785	2	0.3	180	40
Cpd-1	8	4	2	1
Cpd-2	4	0.6	40	5
Cpd-3	2	0.1	70	20
Cpd-4	0.2	0.02	1800	300
Cpd-5	1.2	0.1	500	40
Dacomitinib	1.8	0.1	10.7	0.9
Neratinib	1.1	0.2	2.4	0.5
WZ-4002	5	2	230	50

Chemical reactivity distribution

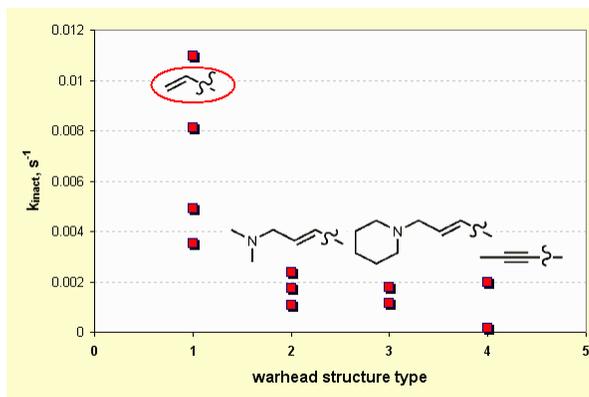
REACTIVITY VARIES BY TWO TO THREE ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE



Small number of warhead structures in the test panel



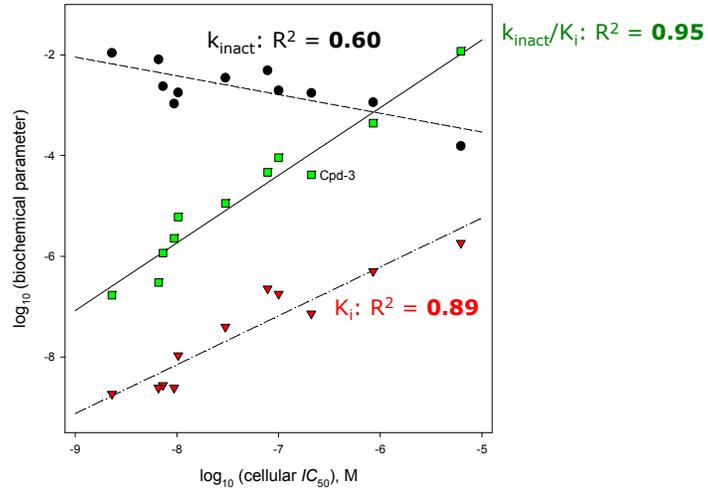
Warhead structure type vs. inactivation reactivity



1. large variation of reactivity for a single structure type (CH₂=CH-)
2. small variation of reactivity across multiple structure types

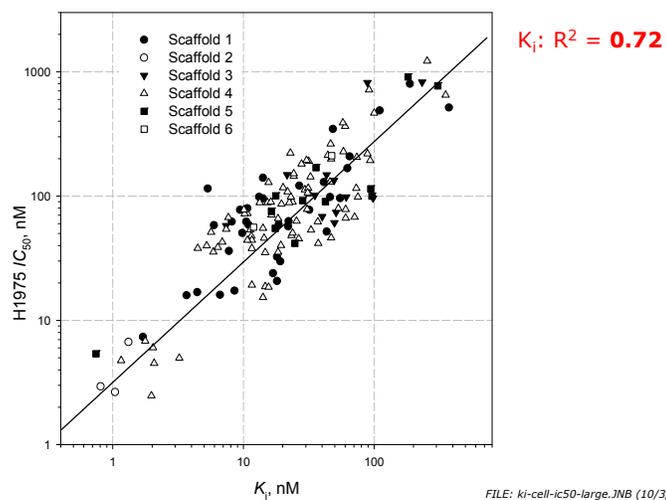
Biochemical vs. cellular potency: Summary

INITIAL (NON-COVALENT) BINDING SEEMS MORE IMPORTANT THAN CHEMICAL REACTIVITY



Cellular potency: Importance of non-covalent binding

154 EGFR (W.T.) INHIBITORS ACROSS SIX STRUCTURAL SCAFFOLDS



EGFR inhibition by covalent drugs: Summary

1. Both binding and reactivity are important for cellular potency
 2. Initial binding seems more important by R^2 test
 3. Chemical structure of warhead has only minor effect on k_{inact}
 - Wide variation of k_{inact} for the same structure
 - Similar k_{inact} for different warhead structures
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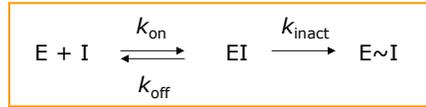
Warhead alone is not a silver bullet.
What matters is the *balance* between binding and reactivity.

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A deeper look at enzyme-inhibitor interactions



THREE STEPS:

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3. k_{inact} inactivation

} Can we pick these two apart?

Confidence interval method

DETAILS NOT SHOWN – MANUSCRIPT IN PREPARATION

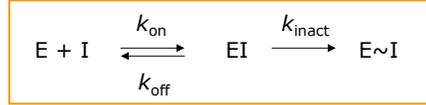
OUTLINE:

- We cannot get “best-fit” values of k_{on} and k_{off} separately
- However, we can get the lower limits for both k_{on} and k_{off}
- Monte-Carlo simulation: Lower limits correlate with “true” values

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- Conclusion / Working Hypothesis:

Lower limits on k_{on} and k_{off} are a good measure of “true” values

Results: Lower limits for k_{on} and k_{off}

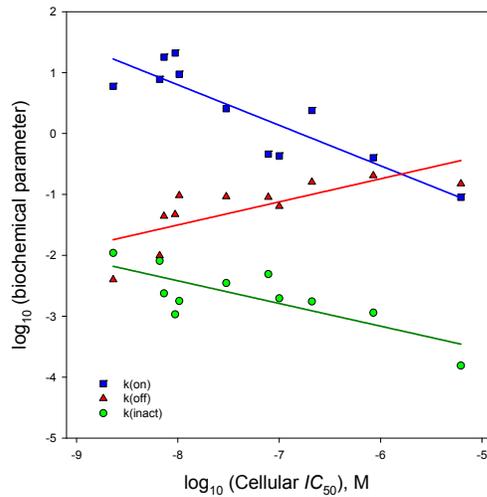


$$K_i = k_{off}/k_{on}$$

Compound	k_{on} , $\mu\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$	$\pm\text{SD}$	k_{off} , s^{-1}	$\pm\text{SD}$	$1000 k_{inact}$, s^{-1}	$\pm\text{SD}$
Afatinib	18	5	0.044	0.003	2.4	0.3
CI-1033	6	1	0.004	0.002	11	0.2
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Cpd-1	8	4	0.01	0.002	8	4
Cpd-2	2.6	0.3	0.092	0.003	4	0.6
Cpd-3	2.4	0.7	0.16	0.02	2	0.1
Cpd-4	0.09	0.02	0.15	0.01	0.2	0.02
Cpd-5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	1.2	0.1
Dacomitinib	9.4	0.6	0.096	0.004	1.8	0.1
Neratinib	21	4	0.047	0.002	1.1	0.2
WZ-4002	0.5	0.2	0.09	0.02	5	2

Biochemical vs. cellular potency

ASSOCIATION RATE CONSTANT SEEMS MORE IMPORTANT THAN DISSOCIATION



k_{off} : $R^2 = 0.56$

k_{on} : $R^2 = 0.77$

k_{inact} : $R^2 = 0.60$

Biochemical vs. cellular potency: Revised summary

DETAILED ANALYSIS: SEPARATELY EVALUATING ALL THREE MICROSCOPIC STEPS

- Both binding and reactivity are important for cellular potency
- Binding should be dissected into (a) association and (b) dissociation
- **Association** seems more important than **dissociation**
- Relative order of importance in determining **cellular** IC_{50} :
 1. association ($R^2 \sim 0.8$)
 2. dissociation ($R^2 \sim 0.6$) \sim reactivity ($R^2 \sim 0.6$)

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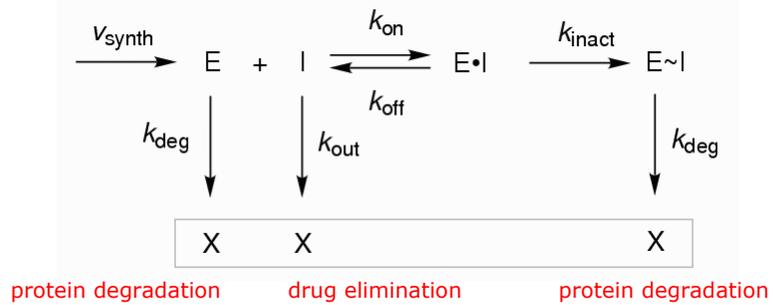
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Possible cellular mechanism

REALISTIC PK/PD MODEL MUST ACCOUNT FOR METABOLISM OF PROTEIN AND DRUG MOLECULES

protein re-synthesis



Possible cellular mechanism in DynaFit software

DYNAFIT USES "SYMBOLIC" REPRESENTATION OF ARBITRARY MOLECULAR MECHANISM

Example DynaFit input:

```
[task]

task = simulate
data = progress

[mechanism]

E + I <==> E.I : kon koff
E.I ---> E~I : kinact

I ---> X : kout
---> E : ksyn
E ---> X : kdeg
E~I ---> X : kdeg

...
```

Possible cellular mechanism in DynaFit software (cont.)

RATE CONSTANTS AND CONCENTRATIONS MUST BE GIVEN CONSISTENT UNITS

Example DynaFit input (*continued*):

```
...  
[constants] ; units  $\mu\text{M}$ , sec  
  
kon    = 1  
koff   = 0.01  
kinact = 0.001 } properties of a hypothetical inhibitor  
  
kout   = 0.0000641803 ; 3 h drug half-life  
ksyn   = 0.000000001605 ; 0.0001  $\mu\text{M}$  per 12 h *  $\ln(2)$   
kdeg   = 0.00001605 ; 12 h protein half-life  
...
```

Possible cellular mechanism in DynaFit software (cont.)

RATE CONSTANTS AND CONCENTRATIONS MUST BE GIVEN CONSISTENT UNITS

Example DynaFit input (*continued*):

```
...  
[concentrations] ; units  $\mu\text{M}$   
  
E = 0.0001  
  
[responses]  
  
E = 1000000 ; 100% free protein at time zero  
...
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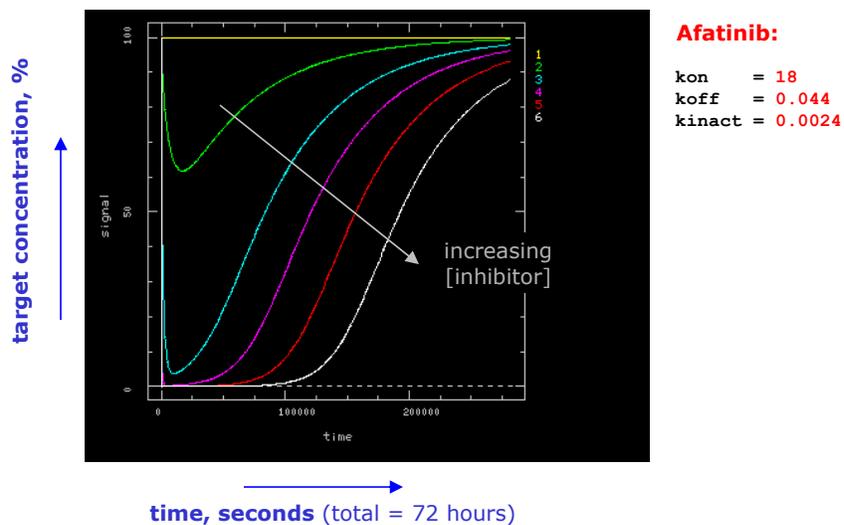
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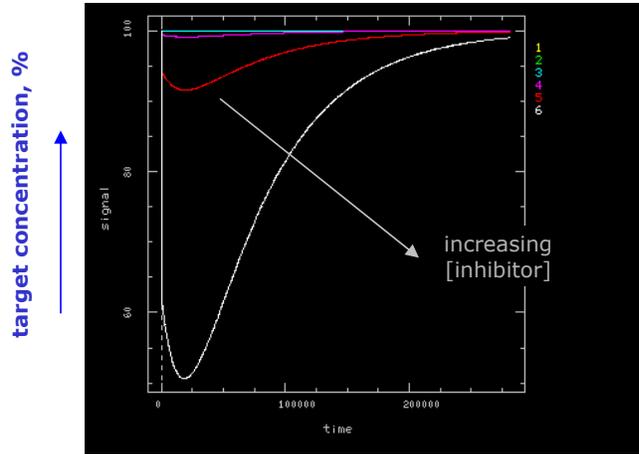
Example DynaFit input (*continued*):

```
...  
[data]  
  
mesh      linear from 1 to 259200 step 600  
directory ./users/COM/Pfizer/140311/data/sim-003  
extension txt  
  
file i00 | concentration I = 0  
file i01 | concentration I = 0.0001  
file i02 | concentration I = 0.001  
file i03 | concentration I = 0.01  
file i04 | concentration I = 0.1  
file i05 | concentration I = 1  
...
```

DynaFit simulation output: Afatinib – strong inhibitor



DynaFit simulation output: Compound 4 – weak inhibitor



Compd. 4:
kon = 0.09
koff = 0.15
kinact = 0.00015

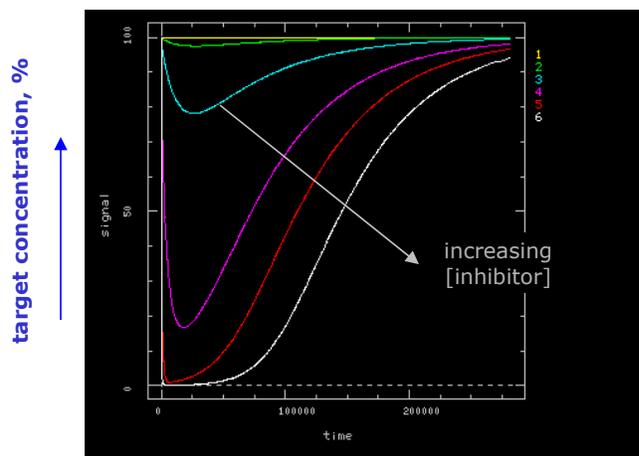
time, seconds (total = 72 hours)



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DynaFit simulation output: Compound 3 – intermediate inhibitor



Compd. 3:
kon = 2.4
koff = 0.16
kinact = 0.0018

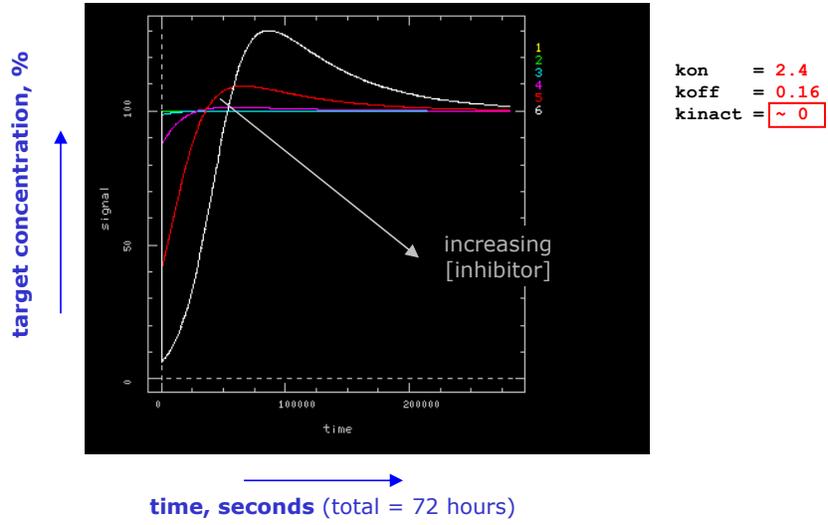
time, seconds (total = 72 hours)



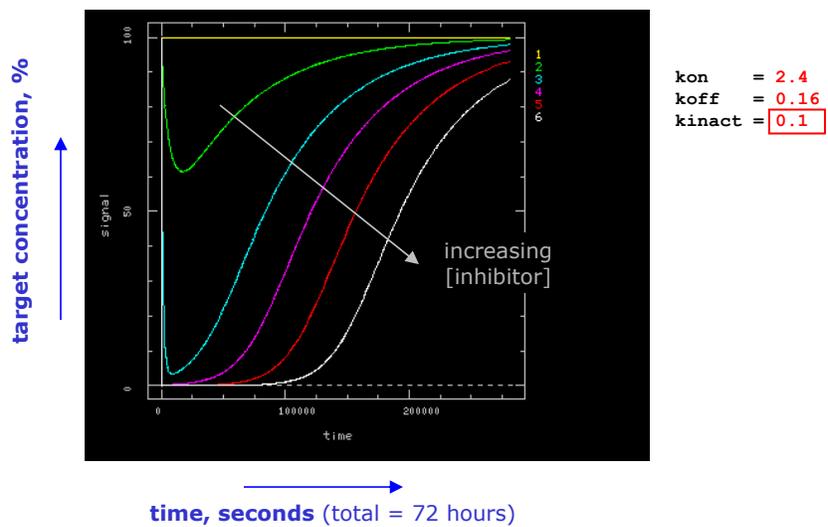
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DynaFit simulation output: "Like" compound 3 – zero inactivation

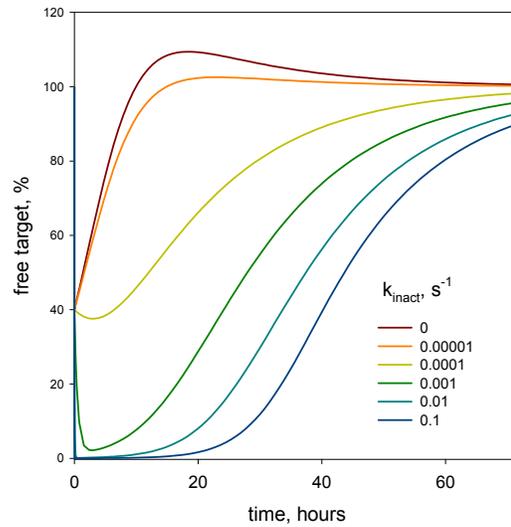


DynaFit simulation output: "Like" compound 3 – high inactivation



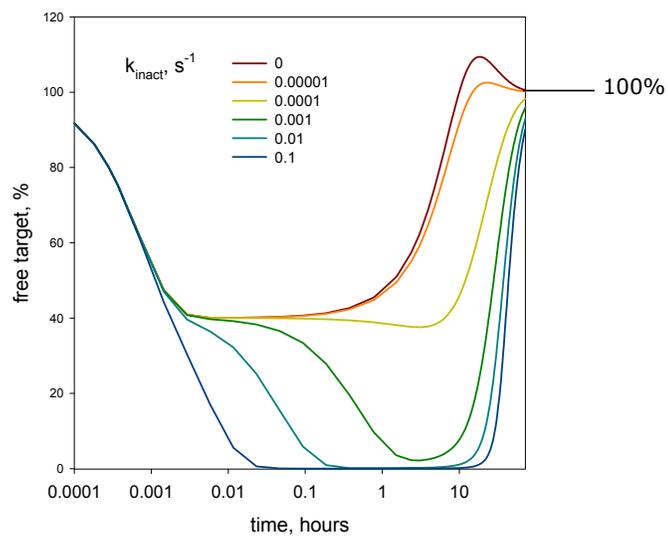
“Like” compound 3: k_{inact} vs. free [target]

SIMULATION STUDY: EFFECT OF **INACTIVATION** RATE CONSTANT



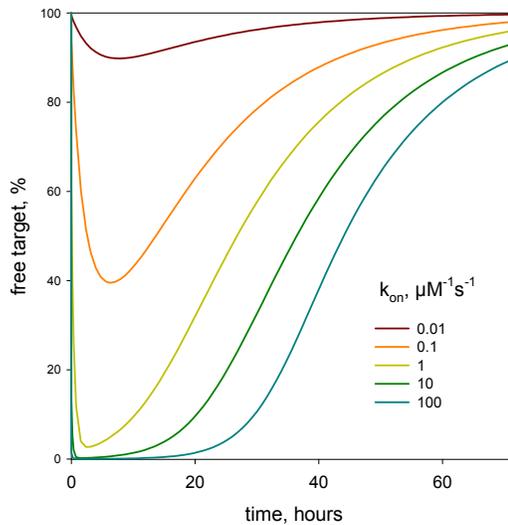
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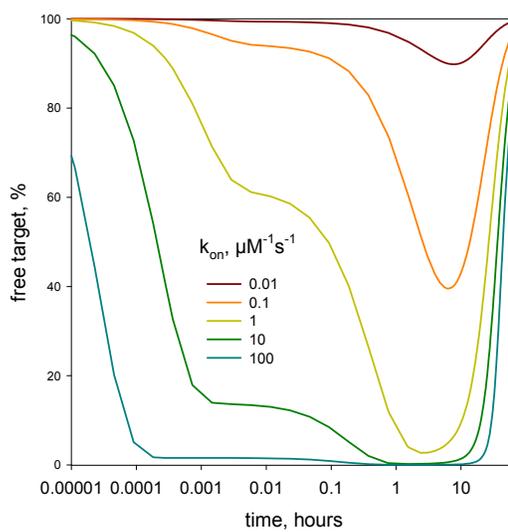
“Like” compound 3: k_{on} vs. free [target]

SIMULATION STUDY: EFFECT OF **ASSOCIATION** RATE CONSTANT



“Like” compound 3: k_{on} vs. free [target]

SIMULATION STUDY: EFFECT OF **ASSOCIATION** RATE CONSTANT



PK / PK simulations: Summary and conclusions

- Both binding and reactivity are important for cellular potency
- Binding is a **necessary but not sufficient** precondition
- Reactivity is a **necessary but not sufficient** precondition
- The same target suppression can be achieved in two different ways:
 1. Have a highly "sticky" molecule, no matter how reactive
(could be very un-reactive but if it really "sticks", it will do the job)
 2. Have a highly reactive molecule, but it must be at least a little "sticky"
(if the molecule does not "stick" at all, it does no matter how "hot" the warhead is)

All these things can be better understood and fine-tuned with a tool like DynaFit.

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Questions ?

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