



REDEFINING DRUG-LIKE PROPERTIES WITH KINETISOL®

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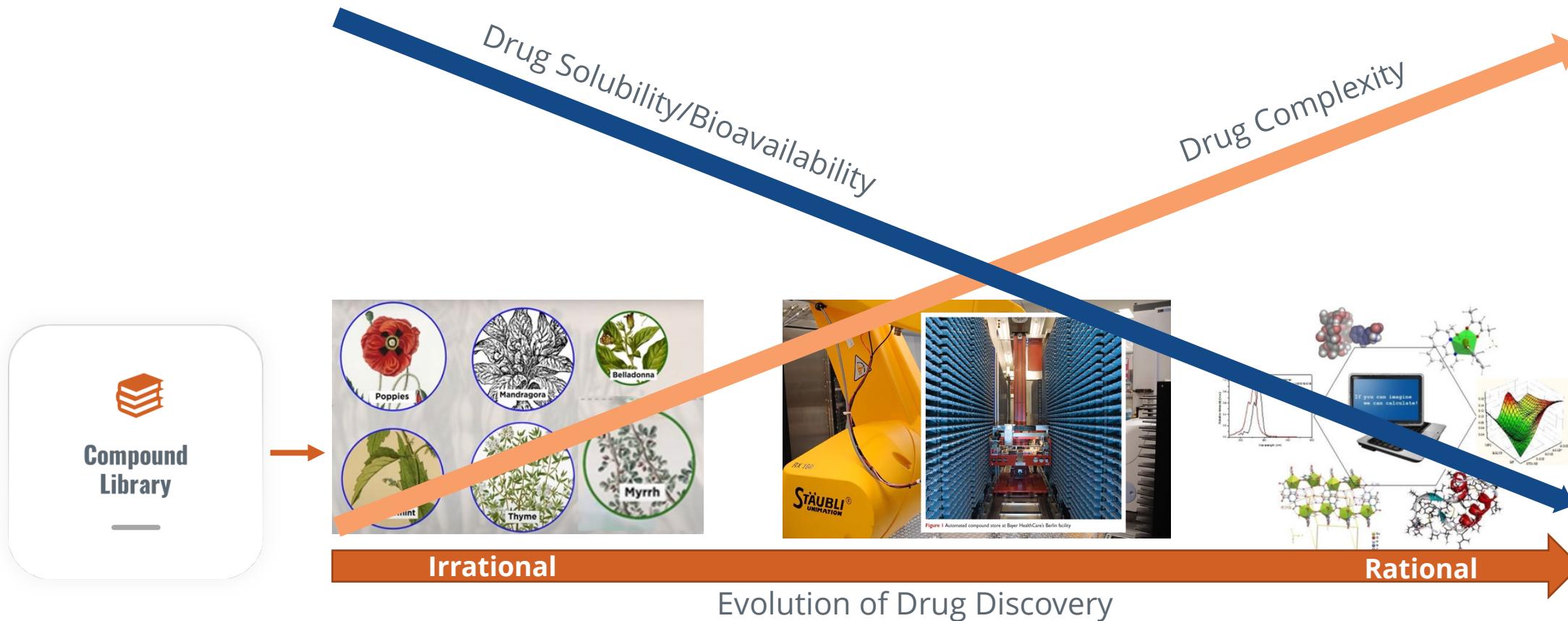
Basics of Drug Discovery

Simplified Schematic



The Evolving Solubility Problem

Molecular Complexity vs. Bioavailability



Rules for Compound Developability

Molecular Descriptors vs. Compound Properties

Lipinski's Rule of 5

- Molecular weight < 500 Da
- CLogP < 5
- Hydrogen bond donors ≤ 5
- Hydrogen bond acceptors ≤ 10
- *Rotatable bonds ≤ 10

Developability Limiters

- Aqueous insolubility
- Limited organic solubility
- High melting temperature
- High dose
- Low permeability/high efflux

Commercialized Ro5 Violators

Itraconazole

- X Molecular weight < 500 Da (705.6)
- X CLogP < 5 (5.66)
- ✓ Hydrogen bond donors ≤ 5 (0)
- ✓ Hydrogen bond acceptors ≤ 10 (9)
- X *Rotatable bonds ≤ 10 (11)



Ritonavir

- X Molecular weight < 500 Da (720.9)
- X CLogP < 5 (5.22, Chemaxon)
- ✓ Hydrogen bond donors ≤ 5 (4)
- ✓ Hydrogen bond acceptors ≤ 10 (6)
- X *Rotatable bonds ≤ 10 (18)



Commercialized Ro5 Violators

Venetoclax

- X Molecular weight < 500 Da (**868.45**)
- X CLogP < 5 (**6.76**)
- ✓ Hydrogen bond donors ≤ 5 (**3**)
- ✓ Hydrogen bond acceptors ≤ 10 (**10**)
- X *Rotatable bonds ≤ 10 (**12**)



Pibrentasvir

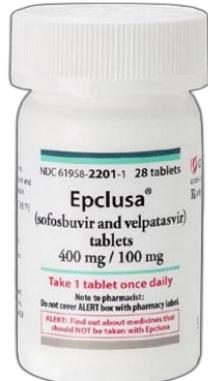
- X Molecular weight < 500 Da (**1113.2**)
- X CLogP < 5 (**5.95**)
- ✓ Hydrogen bond donors ≤ 5 (**4**)
- ✓ Hydrogen bond acceptors ≤ 10 (**10**)
- X *Rotatable bonds ≤ 10 (**17**)



Commercialized Ro5 Violators

Valpatasvir

- X Molecular weight < 500 Da (**838.02**)
- X CLogP < 5 (**5.39**)
- ✓ Hydrogen bond donors ≤ 5 (**4**)
- ✓ Hydrogen bond acceptors ≤ 10 (**8**)
- X *Rotatable bonds ≤ 10 (**13**)



Ledipasvir

- X Molecular weight < 500 Da (**888.99**)
- X CLogP < 5 (**5.98**)
- ✓ Hydrogen bond donors ≤ 5 (**4**)
- ✓ Hydrogen bond acceptors ≤ 10 (**6**)
- X *Rotatable bonds ≤ 10 (**12**)



Approaches to Enhance Drug Solubility

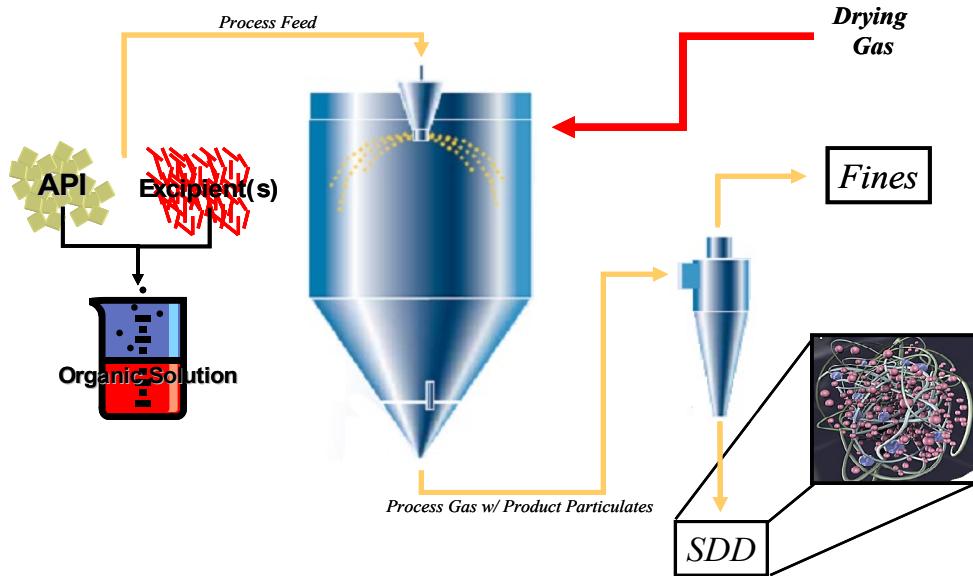
The Rise of ASDs

	TECHNOLOGY	PROBLEMS	RESULT
Liquid Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solution formulations (Lipids, PEGs, etc.)• Emulsion formulations (SEDDS derivatives)	Limited by drug's solubility in vehicle	Not powerful enough for insoluble drugs
Solid Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crystalline salts• Co-crystals	Molecular properties not amenable or insufficient solubility improvement	Rarely the solution for insoluble drugs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High energy polymorphs	Instable or insufficient solubility improvement	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nanoparticles• Microcrystalline solid dispersions	Addresses dissolution rate, not solubility	
Amorphous Solid Dispersions (ASDs)	Spray Drying, Hot Melt Extrusion KinetiSol	Most Broadly Applicable Solution for the Most Difficult Solubility Limitations	

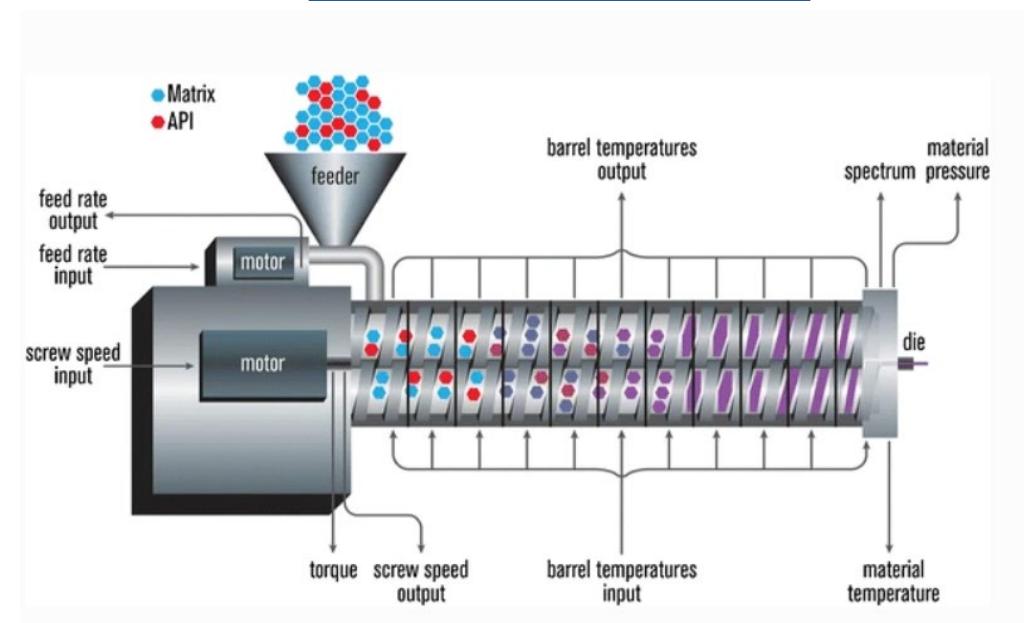
Spray Drying and HME Emerge

Leading ASD Technologies

Spray Drying



Hot Melt Extrusion

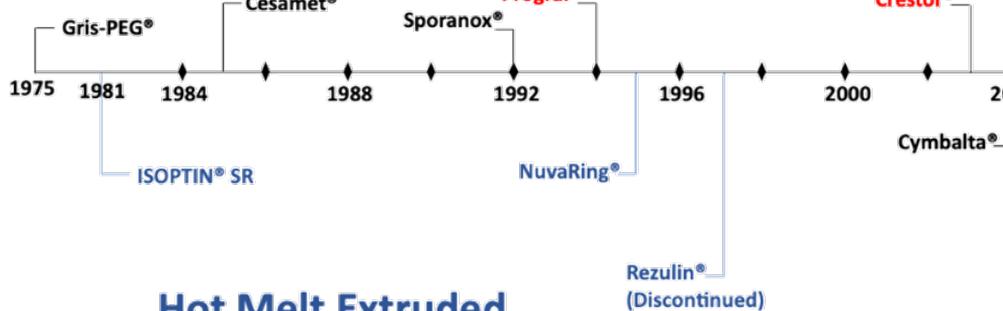


Surge of ASD Products

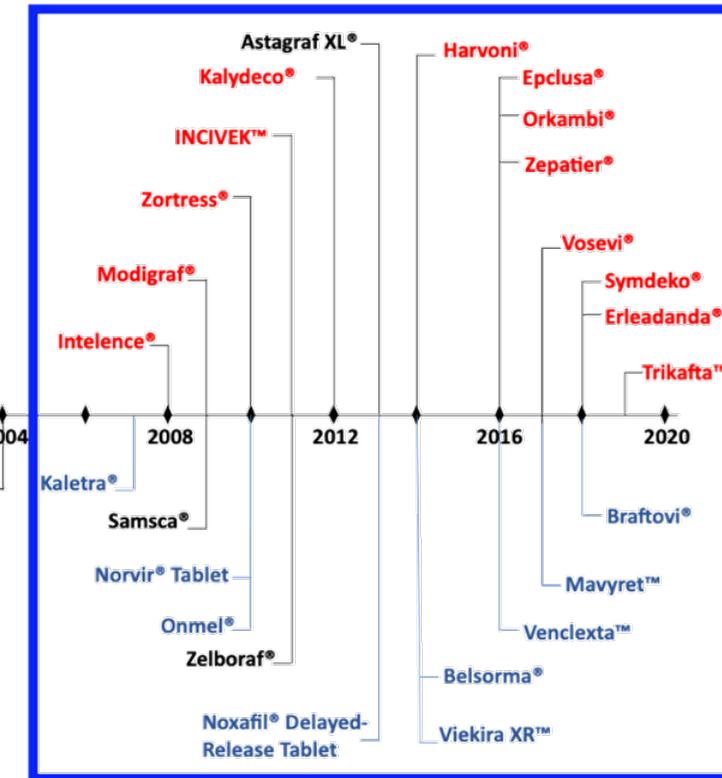
2008 - 2020

FDA Approved Amorphous Solid Dispersions

Spray Dried

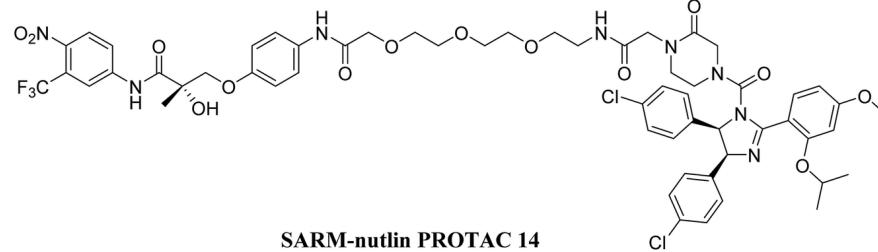


Hot Melt Extruded

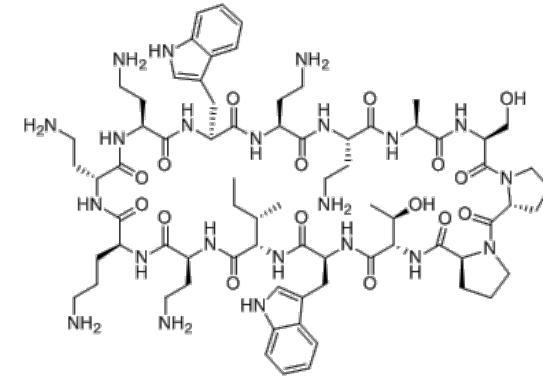


Current Expansion of the Druggable Space

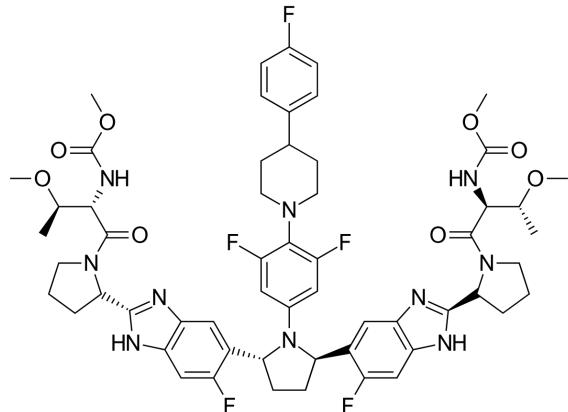
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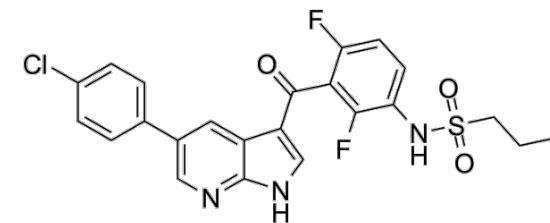
Macrocyclic



Peptidomimetic



Bick Dust



Vemurafenib/Zelboraf

Rule of 5 vs. Key Drug Properties

Rule of 5

- ✓ Molecular weight < 500 Da (**489.9**)
- ✓ CLogP < 5 (**4.62**)
- ✓ Hydrogen bond donors ≤ 5 (**2**)
- ✓ Hydrogen bond acceptors ≤ 10 (**4**)
- ✓ Rotatable bonds ≤ 10 (**6**)

Developability Properties

- ✗ Aqueous insolubility (< 2 µg/ml FaSSIF)
- ✗ Limited organic solubility (< 6 mg/ml)
- ✗ High melting temperature (**272 °C**)
- ✗ High dose (**960 mg BID**)
- ✗ Low permeability/high efflux (**2.9E-6**)



Client Compound

Rule of 5 vs. Key Drug Properties

Rule of 5

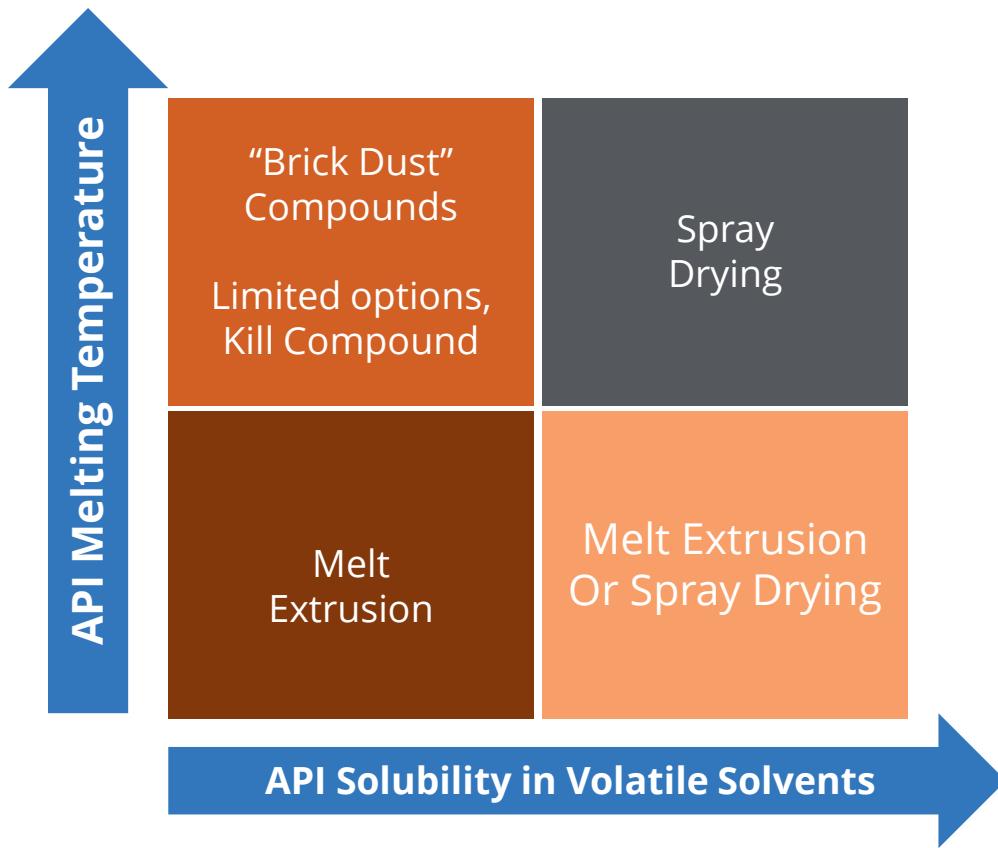
- ✓ Molecular weight < 500 Da (<400)
- ✓ CLogP < 5 (~3)
- ✓ Hydrogen bond donors ≤ 5 (3)
- ✓ Hydrogen bond acceptors ≤ 10 (3)
- ✓ Rotatable bonds ≤ 10 (<5)

Developability Properties

- X Aqueous insolubility (~ 1 µg/ml FaSSIF)
- X Limited organic solubility (< 3 mg/ml)
- X High melting temperature (>350 °C)
- X High dose (>600 mg BID)
- X Low permeability/high efflux (~1E-6)

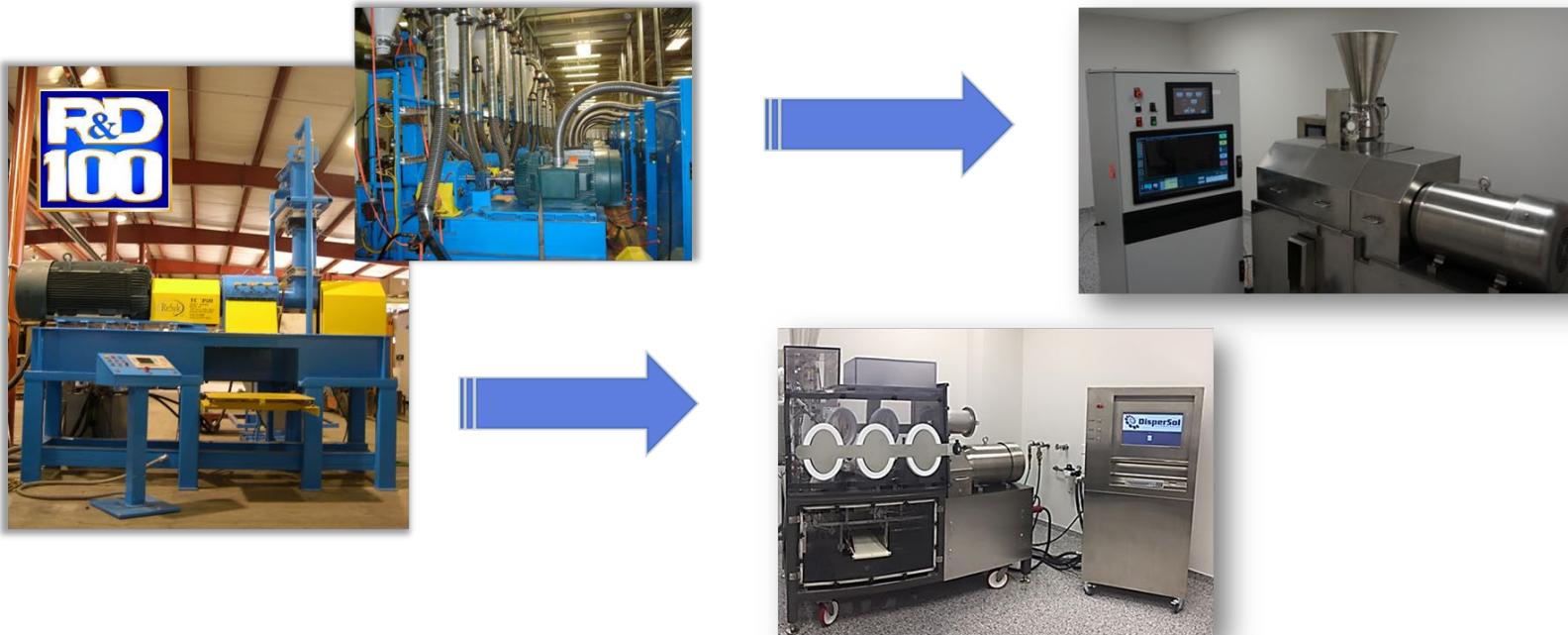
Rational Discovery into Undevelopable Chemical Space

Gaps in ASD formulation coverage



Origin of The KinetiSol® Technology

Plastic recycling and pharmaceuticals collide



1997: Innovative processing technology commercialized to solve plastic recycling challenges

2007: KinetiSol is born when plastics processing technology is applied to polymeric drug delivery challenges

2008 – present: World-class engineering and pharmaceutical science applied to perfect the technology and formulation platform

KinetiSol Equipment: Research to Commercial Scale

Small Footprint Translates to Lower Operational Cost



Lab-scale KinetiSol Processing Equipment

- Feasibility and rapid formulation screening
- Preclinical to small scale GMP (7g - 200g/hr)



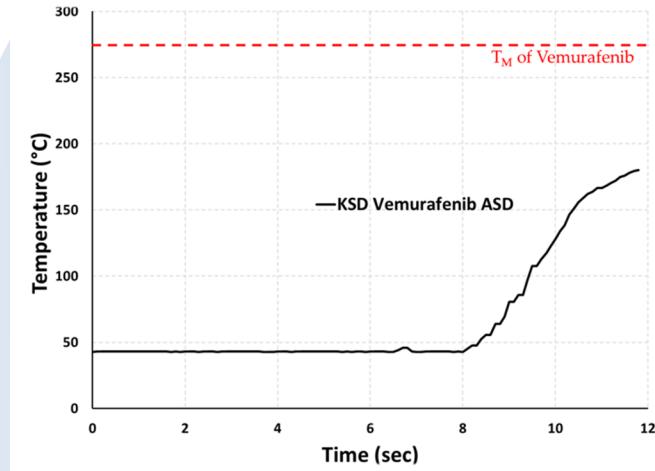
Manufacturing Scale KinetiSol Equipment

- GMP manufacturing from FIH to Commercial
- 1kg up to 40kg/hr
- PAT integration

KinetiSol Process

Process

- Ultra high-speed mixing
- 10 – 20 seconds
- $T_{max} < 200 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- No solvents
- Up to 40 kg/hr



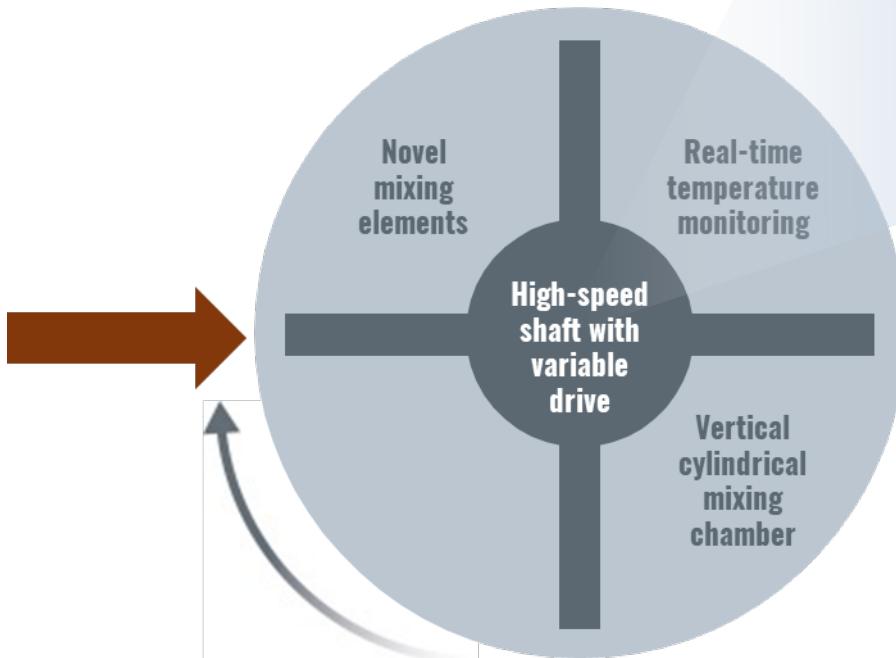
Input

Drug substance (API)

- Crystalline
- Insoluble
- Poorly bioavailable

Excipients

- Polymers
- Surfactants
- Stabilizers
- Solubilizers
- Innovative mixtures



Output

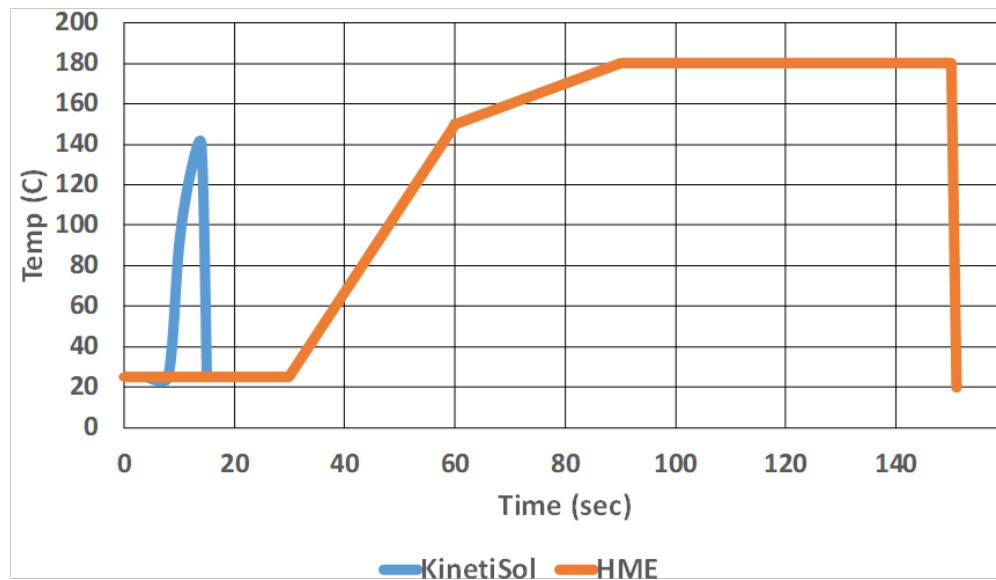
Amorphous Solid Dispersion Powder

- Soluble
- Bioavailable
- Stable
- Directly compressible
- Patentable

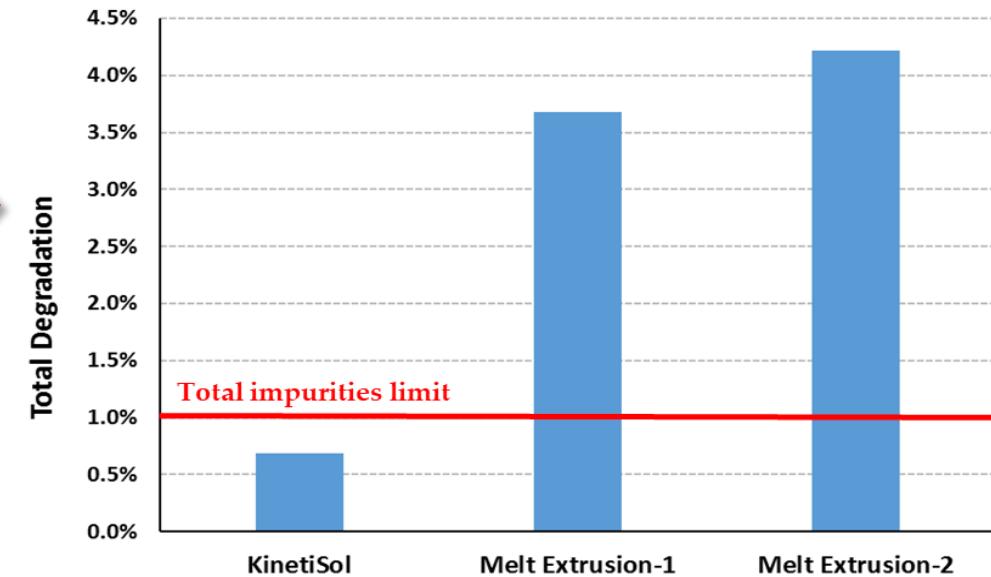
KinetiSol: Superiority to Hot Melt Extrusion

Reduced Time at Temperature = Lower Impurities

Temp vs. Time Processing Profiles



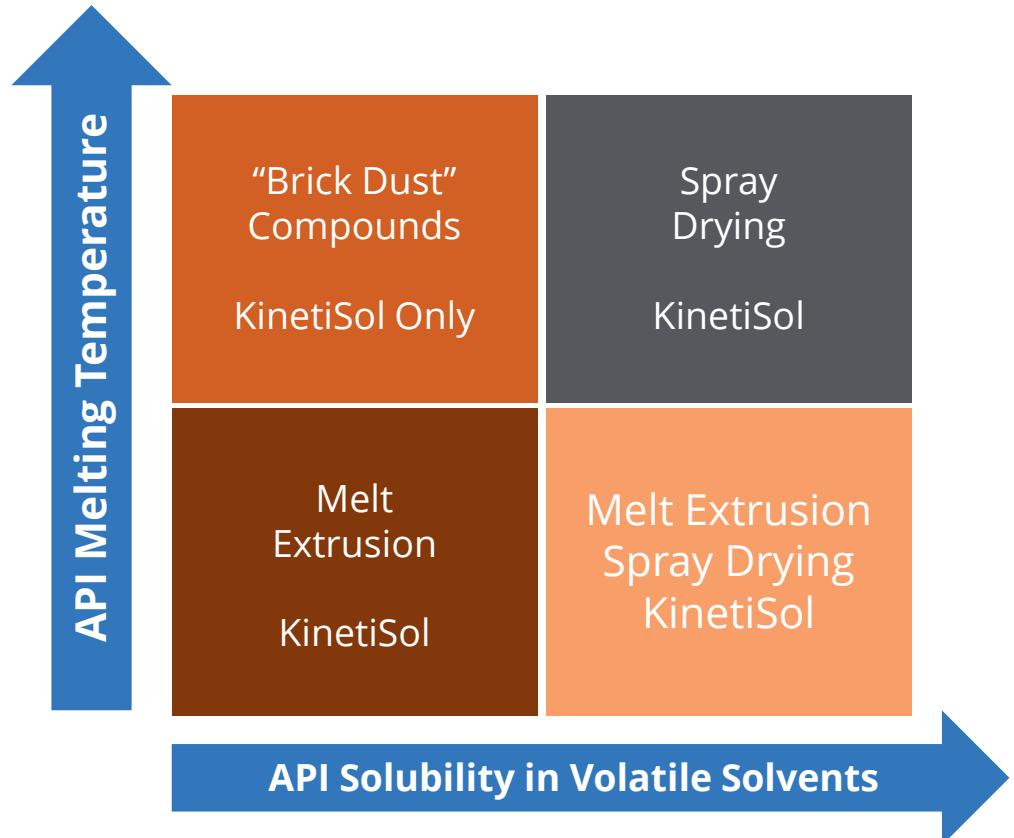
Total Impurities Comparison



KinetiSol's rapid processing time reduces time that the API is subjected to high temperatures and HME tailing residence time issues, therefore leading to lower total degradation and applicability to thermally labile drugs

KinetiSol Fills in ASD Coverage Gaps

Emerges as the Technologically Superior ASD Process



Leading technology for brick dust

Thermal process w/ minimal heat

Non-solvent, low environmental impact

Largest formulation design space

KinetiSol Shifted the ASD Boundaries

No solvents

- Cost, toxicity, environment
- No common solvent requirement

Minimizes temperature + time

- Mitigates thermal degradation
- ASDs independent of drug melt temp

Much wider formulation space

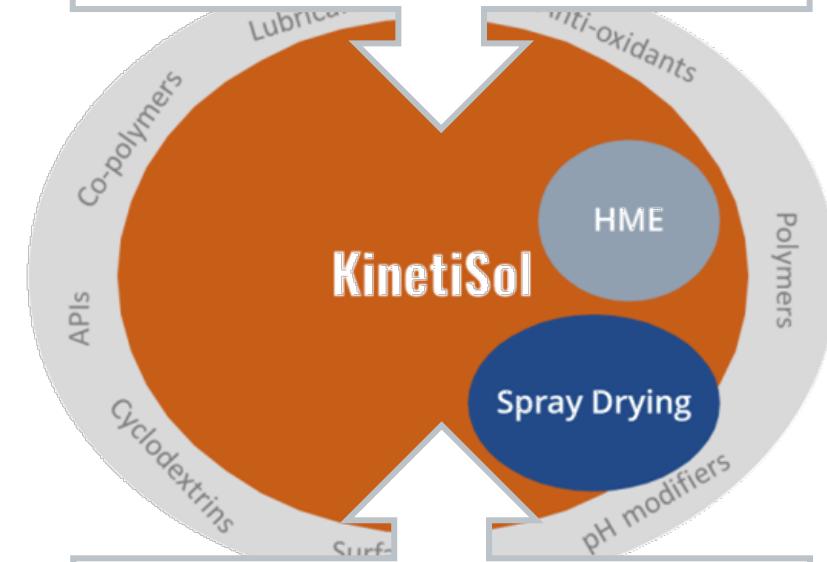
- Improved performance and product design
- Exclusivity generating IP

Complete molecular mixing

- Superior performance and stability

Incorporates more APIs into ASD space

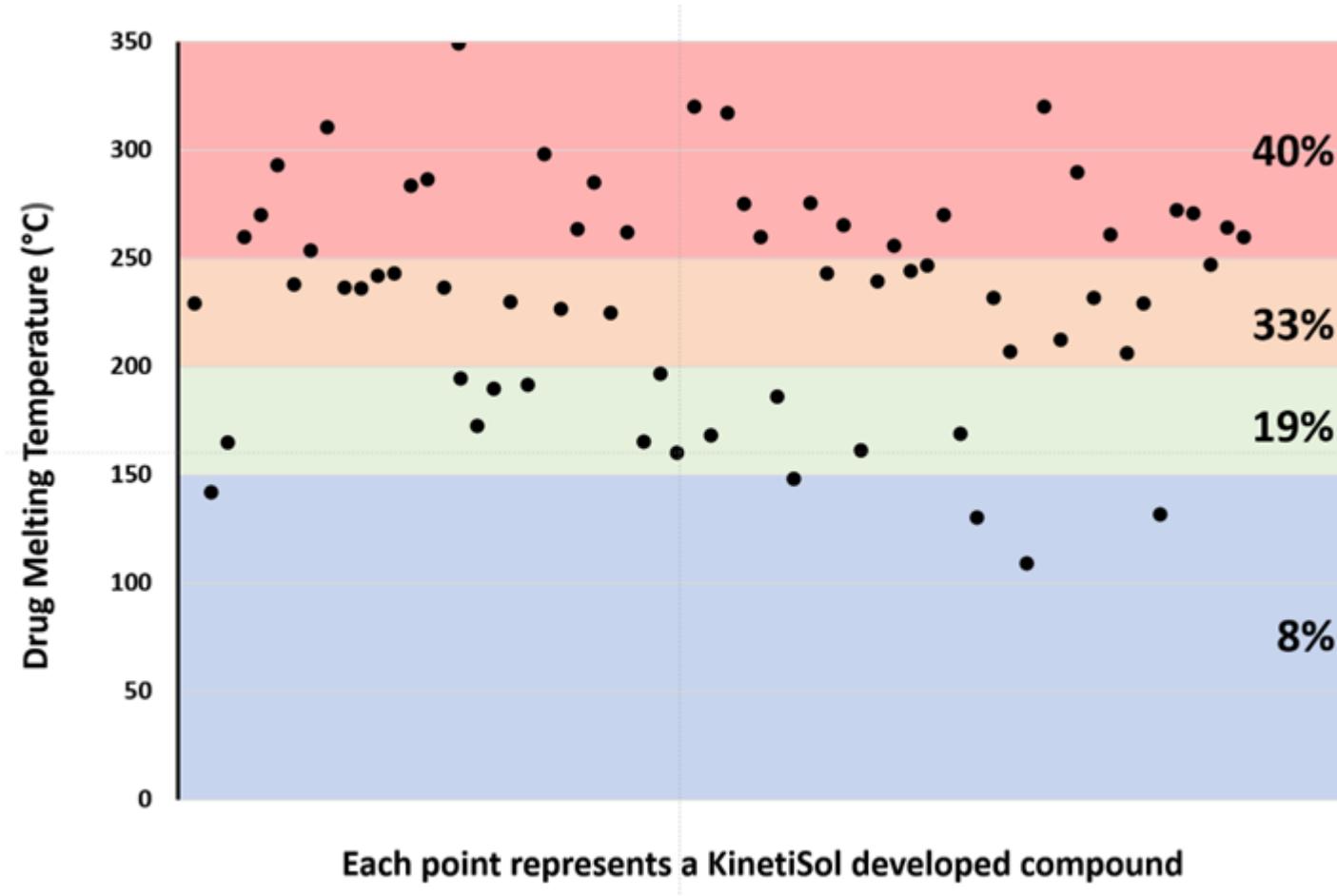
Thermally labile
Organic insoluble
High melting points



Expands available excipient space

Thermally labile
Highly viscous
Non-thermoplastic
No common solvent with API

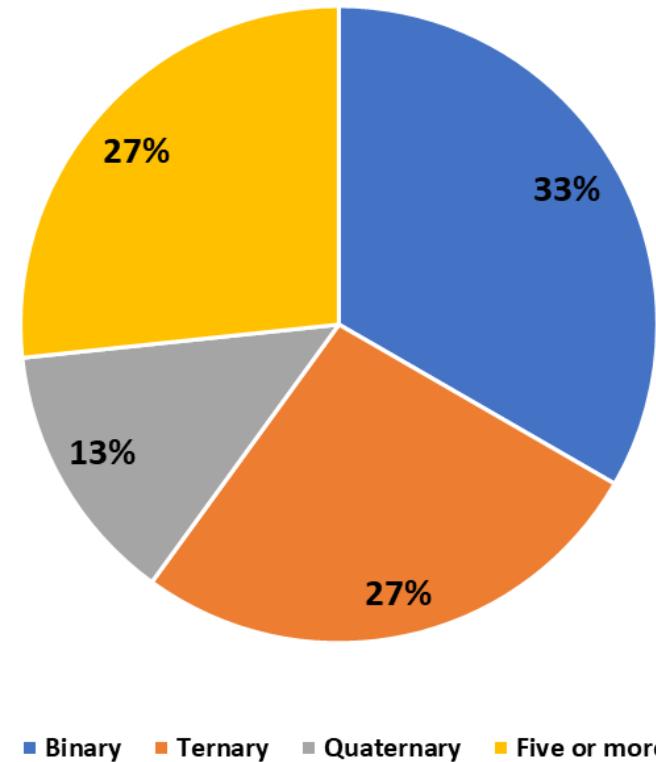
KinetiSol Development History by Melting Temperature



Greater Formulation Options = Better ASD Products

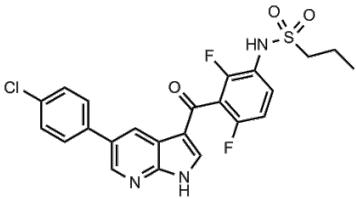


Analysis of clinical stage KinetiSol drug products by ASD components (n = 15)





MOLECULE ENABLEMENT CASE STUDIES



KinetiSol Processing of Vemurafenib

A Comparative Evaluation to Solvent Controlled Precipitation

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Research Article

Theme: Applications of KinetiSol Dispensing for Advanced Amorphous Solid Dispersions
Guest Editor: Dave A. Miller

Improved Vemurafenib Dissolution and Pharmacokinetics as an Amorphous Solid Dispersion Produced by KinetiSol® Processing

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Zelboraf
vemurafenib

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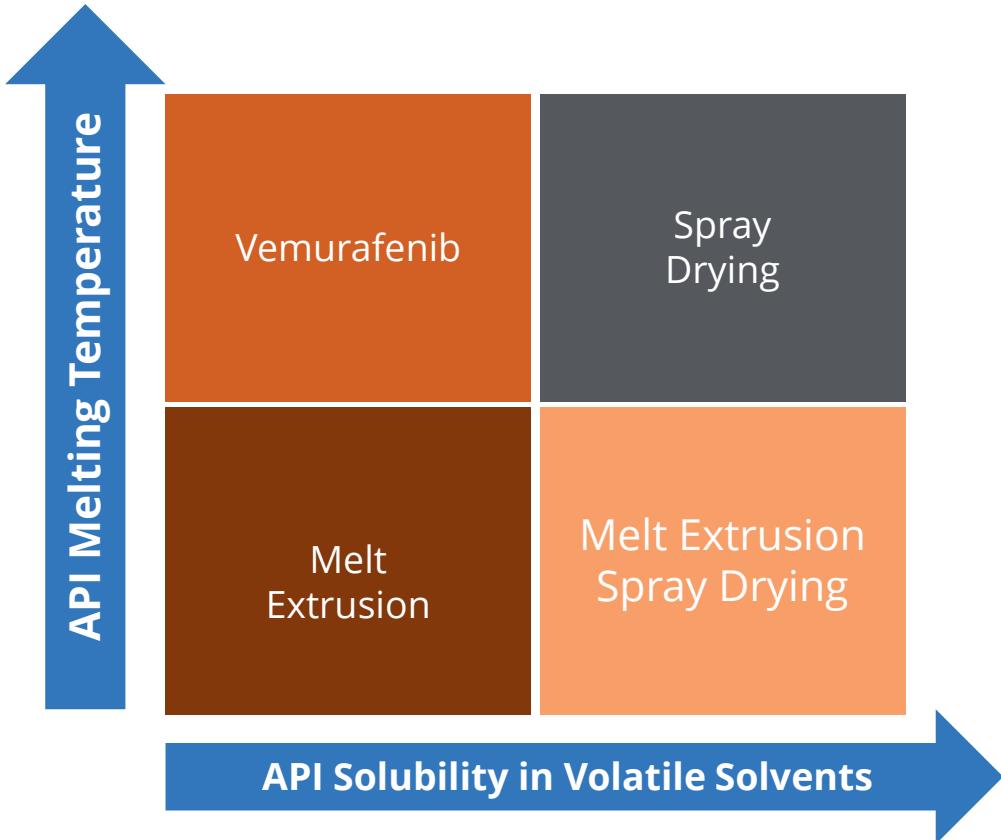
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A Member of the Roche Group

Vemurafenib (BRAF)
Approved in 2011 for
Metastatic Melanoma



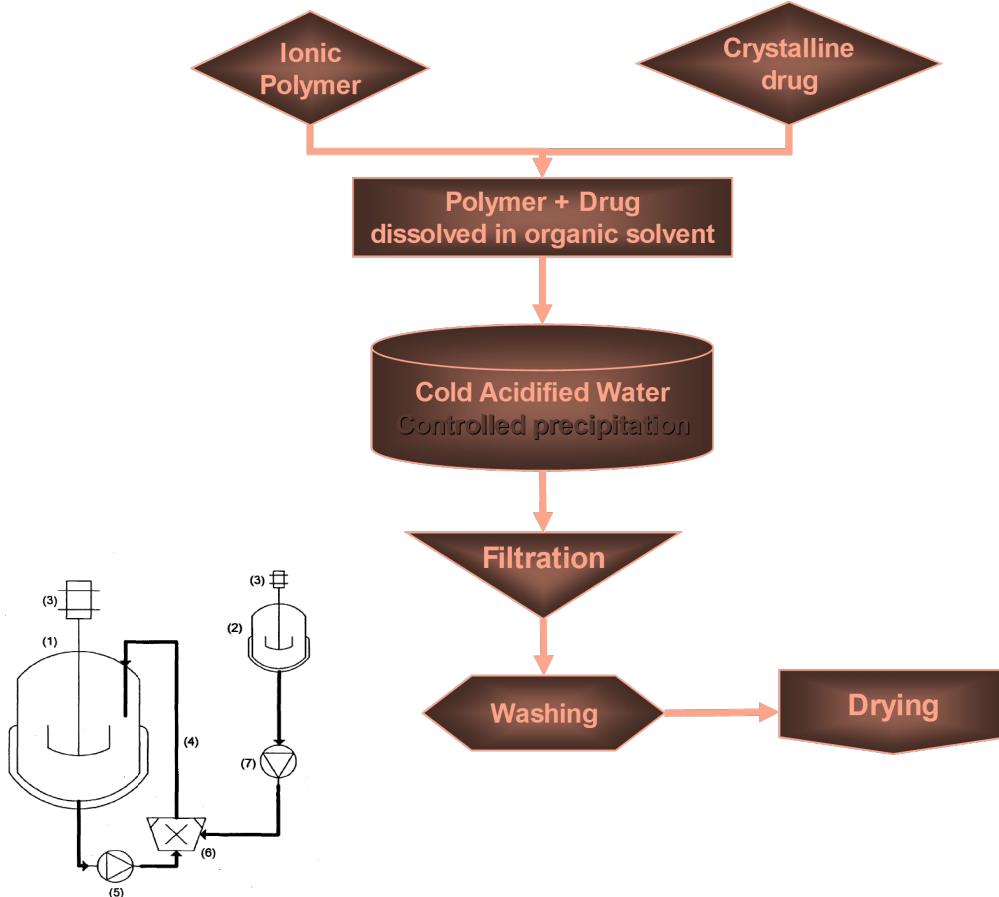
Before Therapy Week 15

2007: The Vemurafenib Conundrum



Denotations	Vemurafenib, RO5185426, PLX4032
Mol. Wt.	489.93 g/mol
T_M	272 °C
T_g	106 °C
LogP	3
pKa	7.9, 11.1
Solubility	1 µg/mL FaSSIF
Organic solubility (volatiles)	< 6 µg/mL (best solvent)
Dose	960 BID

Zelboraf: Vemurafenib ASD by Precipitation Technology



Micro-precipitated bulk powder (MBP)

- A.K.A. Solvent/anti-solvent precipitation
- Complex, multi-step process
- Mixed solvent waste streams
- Narrow formulations space

Zelboraf™ Drug Product Manufacturing

1. API manufacture
2. MBP: Amorphous API in HPMCAS (3:7)
3. Roller compaction
4. Tablet compression
5. Tablet coating



KinetiSol Processing of Vemurafenib

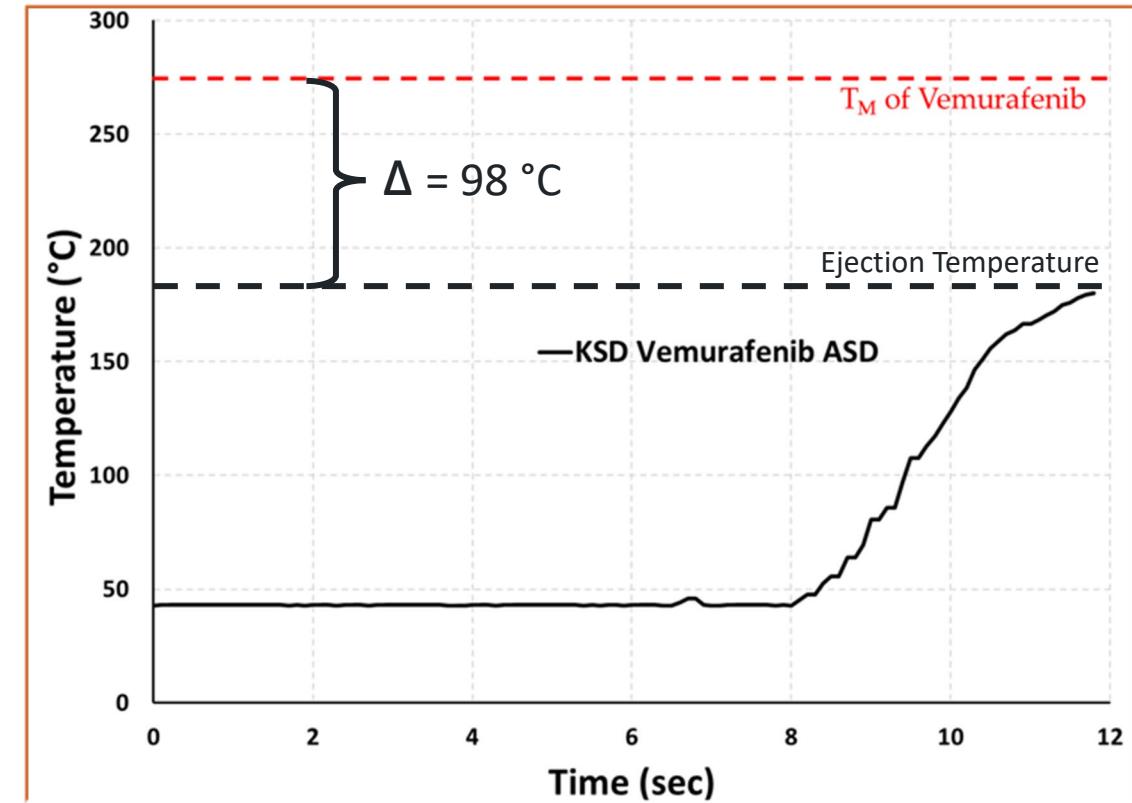
Commercial Formulation

Component	Percent (w/w)
Vemurafenib	30%
Aqoat-LMP	70%

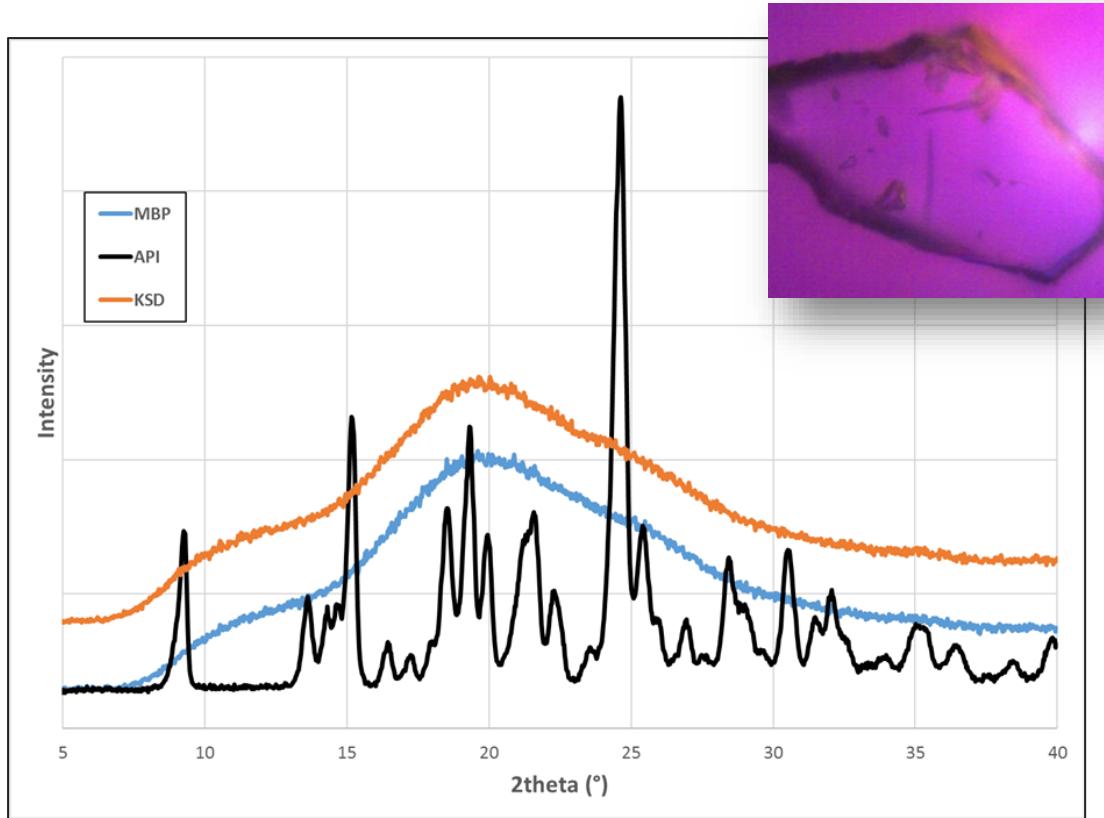
Product Milling

- Hammer milling = $\text{KSD}_{<250\mu\text{m}}$
- Cryogenic piston milling = KSD_{cryo}
- To evaluate the effect of PSD on performance

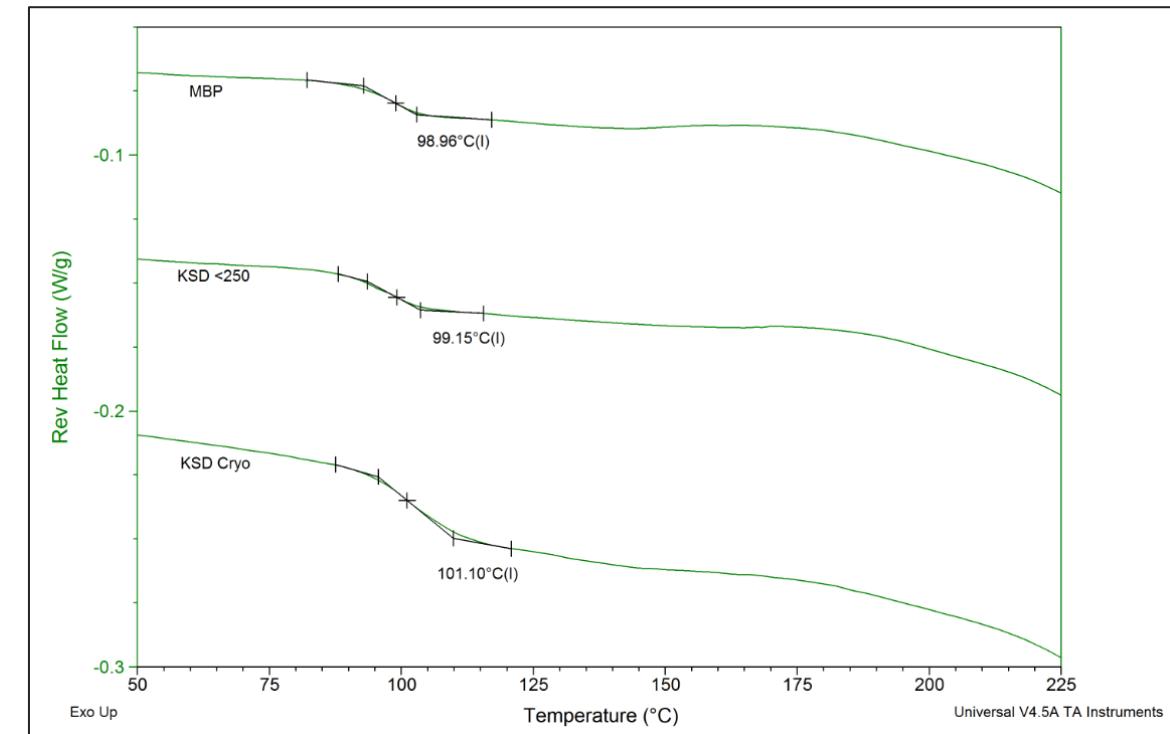
KinetiSol Temperature Profile



Solid-State Analysis

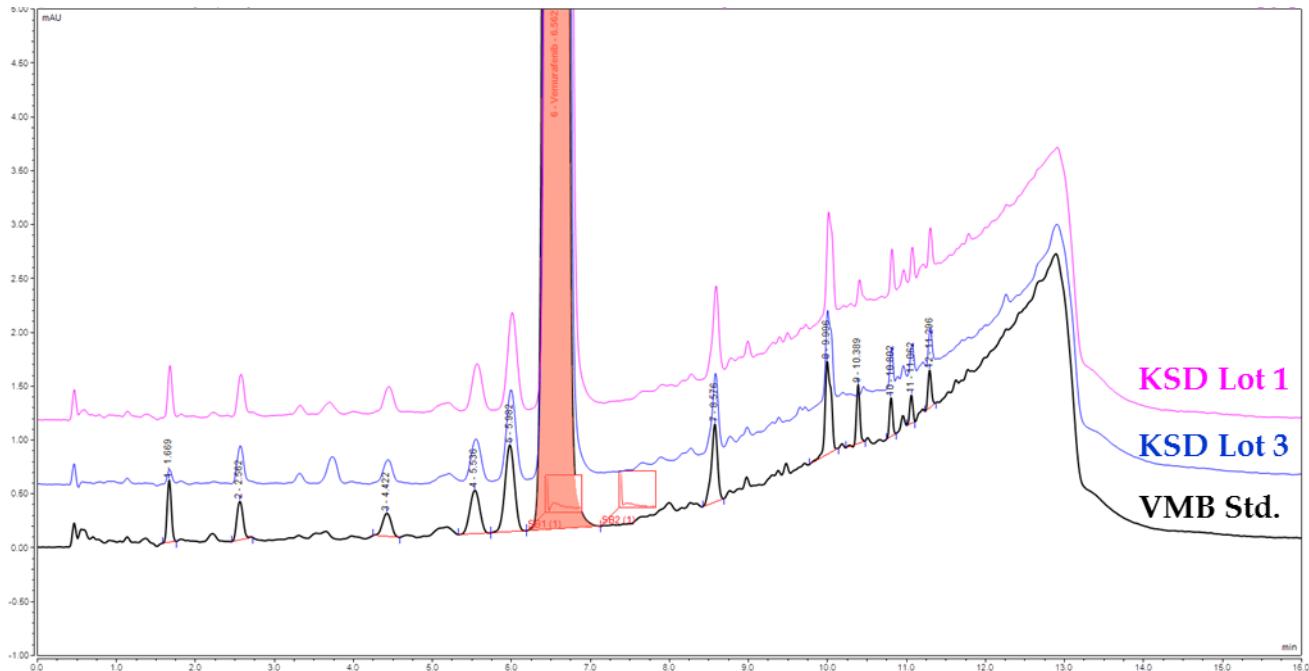


*Absence of crystalline VEM
confirmed by XRD and PLM*



Single T_g matching MBP

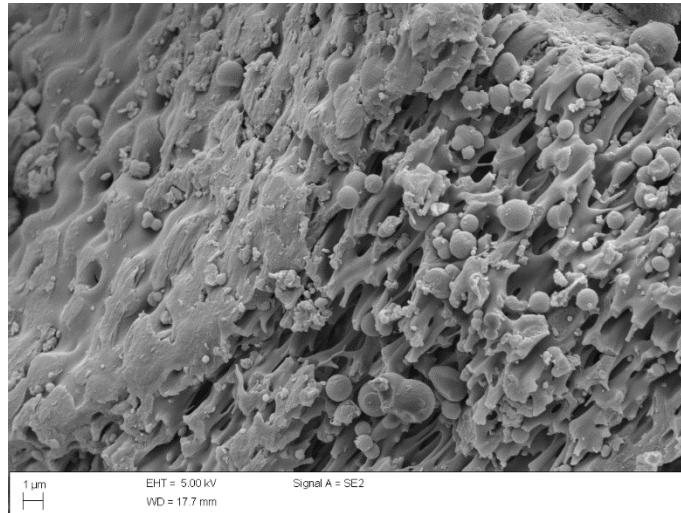
No Process Related Degradation



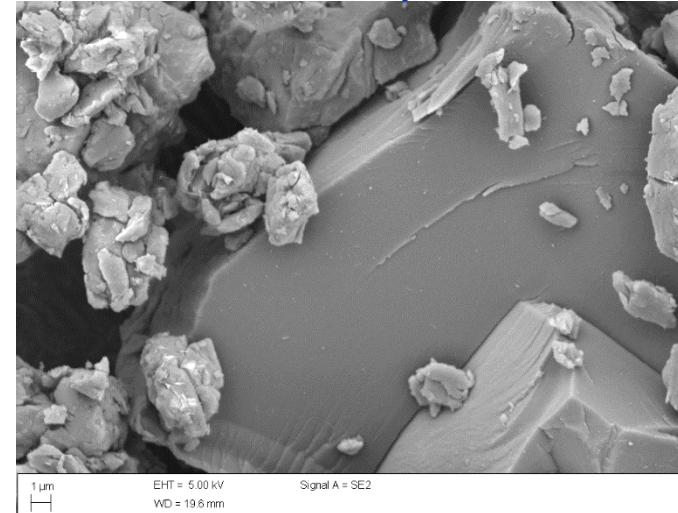
Sample	Purity (%RA)
VMB Standard (bulk API)	98.63
KSD Lot 20141022.01	98.64
KSD Lot 20141022.03	98.68

Particle Properties

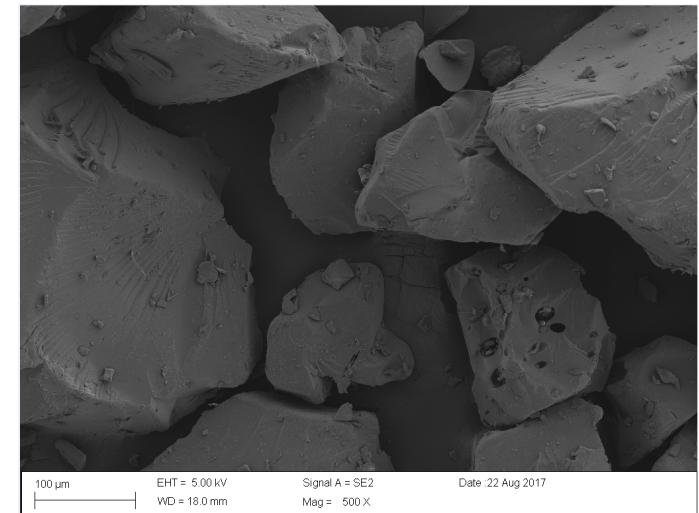
MPB



KSD_{cryo}

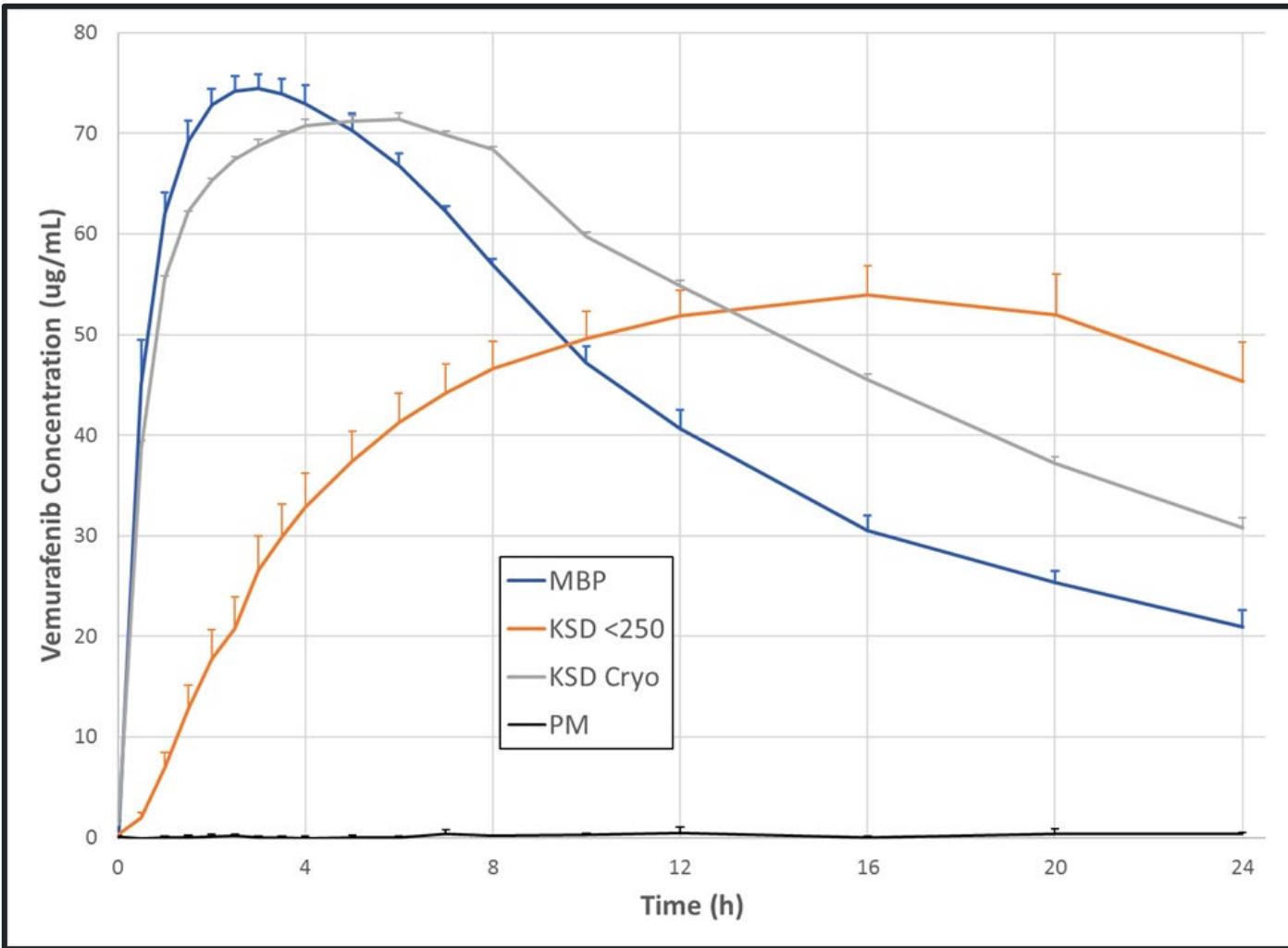


KSD_{<250 μm}

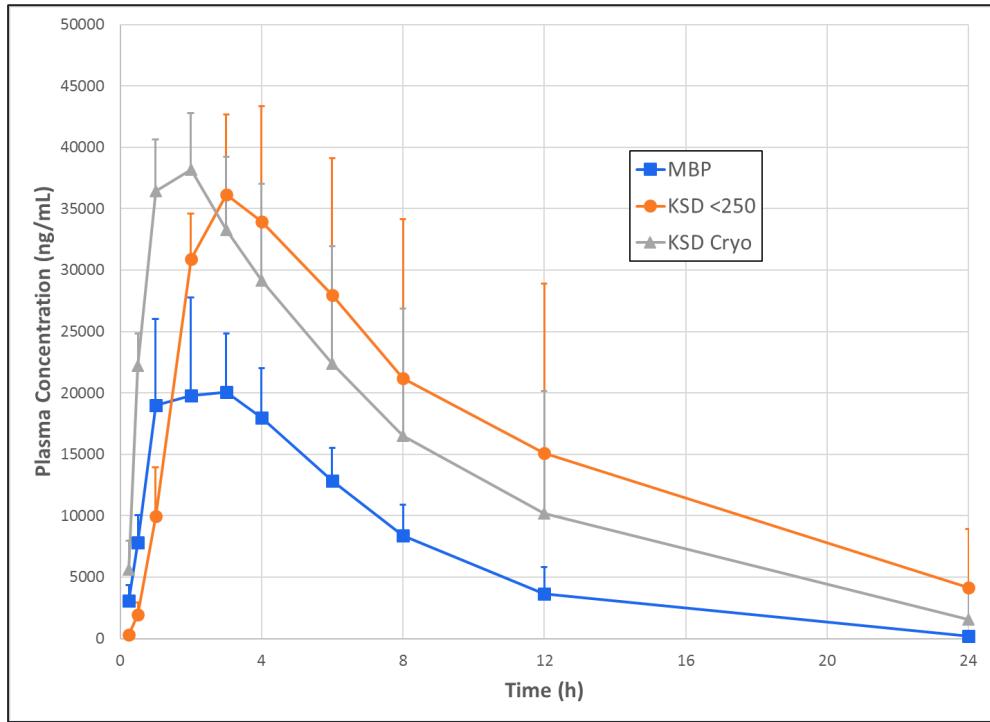


Sample	D10 (μm)	D50 (μm)	D90 (μm)	Specific Surface Area (m ² /g)
MBP	2.39 ± 0.13	74.14 ± 1.68	220.90 ± 5.65	6.13 ± 0.05
KSD _{<250 μm}	14.02 ± 0.84	132.74 ± 3.43	300.79 ± 2.62	0.20 ± 0.02
KSD _{cryo}	2.14 ± 0.23	12.94 ± 1.42	78.96 ± 3.43	1.21 ± 0.06

Non-Sink Dissolution in pH 6.5 FaSSIF



KSD vs. MBP: Rodent PK Study



Sample	MBP	KSD _{<250 μm}	KSD _{Cryo}
t _{max} (h)	2.0 ± 0.8	3.5 ± 0.6	1.8 ± 0.5
C _{max} (ng/mL)	21,750 ± 5,171	37,250 ± 7,556	38,375 ± 4,492
AUC _{0→∞} (hr·kg·ng/mL/mg)	6,661 ± 1,910	17,607 ± 11,060	16,738 ± 9,340
F-value	1	2.6	2.5

- t_{max} in agreement with in-vitro dissolution data: MBP ≈ KSD_{cryo} < KSD_{<250 μm}
- Both KSDs exhibit about 70% greater C_{max} and 2.5-fold greater mean AUC
- **Limiting precipitation (controlling porosity) critical to maximizing oral absorption?**

BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM – COMPOUND D

KinetiSol® Processed ASDs:
Performance *in vivo* and in non-
clinical safety studies

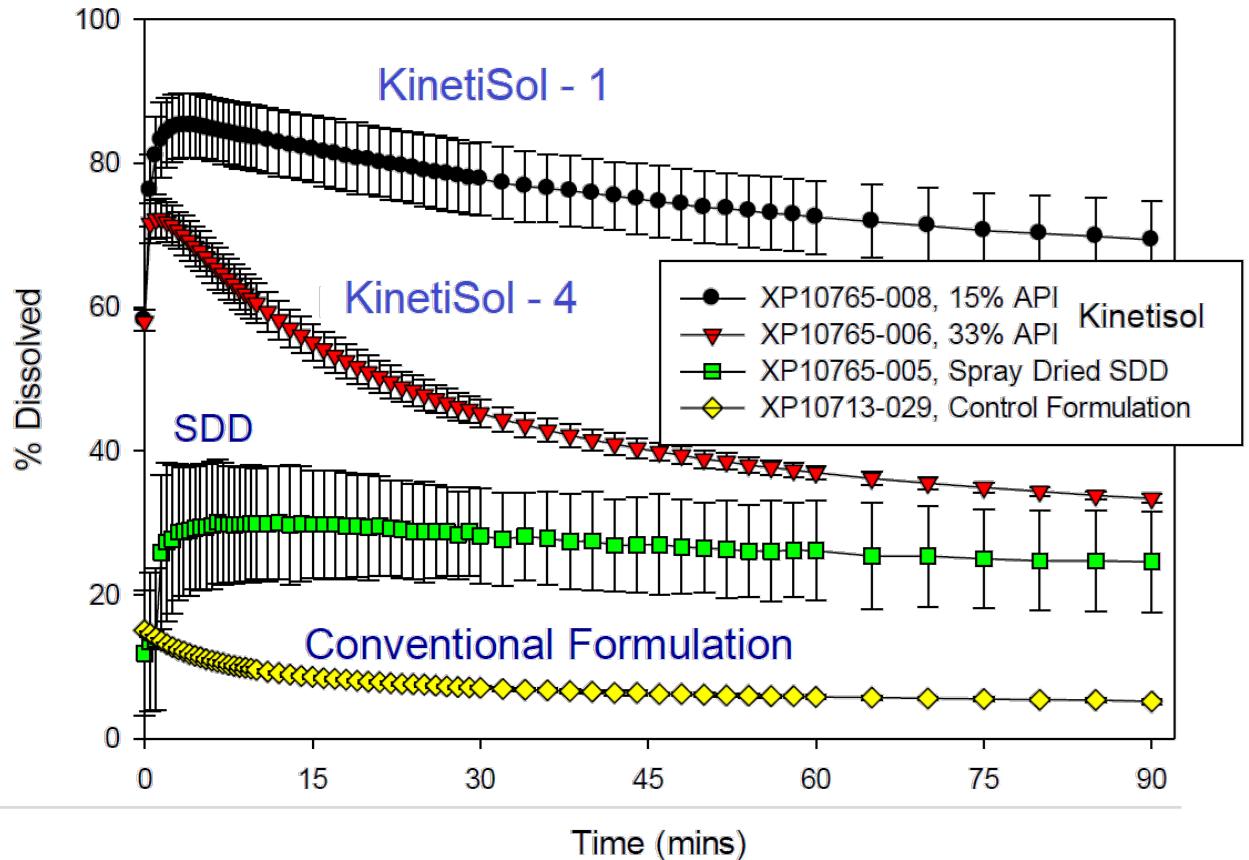
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Boehringer Ingelheim – Compound D

Compound D Challenges

- Water insoluble
- 300 °C Melting Point
- Poor organic solubility
- High human dose
- Non-viable SDD process

Mwt = ~ 450, Mpt ~300°C
Solubility SIFF=1.44mcg/ml, low in organics
Do (top human dose)= >200

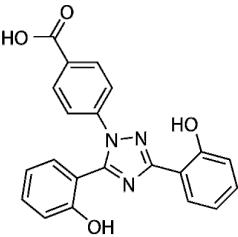


Boehringer Ingelheim – Compound D

Pharmacokinetic Comparison in Rodents

Formulation	T _{max} (hr)	C _{max} ± SD(nM)	AUC ± SD (nM × h)	Relative BA to IFF (%)
IFF Formulation	5.50	22,100 ± 6,070	276,000 ± 65,900	--
In-house SDD	6.50	35,000 ± 10,100	455,000 ± 166,000	165
Kinetisol-4 (High API load)	5.00	44,100 ± 16,000	593,000 ± 77,800	215
Kinetisol-1 (Low API load)	4.00	46,600 ± 8,320	615,000 ± 34,800	223

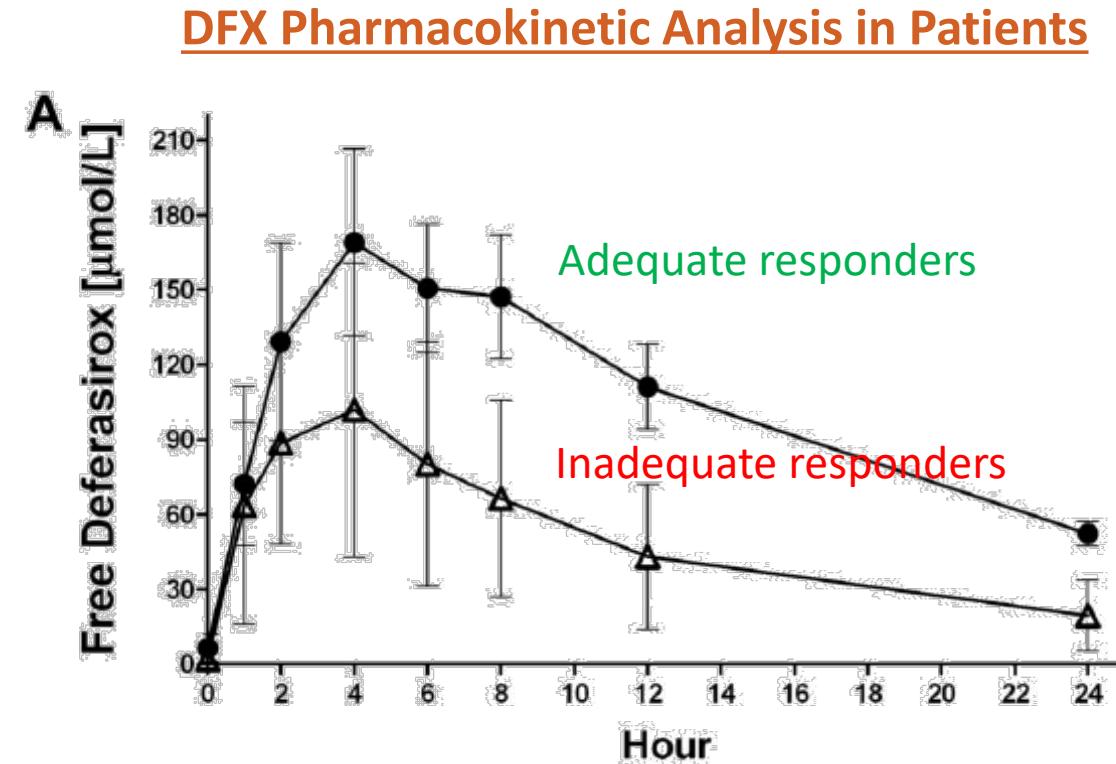
- KinetiSol generated a 30% increase in BA over an SDD at 2x drug load
- KinetiSol manufacturing was viable, Spray drying was not



Expanding Patient Reach for Deferasirox

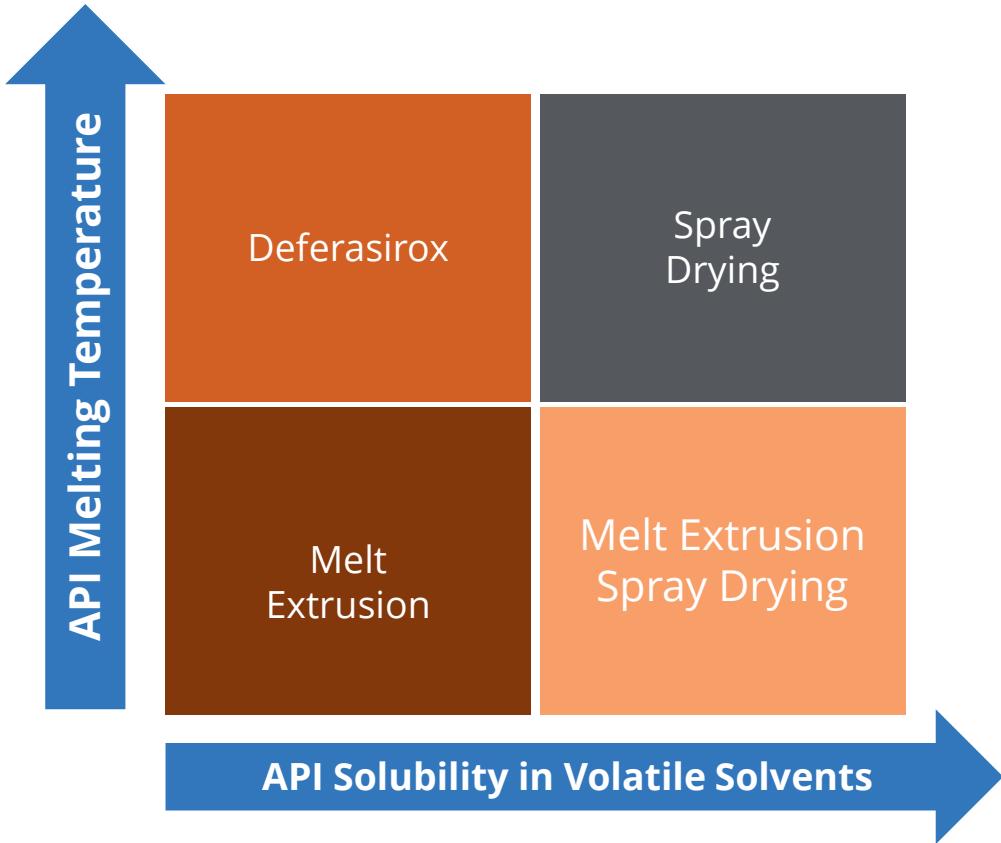
Deferasirox: Unmet Clinical Need

- 30% of patients are inadequate responders due to low BA
- Poor BA due to:
 - pH dependence and poor solubility
 - High oral doses, up to 40mg/kg
- Improved formulation needed to extend DFX therapy to inadequate responders



From: Chirnomas et al. Blood, 5 Nov. 2009, Vol. 114, No. 19

Deferasirox's Therapy Limiting Properties

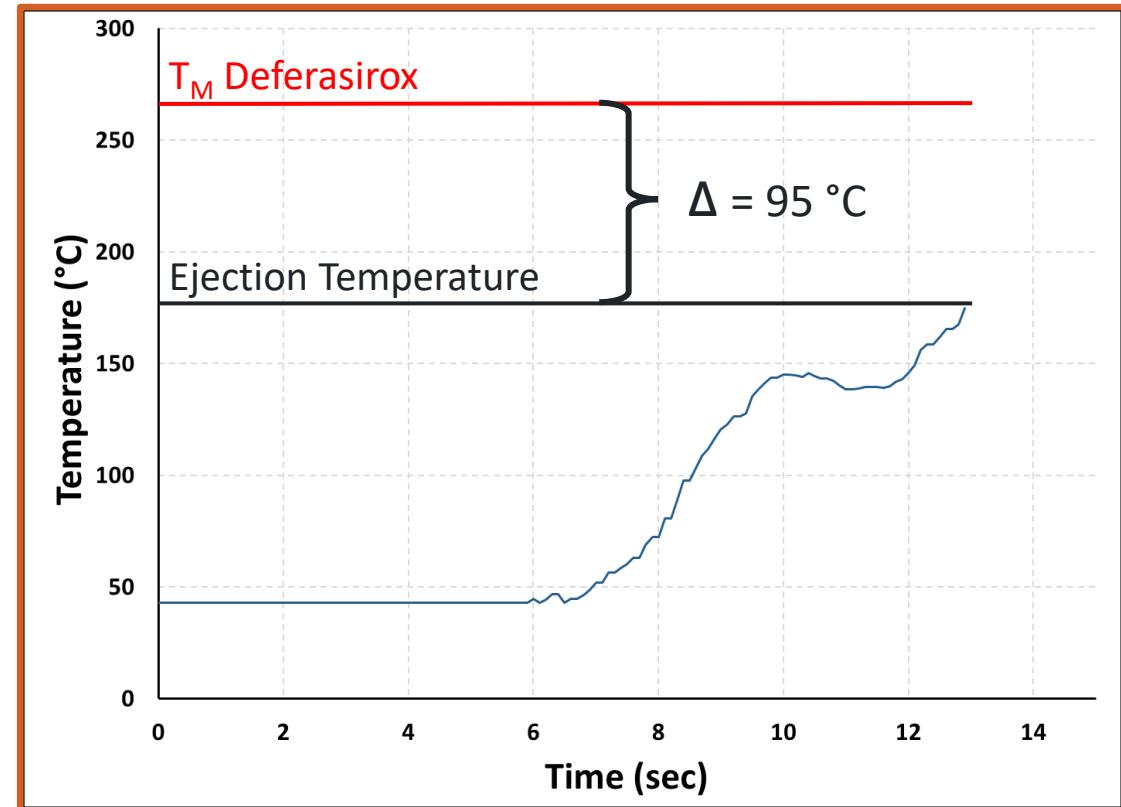


Denotations	Deferasirox, ICL670A
Mol. Wt.	373.4 g/mol
T_M	265 °C
T_g	105 °C
LogP	6.3
pKa	4.61, 10.12, 12.08
Solubility @ pH 1.2	< 1 µg/mL
Solubility @ pH 7.0	300 µg/mL
Organic solubility (volatiles)	< 2 µg/mL (best solvent)
Dose	14 – 40 mg/kg QD

KinetiSol Enables ASDs of Deferasirox

Lead KDFX Formulation

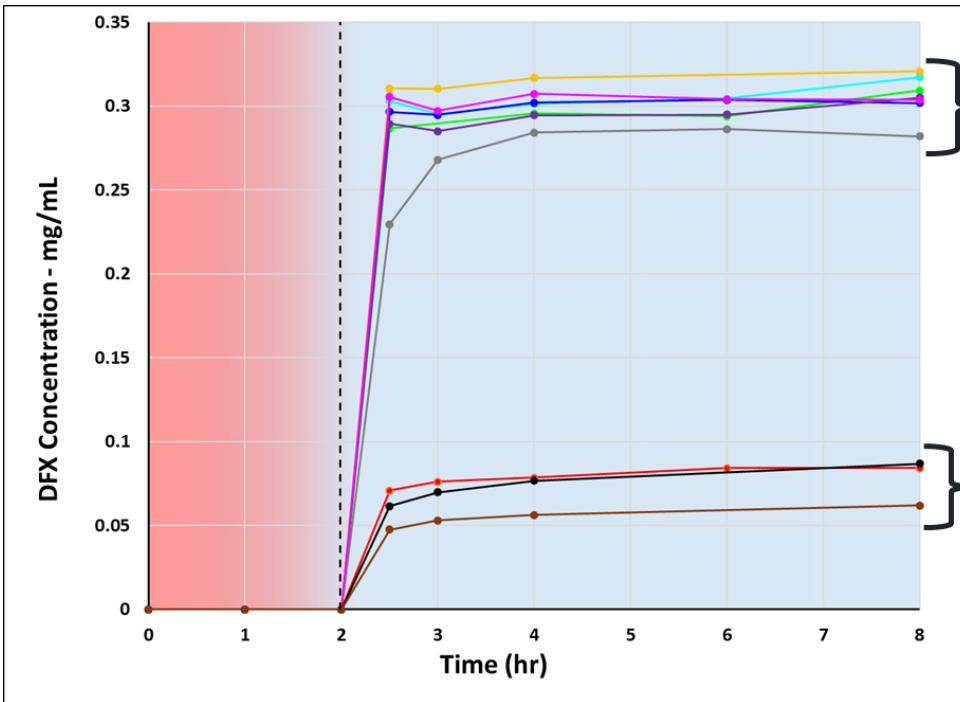
Component	Percent (w/w)
Deferasirox	50.0
Copovidone	24.75
Eudragit L100-55	24.75
Magnesium Stearate	0.5



KinetiSol Reformulation

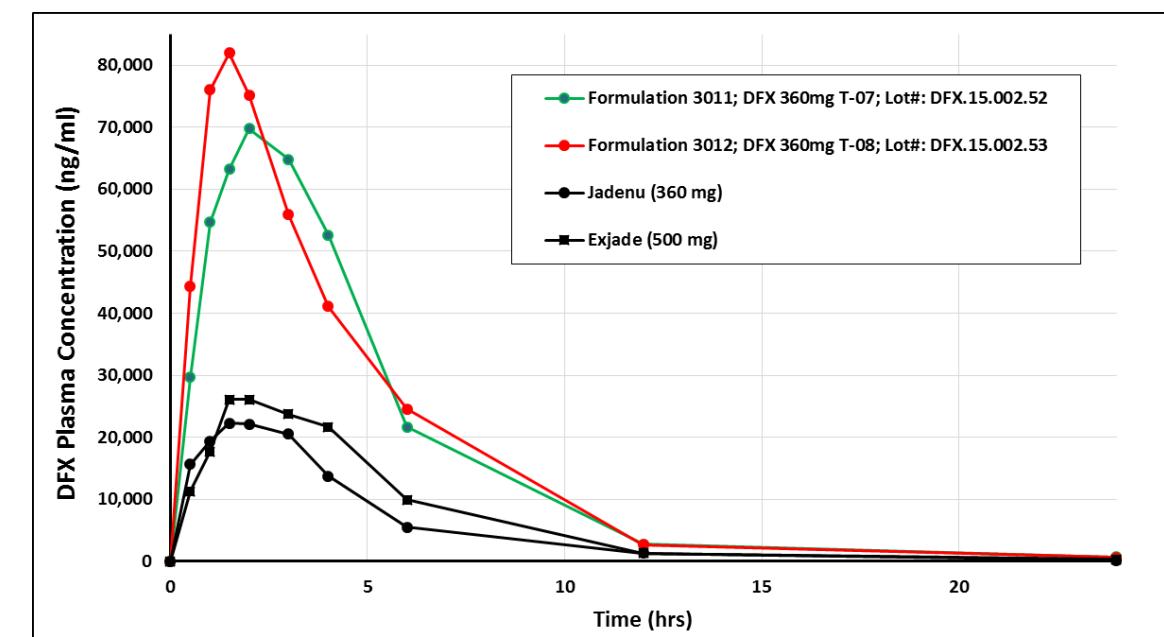
Improved Biopharmaceutical Performance

Bio-relevant Dissolution Analysis



KinetiSol formulations at 50% DFX loading produce substantial dissolution rate enhancement within the intestinal tract

Pharmacokinetic Analysis In Dog Model



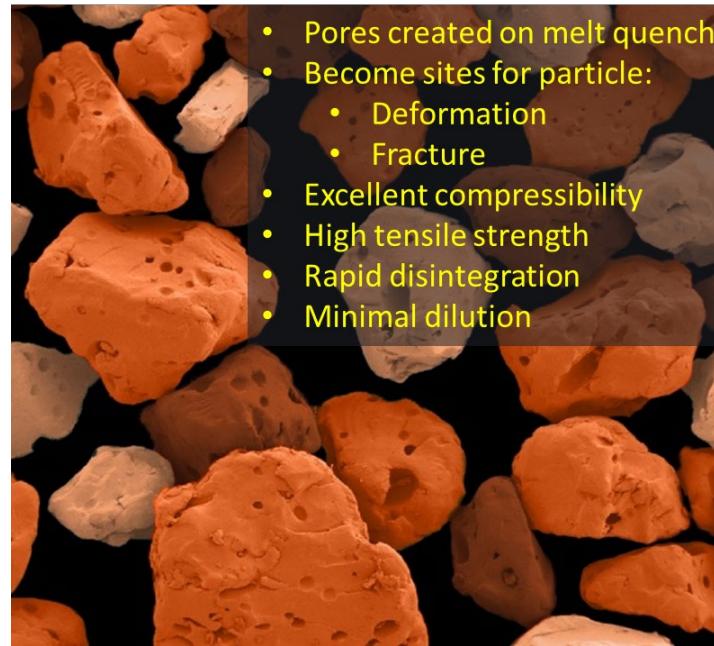
KinetiSol formulations exhibit 300% increase in oral absorption at high dose (36 mg/kg) in beagle dogs

High-Dose Tablet Enablement

Minimizing Pill Burden

KDFX Tablet: P3/Com. Formulation

Component	KDFX IR Phase 2/3 Tablet	
	% w/w	mg/tablet
Internal Phase		
Deferasirox	40.0	360.0
Eudragit L100-55	19.8	178.2
Kollidon VA 64	19.8	178.2
Magnesium Stearate	0.4	3.6
External Phase		
Microcrystalline cellulose	13.0	117.0
Croscarmellose sodium	6.0	54.0
Colloidal silicon dioxide	0.5	4.5
Magnesium stearate	0.5	4.5
Total	100.0	900.0



- Pores created on melt quench
- Become sites for particle:
 - Deformation
 - Fracture
- Excellent compressibility
- High tensile strength
- Rapid disintegration
- Minimal dilution

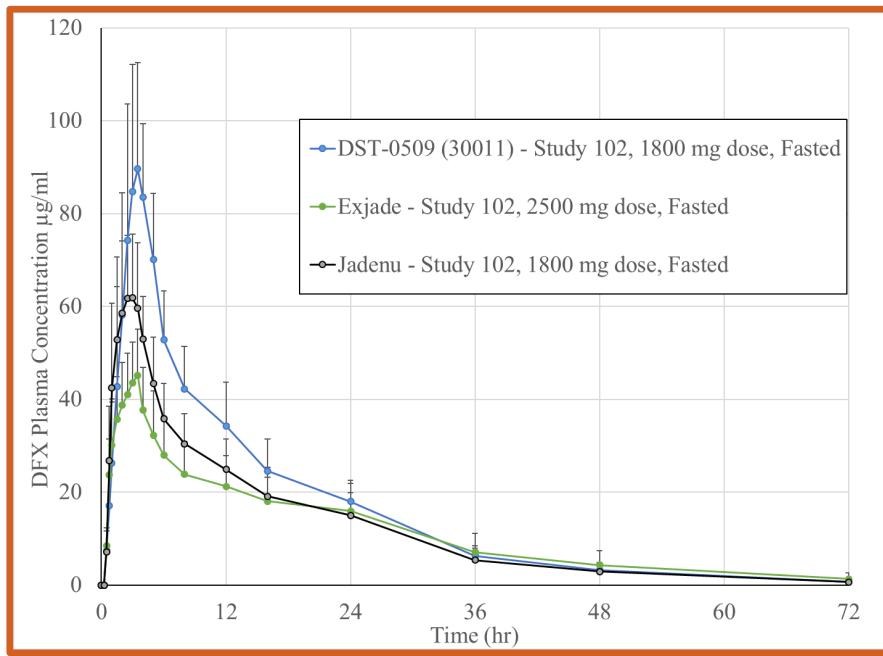
Tableting Parameters/Results

Parameter	Units	30011
Bulk density of internal phase	g/ml	0.549
Tablet shape	--	Modified capsule
Cup depth	mm	1.47
Major axis	mm	19
Minor axis	mm	9.28
Avg. compression force	kN	17
Avg. tablet thickness	mm	6.76
Avg. fracture force	N	160.8
Tensile strength	MPa	1.31
Disintegration time	Min	< 5

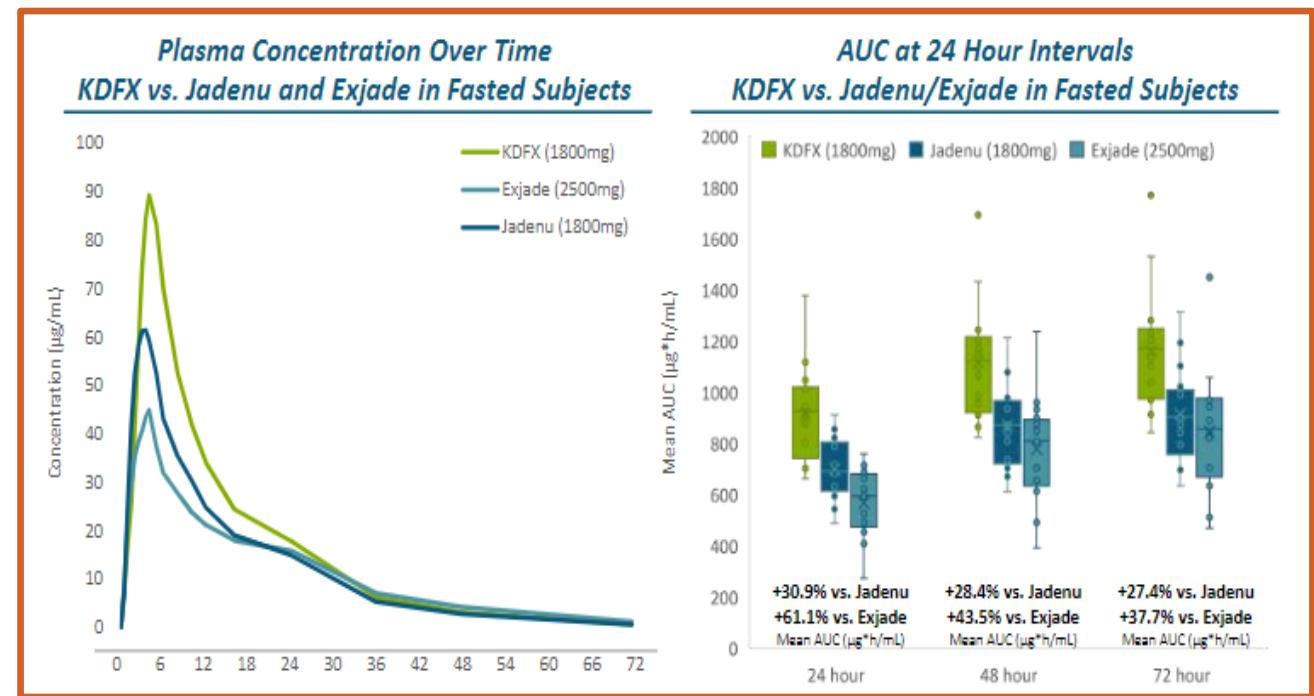
- 360mg DFX per tablet, 40% of the tablet's total weight
- Good fracture force and tensile strength at typical compression forces
- Disintegration time < 5 minutes

KDFX: Proof in Patients

Phase I

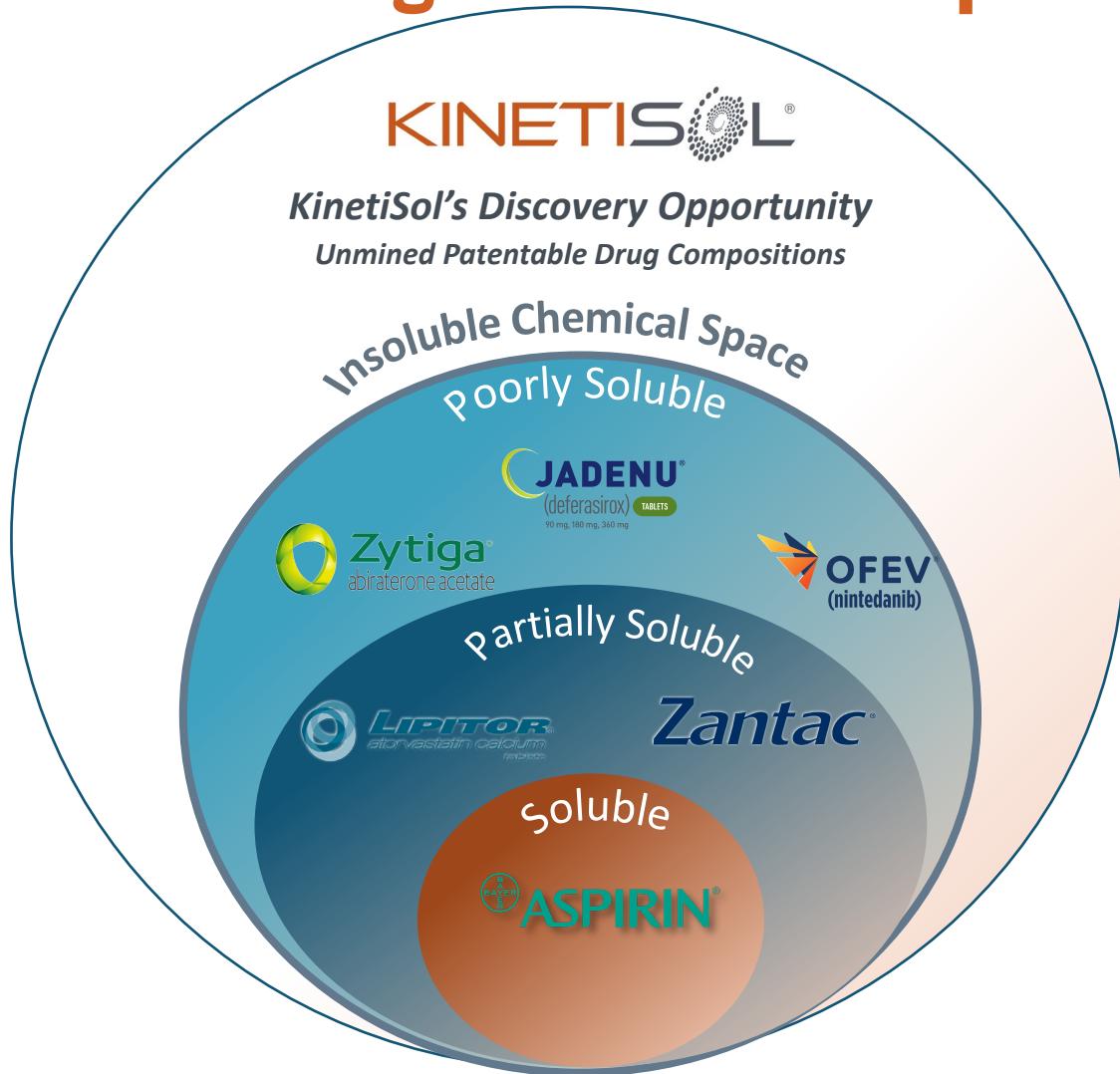


Phase II



- Phase I signaled superior bioavailability in healthy subjects
- Phase II indicates conversion of non-responders to responders

Great Drugs Go Undeveloped in Insoluble Chemical Space

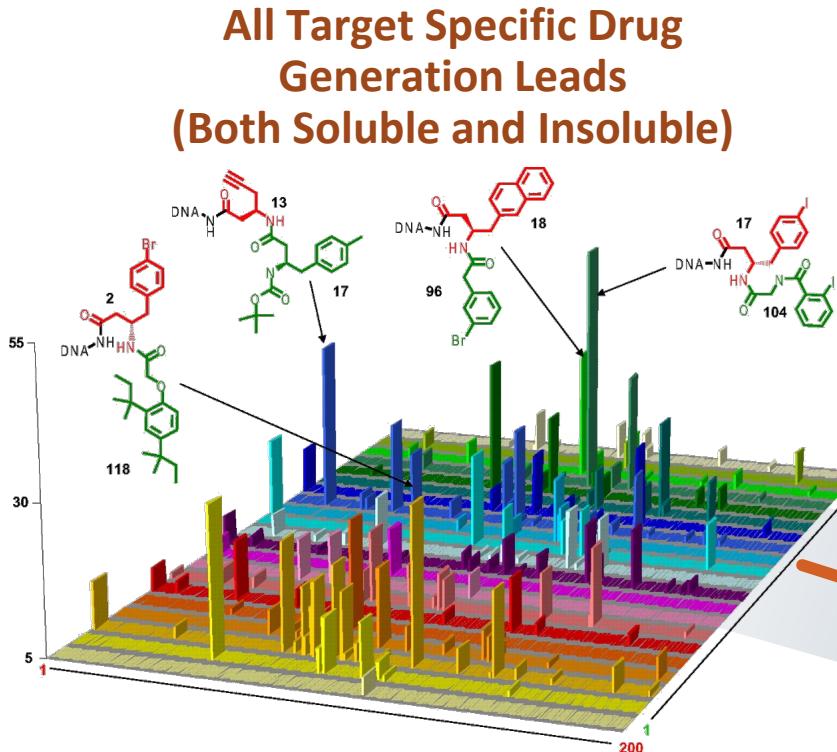


Redefine the Rules, Reveal the Undiscovered

Insoluble chemical space is richest source of high potency drugs

- Proven through empirical drug discovery
- Commonly seen in rational drug design
- Space deliberately avoided for inability to deliver therapeutic drug concentrations
- Greatly expands the boundaries of developability
- Kinases and many other validated targets can only be drugged by insoluble chemical scaffolds

Unlocking the Potential; Reducing Risk in Drug Discovery



- Solubility No Longer a Limitation
- KinetiSol **Targets Poor Solubility**
- Expands Developability Rules (KinetiSol's Rules)

Predictive chemistry, AI, and machine learning filters out for poor water solubility and druggability concerns



Current Discovery Efforts:
Few Soluble NCEs with reasonable affinity (>40% of NCEs)

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