

# Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County

## Florida Drug Discovery Acceleration Program

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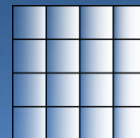
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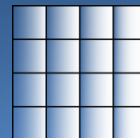
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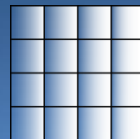
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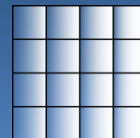
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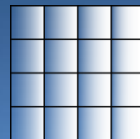
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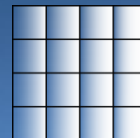
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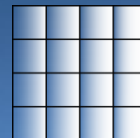
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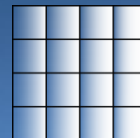
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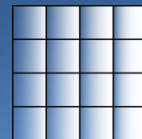


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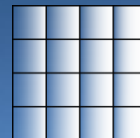


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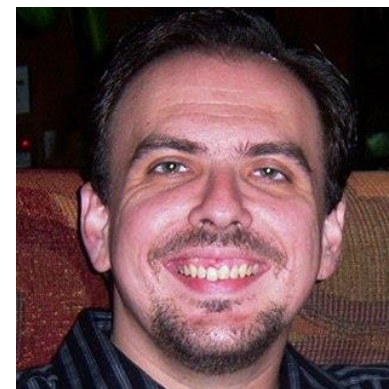
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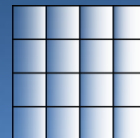
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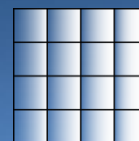
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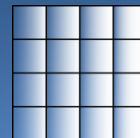
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## Purpose

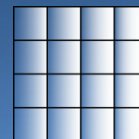
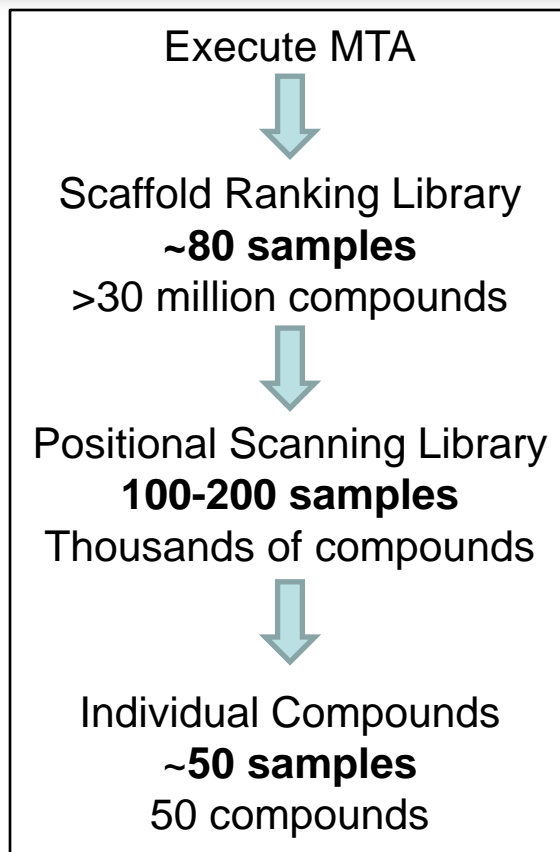
This program allows for Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies TPIMS to share its large collection of compound libraries and expertise to Florida Institutions to accelerate drug discovery and commercialization statewide. Through this program, these compound libraries and services are provided at no cost to our collaborators at universities and non-profit institutes within the state of Florida.

## Potential Participants

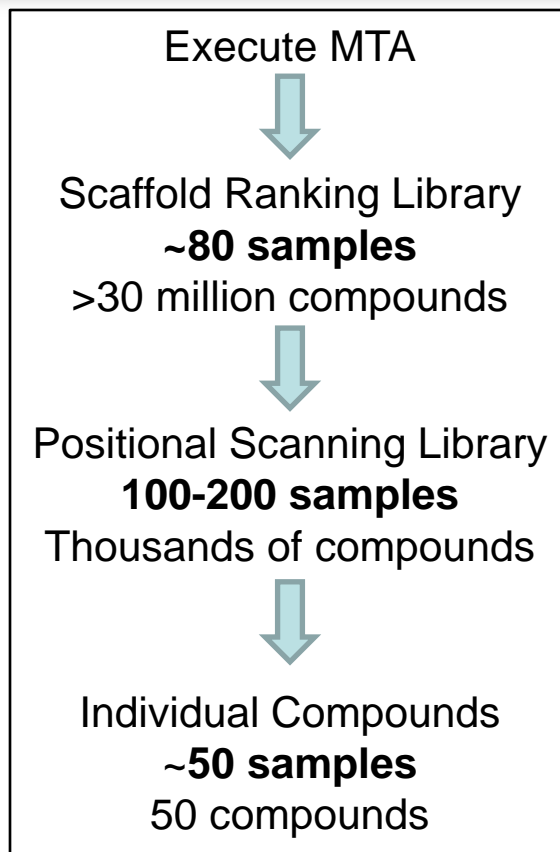
All researchers at universities and non-profit institutes within the state of Florida who have an assay and are interested in screening for hit compounds.



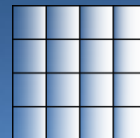
# TPIMS Screening Process



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The key to this process is the ability to screen millions of compounds with only hundreds of samples

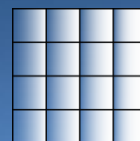


# TPIMS Screening Process – Scaffold Ranking

## Scaffold Ranking Process

- Screen a single 96-well plate that contains representation of the TPIMS' entire small molecule library collection
- Prioritizes the individual positional scanning libraries for full screening
- This process allows for the best libraries to be chosen initially, which, in turn, minimizes the amount of samples needed to be screened, saving time and money

Goal: Identification of mixture libraries with the greatest potential to identify individual compounds

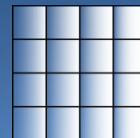


# TPIMS Screening Process – Positional Scanning

## Positional Scanning Libraries

Collections of very large numbers of synthetic compounds arranged in a systematic manner that allow testing of large numbers of compounds at the same time to identify potential lead compounds

Goal: Identification of *R*-group substitutions within a library responsible for the observed activity



# TPIMS Screening Process – Positional Scanning

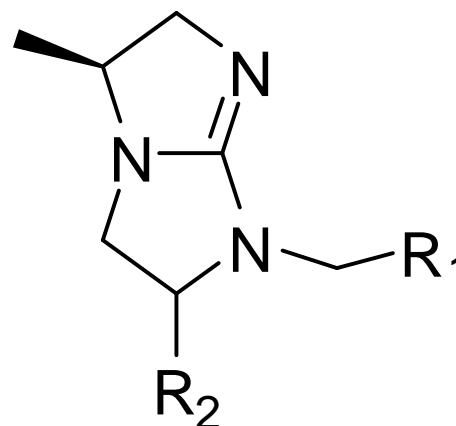
## Representative Example

20 R<sub>1</sub> groups

20 R<sub>2</sub> groups

Individual Compounds

$$20 \times 20 = 400$$



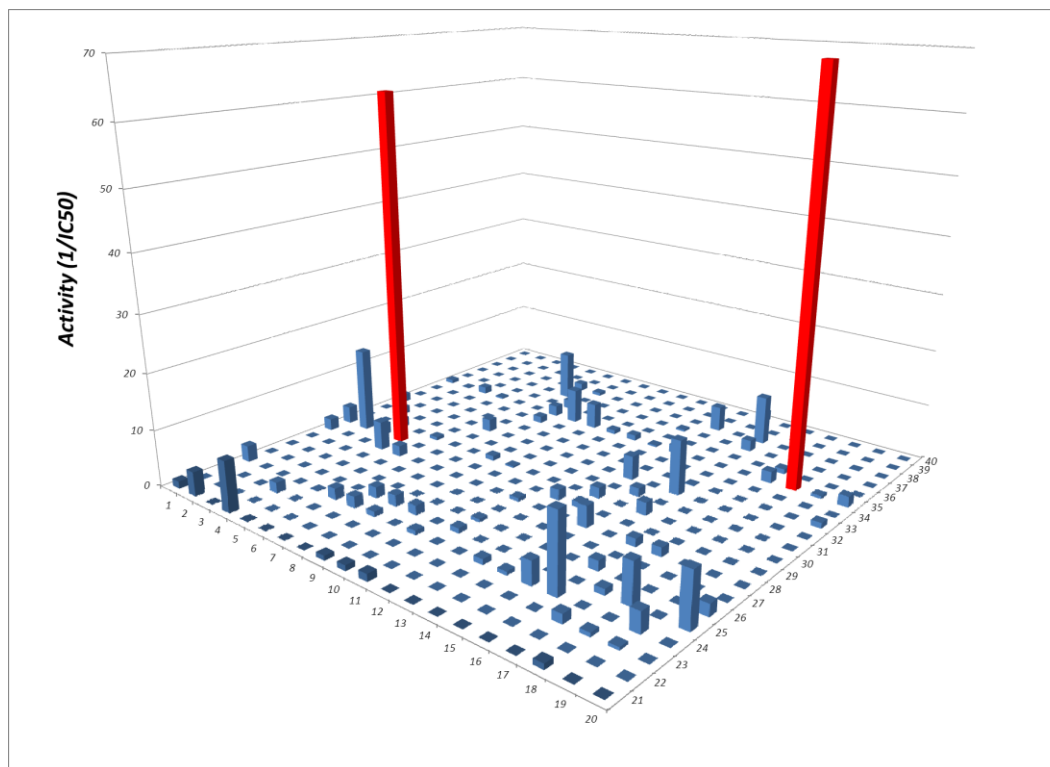
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## Single Compound Random Screening

400 compounds

20  $R_1$  groups  
20  $R_2$  groups



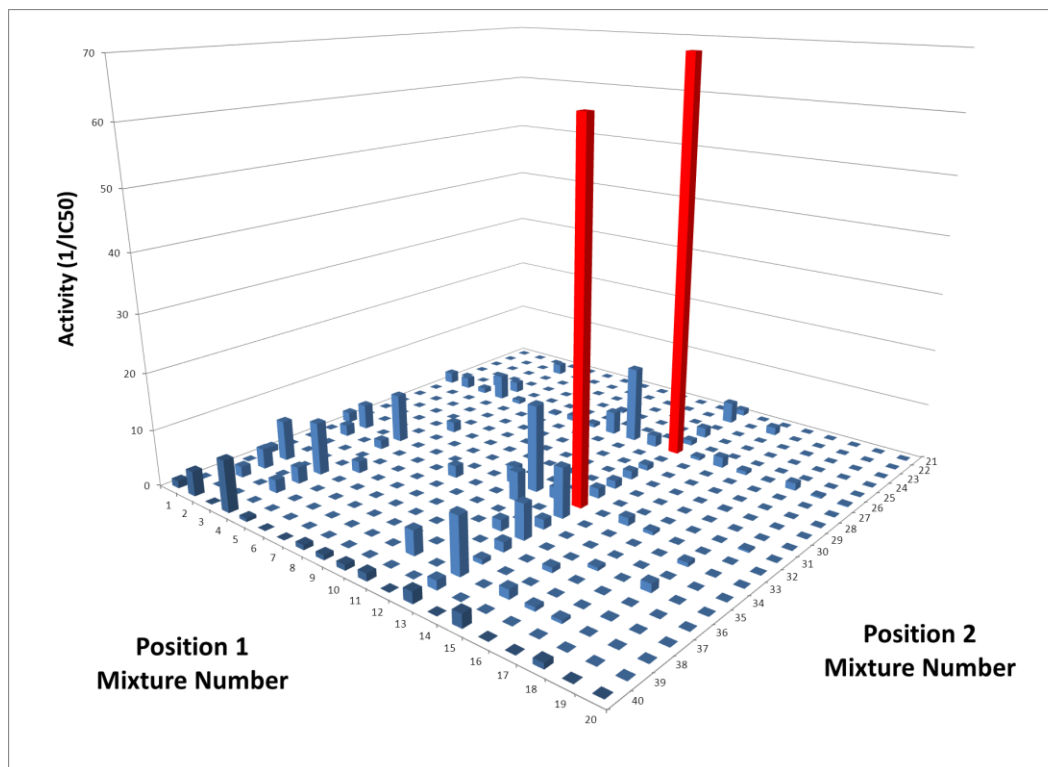
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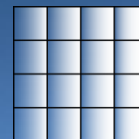
## Data Arranged By R group Functionalities

400 compounds

20  $R_1$  groups  
20  $R_2$  groups



Goal: Identification of *R*-group substitutions within a library responsible for the observed activity



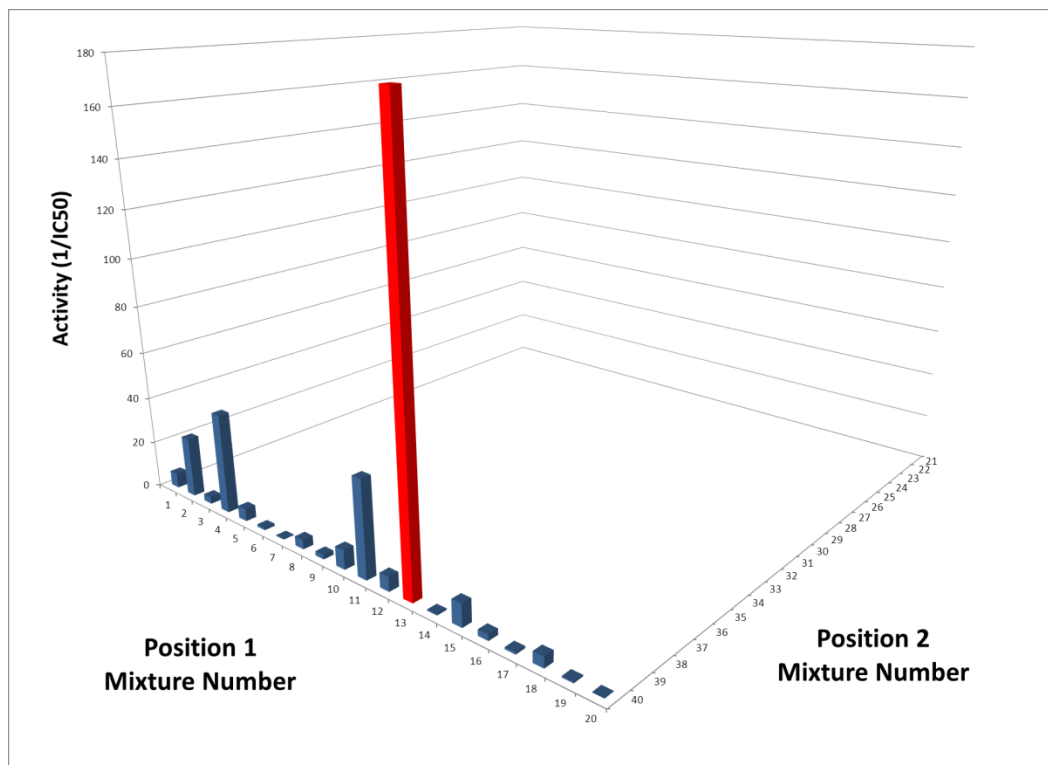
# TPIMS Screening Process – Positional Scanning

## Data Summed by R1 Group Functionality

400 compounds

20 R<sub>1</sub> groups

20 R<sub>2</sub> groups



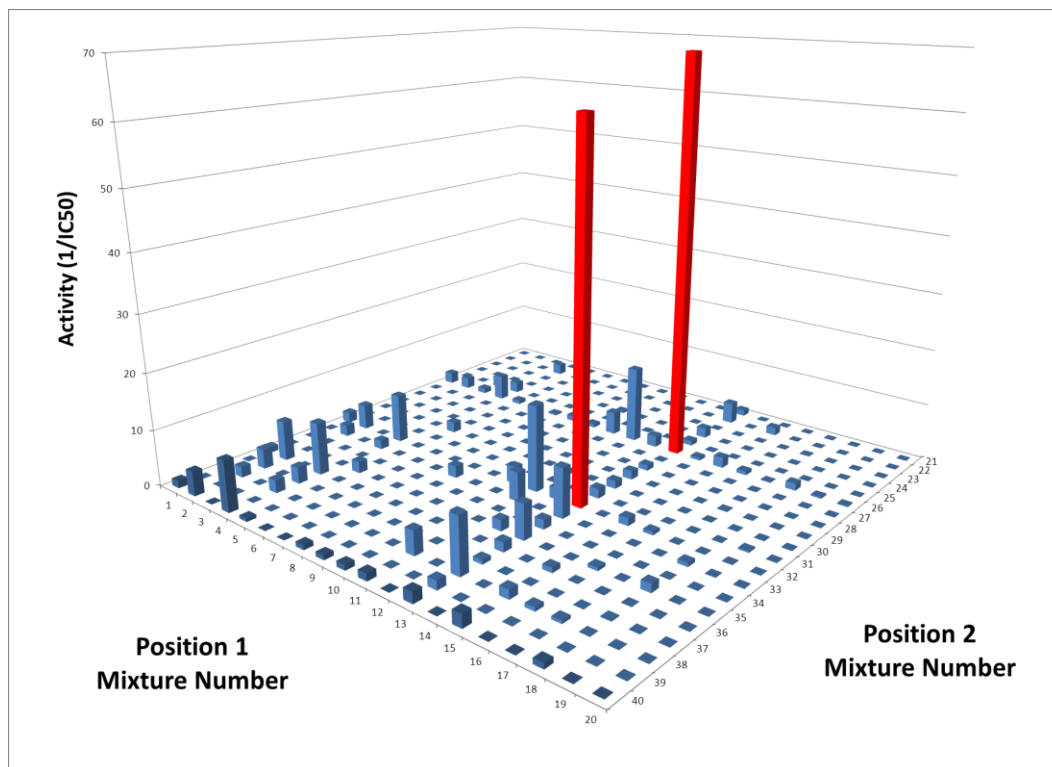
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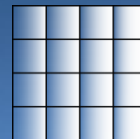
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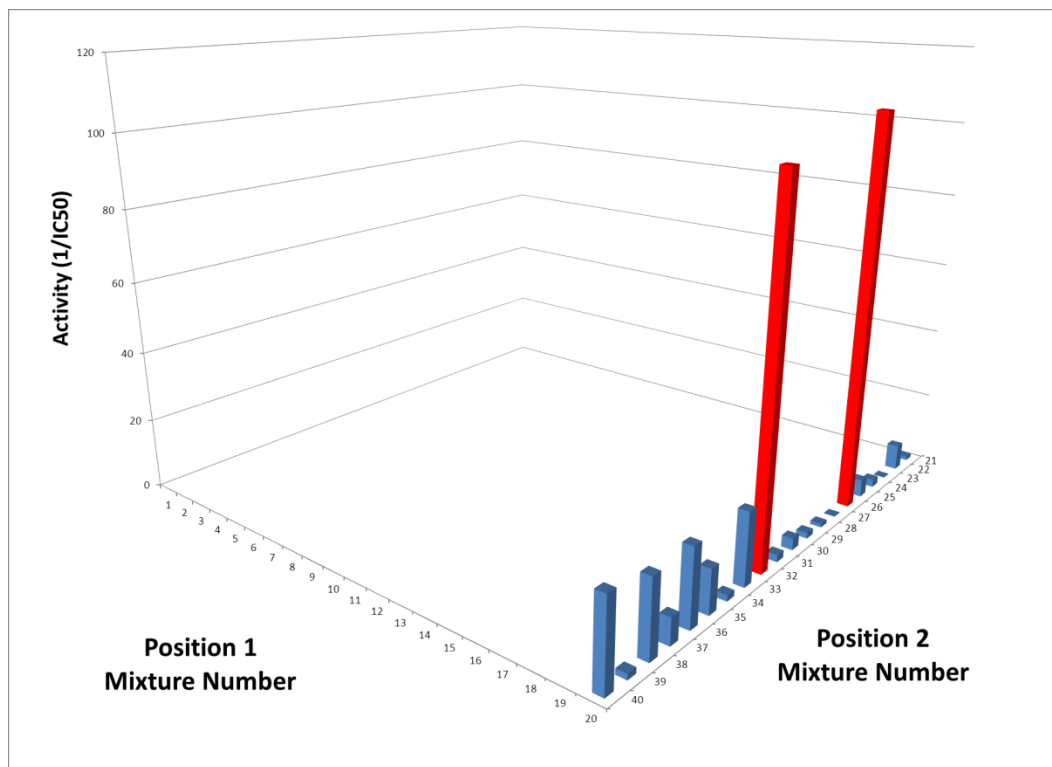


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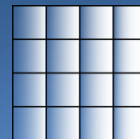
## Data Summed by R2 Group Functionality

400 compounds

20  $R_1$  groups  
20  $R_2$  groups

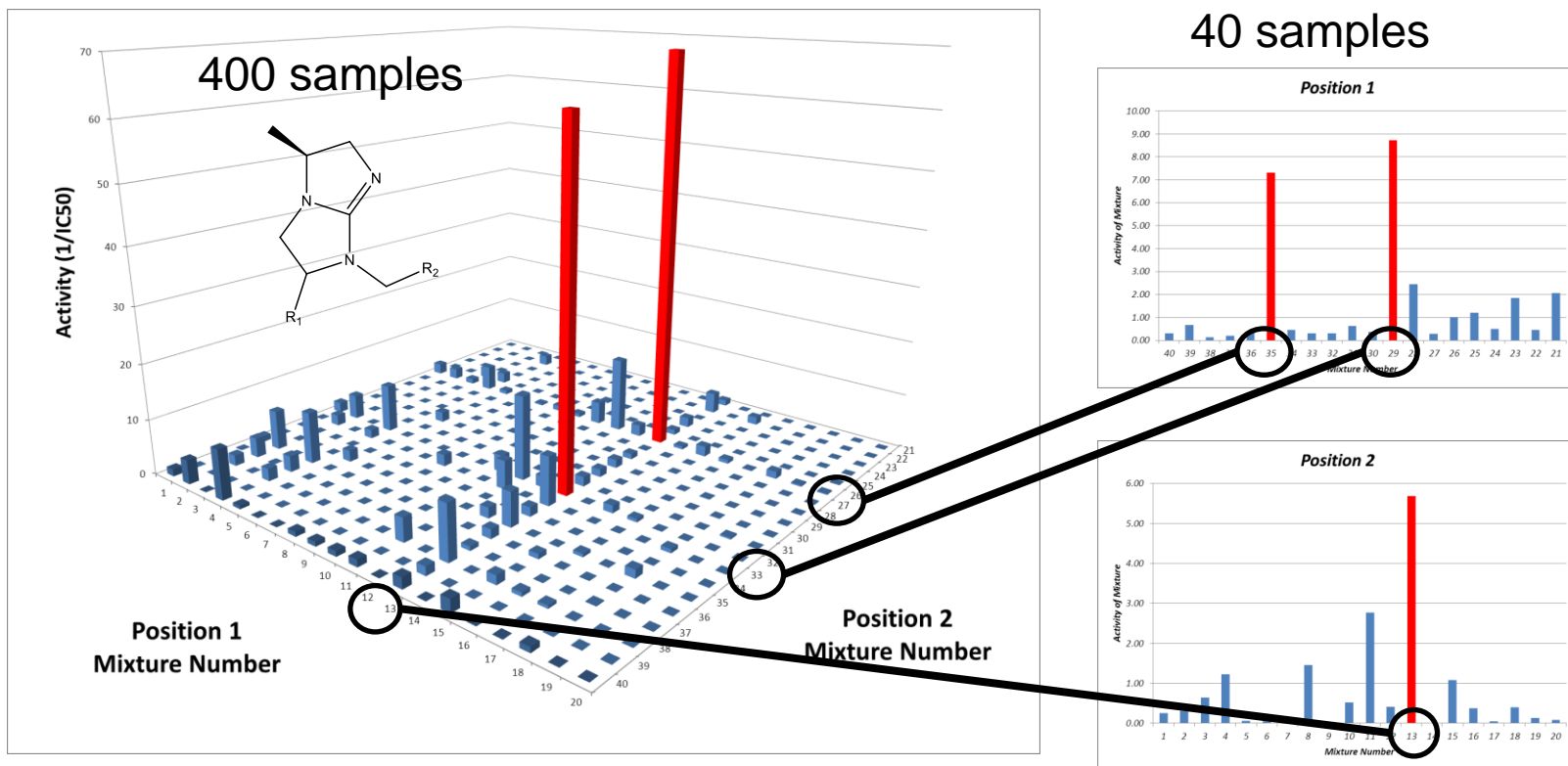


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## Identification of Hit Compounds

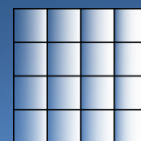


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# TPIMS Screening Process – Why?

## TPIMS Peptide Libraries

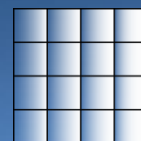
Length	Peptide	Number
2	Ac - OO – NH <sub>2</sub>	400
3	Ac - OOO - NH <sub>2</sub>	8,000
4	Ac - OOOO - NH <sub>2</sub>	160,000
5	Ac - OOOOO - NH <sub>2</sub>	3,200,000
6	Ac - OOOOOO - NH <sub>2</sub>	64,000,000
7	Ac - OOOOOOO - NH <sub>2</sub>	1,280,000,000
8	Ac - OOOOOOOO - NH <sub>2</sub>	25,600,000,000
O = 20 “Natural” Individual Defined Amino Acids		



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## TPIMS Peptide Libraries

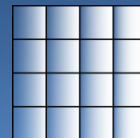
Length	Peptide	# of Compounds	# of Screening Samples
2	Ac - OO - NH <sub>2</sub>	400	40
3	Ac - OOO - NH <sub>2</sub>	8,000	60
4	Ac - OOOO - NH <sub>2</sub>	160,000	80
5	Ac - OOOOO - NH <sub>2</sub>	3,200,000	100
6	Ac - OOOOOO - NH <sub>2</sub>	64,000,000	120
7	Ac - OOOOOOO - NH <sub>2</sub>	1,280,000,000	140
8	Ac - OOOOOOOO - NH <sub>2</sub>	25,600,000,000	160
O = 20 “Natural” Individual Defined Amino Acids			



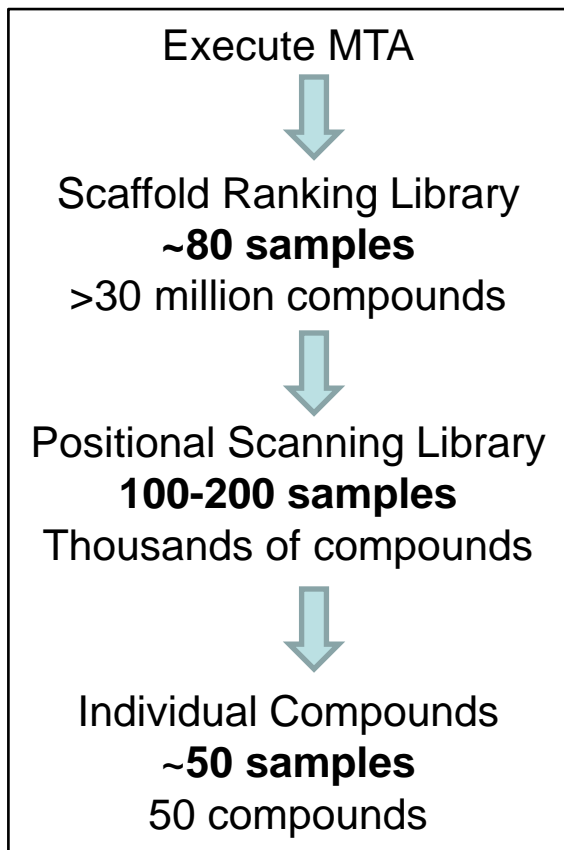
# TPIMS Screening Process – Why?

## TPIMS Peptide Libraries

Length	Peptide	# of Compounds	# of Screening Samples
2	Ac - OO - NH <sub>2</sub>	4,225	130
3	Ac - OOO - NH <sub>2</sub>	274,625	195
4	Ac - OOOO - NH <sub>2</sub>	17,850,625	260
5	Ac - OOOOO - NH <sub>2</sub>	1,160,290,625	325
O = 65 “Natural” and “Unnatural” Individual Defined Amino Acids			

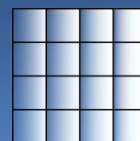


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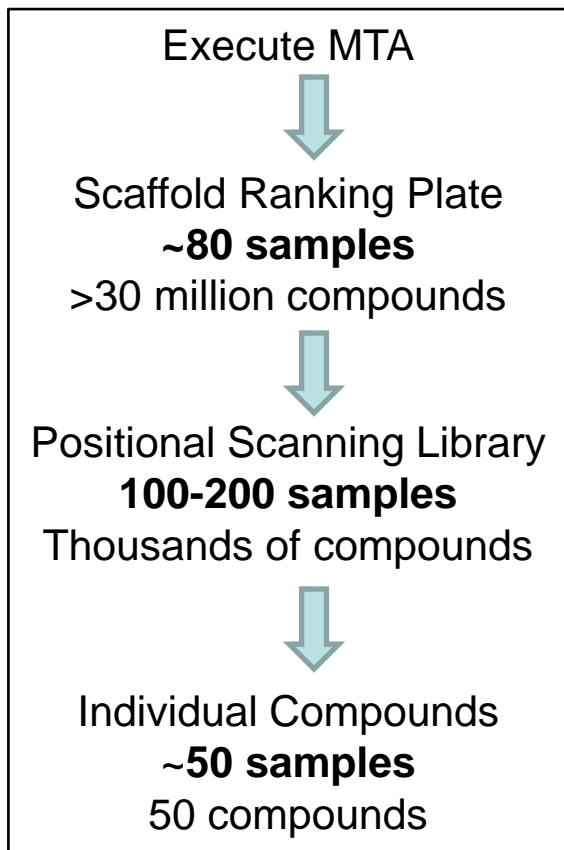


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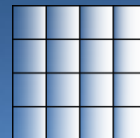
1. Execute a Material Transfer Agreement MTA – protects the rights of each institute and allows sharing of any intellectual property that is generated.
2. Screen the scaffold ranking plate a single plate containing ~80 samples for screening in an assay – used to prioritize those libraries with the most likelihood for identifying individual, lead compounds for your program.
3. Select and screen the full positional scanning library or libraries identified from the scaffold ranking plate – data identifies the individual compounds for synthesis at TPIMS.
4. Screen the individual compounds prepared – provides lead compounds for the assay under investigation. These compounds can be further developed into potential therapeutics for intervention in human, animal, and/or agricultural diseases.



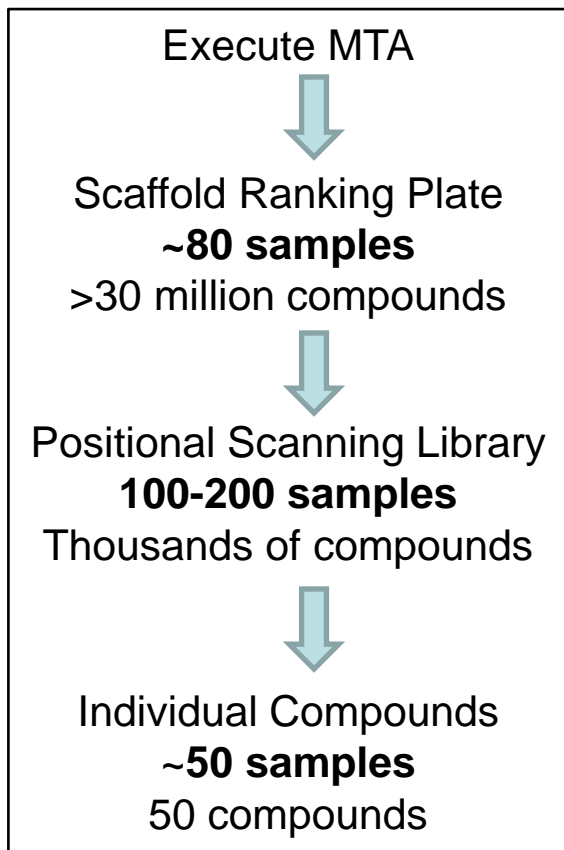
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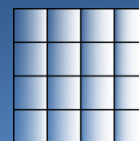
Contract Task	Annual Metrics
Execute MTA with new FL scientist	1
Deliver Scaffold Ranking Plates	10
Deliver Positional Scanning Libraries	10
Deliver Individual Compound Sets	8 sets 400 compounds



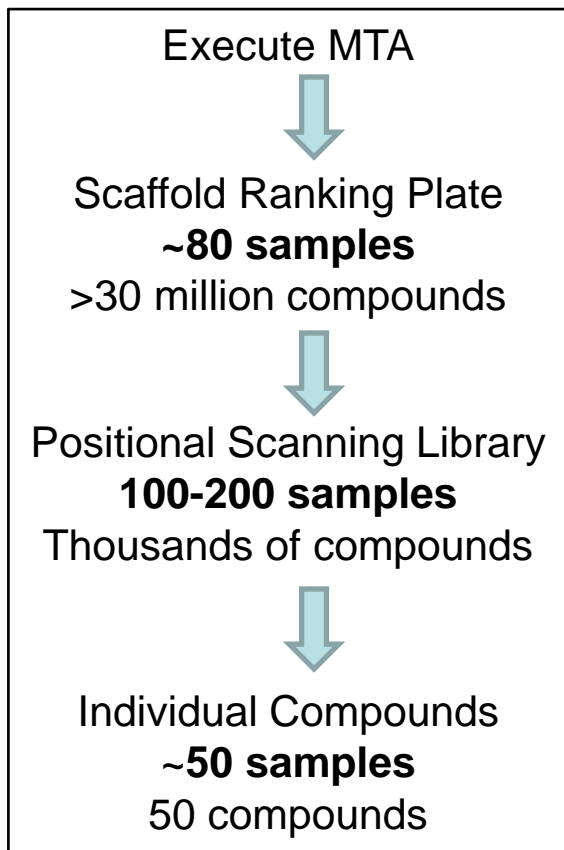
# Year 1 FLDDAP Success!



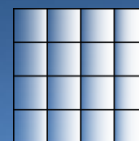
Contract Task	Annual Metrics	Delivered
Execute MTA with new FL scientist	1	18
Deliver Scaffold Ranking Plates	10	26
Deliver Positional Scanning Libraries	10	28
Deliver Individual Compound Sets	8 sets 400 compounds	11 sets 790 compounds



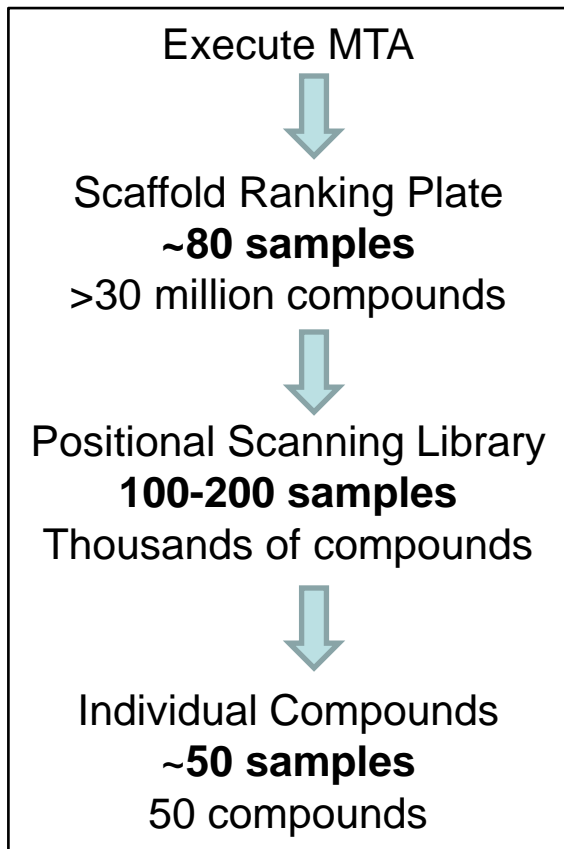
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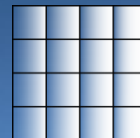
Contract Task	Annual Metrics
Execute MTA with new FL scientist	1
Deliver Scaffold Ranking Plates	10
Deliver Positional Scanning Libraries	10
Deliver Individual Compound Sets	8 sets 400 compounds



# Year 2 FLDDAP Progress



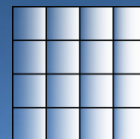
Contract Task	Annual Metrics	Delivered through 6 months
Execute MTA with new FL scientist	1	5
Deliver Scaffold Ranking Plates	10	14
Deliver Positional Scanning Libraries	10	22
Deliver Individual Compound Sets	8 sets 400 compounds	9 sets 589 compounds



# FLDDAP Program Results

PI	Institution	MTA	Scaffold Ranking Plate Shipped	Scaffold Ranking Plate Tested	# of Active Libraries Identified	# of Full Positional Scanning Libraries Shipped	# of Sets of Individual Compounds Shipped
Agoulnik, A.	FIU	Y	Y	Y	0		
Bixby, J./Lemmon, V.	UM	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			
Blomberg, B.	UM	Y	Y	Y	6	1	
Brothers, S. Project 1	UM	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			
Brothers, S. Project 2	UM	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			
Brothers, S. Project 3	UM	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			
Brothers, S. Project 4	UM	Y	AAD <sup>1</sup>				
Brothers, S. Project 5	UM	Y	AAD <sup>1</sup>				
Chakrabarti, D.	UCF	Y	Y	Y	13	4	1
Chakrabarti, R.	UCF	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			
Chambers, J.	FIU	Y	Y	Y	7	1	
Cogle, C.	UF	Y	Y	Y	10	4	
Daaka, Y.	UF	Y	AAD <sup>1</sup>				
Deschenes, R.	USF	Y	Y	Y	5	2	1
Duan, Y.	USDA	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			
Dunn, B.	UF	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			
Fernandez-Valle, C.	UCF	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			

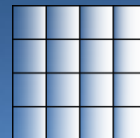
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Haddad, E.	VGTI	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			
Hromas, R. Project 1	UF	Y	Y	Y	9	1	
Hromas, R. Project 2	UF	Y	Y	Y	5	1	
Hromas, R. Project 3	UF	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			
Hromas, R. Project 4	UF	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			
Kyle, D. Project 1	USF	Y	Y	Y	9	2	2
Kyle, D. Project 2	USF	Y	Y	Y	1	1	1
Kyle, D. Project 3	USF	Y	Y	Y	8	3	2
Kyle, D. Project 4	USF	Y	Y	Y	24	2	
Leng, F.	FIU	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			
Liao, D.	UF	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			
Liggett, S. Project 1	USF	Y	Y	Y	4	2	2
Liggett, S. Project 2	USF	Y	Y	Y	4	2	
Liu, Y.	FIU	Y	AAD <sup>1</sup>				
Mathee, K.	FIU	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			
McDonald, P.	Scripps-FL	Y	Y	Y	2	1	
Ostrov, D.	UF	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			

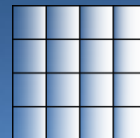
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Pinto, J.	FSU	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			
Raisch, K.	UF	Y	Y	Y	4	1	
Rohde, K.	UCF	Y	Y	Y	4	1	
Rosen, B.	FIU	Y	Y	Y	9	4	1
Sayeski, P.	UF	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			
Sebti, S. Project 1	Moffitt	Y	Y	Y	0		
Sebti, S. Project 2	Moffitt	Y	Y	Y	9	4	3
Sebti, S. Project 3	Moffitt	Y	Y	Y	4	4	4
Sebti, S. Project 4	Moffitt	Y	Y	Y	4	4	
Serbus, L.	FIU	Y	AAD <sup>1</sup>				
Shaw, L. Project 1	USF	Y	Y	Y	12	4	3
Shaw, L. Project 2	USF	Y	Y	Y	1	1	
Shaw, L. Project 3	USF	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			
Stefanovic, B.	FSU	Y	Y	Y	4	4	
Tse-Dinh, Y.	FIU	Y	Y	Y	5	1	
Weissbach, H.	FAU	Y	Y	Y	6	1	1
Yasuda, R.	Max Planck FL	Y	Y	ATR <sup>2</sup>			

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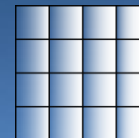
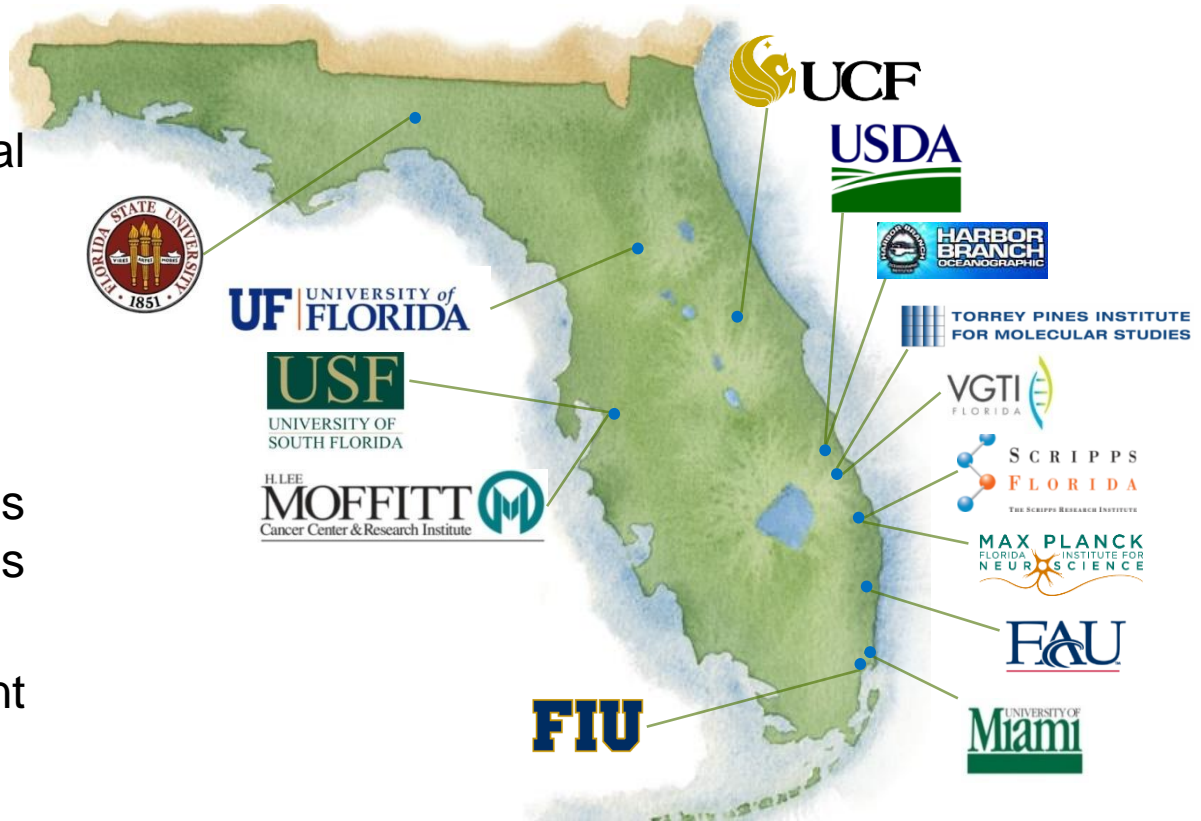


# FLDDAP Highlights

## Program Status

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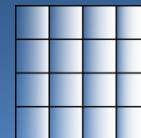
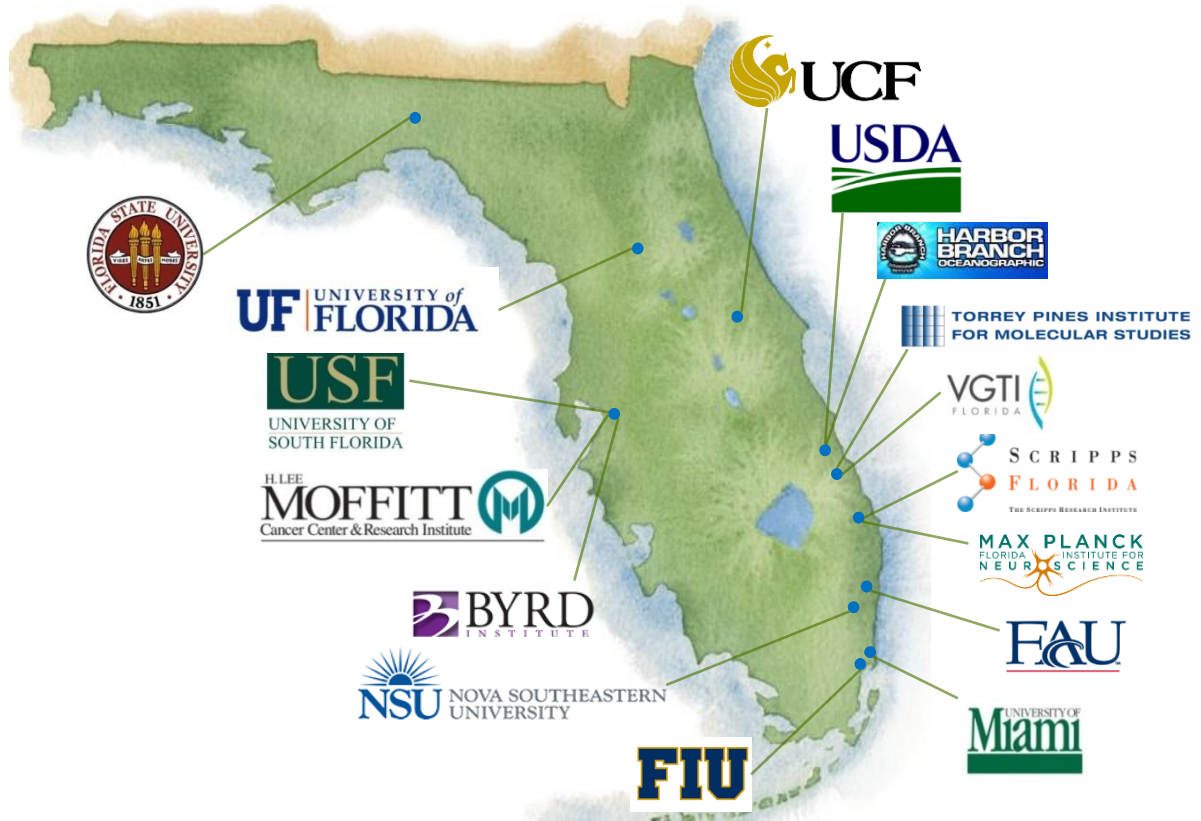
- **38** external Principal Investigator collaborators
- **13** Florida institutes
- **51** biological targets
- **1** patent application filed
  - licensing discussions with multiple companies progressing
- **>\$10M** requested in joint grant proposals to NIH



# FLDDAP Highlights

## Program Status Since January 1, 2015

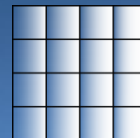
- 2 new external Principal Investigator collaborators
  - 41 total external PIs
- 2 new Florida institutes
  - 15 total FL institutes
- 3 new biological targets
  - 54 total targets



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## Florida Collaborators

- **University of Florida**
  - Dr. Ben Dunn
  - Dr. Robert Hromas (4 targets)
  - Dr. Kevin Raisch
  - Dr. David Ostrov
  - Dr. Chris Cogle
  - Dr. Daiqing Liao
  - Dr. Yehia Daaka
  - Dr. Peter Sayeski
- **USDA**
  - Dr. Yongping Duan
- **VGTI-Florida**
  - Dr. Elias Haddad
- **University of Miami**
  - Dr. Bonnie Blomberg
  - Dr. Vance Lemmon
  - Dr. John Bixby
  - Dr. Shaun Brothers (5 targets)
- **Moffitt Cancer Center**
  - Dr. Said Sebti (4 targets)
- **Florida State University**
  - Dr. José Pinto
  - Dr. Branko Stefanovic
- **Scripps Research Institute**
  - Dr. Patricia McDonald
- **Florida Atlantic University**
  - Dr. Herb Weissbach (Jupiter, 2 targets)
  - Dr. Amy Wright (Harbor Branch)
  - Dr. Esther Guzmán (Harbor Branch)
- **University of Central Florida**
  - Dr. Debopam Chakrabarti
  - Dr. Cristina Fernandez-Valle
  - Dr. Ratna Chakrabarti
  - Dr. Kyle Rohde
  - Dr. Otto Phanstiel
- **Nova Southeastern University**
  - Dr. Appu Rathinavelu (multiple targets)
- **University of South Florida**
  - Dr. Lindsey Shaw (3 targets)
  - Dr. Dennis Kyle (4 targets)
  - Dr. Robert Deschenes
  - Dr. Stephen Liggett (2 targets)
- **Byrd Alzheimer's Institute**
  - Dr. Chad Dickey
- **Florida International University**
  - Dr. Yuk-Ching Tse-Dinh
  - Dr. Kalai Mathee
  - Dr. Alexander AgoulNIK
  - Dr. Fenfei Leng
  - Dr. Jeremy Chambers
  - Dr. Laura Serbus
  - Dr. Yuan Liu
  - Dr. Barry Rosen
- **Max Planck Florida**
  - Dr. Ryohei Yasuda



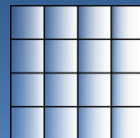
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*“Based on our past collaboration, I was recently awarded an **\$800,000 grant** from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to identify drug hits using our unique laboratory assays. With this money I have **employed 7 scientists** who reside in Gainesville, Florida and purchased numerous research supplies from Florida businesses.*

*We have already successfully identified potential drug hits and have full intent to develop these hits into leads for the treatment of patients with blood cancers. Our current trajectory positions us to **file patents within 2015 and seek licensees** shortly thereafter. We have also discussed **creating our own Florida-based biotechnology companies** to develop our leads.*

*I should also mention that I am a member of the Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council. The council has encouraged linkages between cancer researchers and biotechnology companies like Torrey Pines. This relationship is **exactly what Florida residents need** to guarantee cutting edge technologies for better care and to foster a strong biotech sector for stronger state economy.”*

Christopher R. Cogle, M.D.  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
Director, UF Program in Myelodysplastic Syndromes  
Scholar in Clinical Research, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

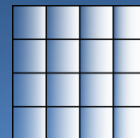


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*"I have 5 programs currently running with the outstanding scientists at the Torrey Pines institute for Molecular Studies (TPIMS). These programs include testing for novel drugs for autism and cancer among others. The only way that I could even attempt to find new drugs for these diseases is by screening for new compounds. To do this, I would typically have to screen through millions of compounds at a cost of \$0.20 per compound. This becomes prohibitively expensive very quickly and in this poor funding environment is nearly impossible. However, with the TPIMS system and the FLDDAP, I have already screened some 20 million compounds, at a cost of only a few thousand dollars. **This program has easily saved me over \$2 million in resources that I would have otherwise needed to find.**"*

Shaun P. Brothers, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor  
Center for Therapeutic Innovation  
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI  
MILLER SCHOOL  
of MEDICINE



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*“**Our previous attempts** to detect an activator of this enzyme, working with Scripps Florida scientists, **were not successful**, although we screened about 380,000 compounds. In addition, these studies were very expensive and required a grant from the NIH to pay for the cost of the robotic facility at Scripps.*

*Our studies with **compounds supplied by Dr. Cudic at TPIMS have yielded several compounds** that markedly increase the activity of mammalian MsrA that has been produced by recombinant DNA technology.*

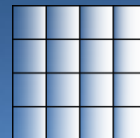
*This collaboration with Dr. Cudic has been not only scientifically productive but does not involve a huge expense on our part. However, if TPIMS does not receive funding for this project I don't know how we can continue our studies. This region of southeast Florida is a hub of biotechnology, but federal funding is very difficult to obtain and any help the State can provide will be deeply appreciated.”*

Herbert Weissbach, Ph.D.

Director & Distinguished Research Professor

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Center for Molecular Biology & Biotechnology



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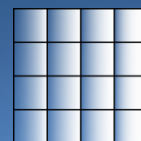
*“In the three months since we initiated this work, we have had a handful of hits and we are currently pursuing the top two compounds. **I have spent the better part of the past decade conducting drug discovery studies and the speed at which we have identified hits is unprecedented.** Furthermore, given the current clinical need for effective AML therapies, I am already in preliminary **discussions with two drug companies** for potential licensing options of these compounds.”*

Peter P. Sayeski, Ph.D.

Professor and Associate Chair

Department of Physiology & Functional Genomics

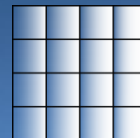
University of Florida College of Medicine



# Florida Drug Discovery Acceleration Program

*“[The Florida Drug Discovery Acceleration Program] is one of Florida’s **most innovative and highest impact programs** affecting biomedicine and medical therapies.”*

Representative Cary Pigman  
Florida House of Representatives  
District 55



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Thank You

