

## XIV Encuentro de Cooperación Farma-Biotech

# CM-352: a new, potent and safe molecule for the prevention and treatment of haemorrhage



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# Outline

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- **Institution: CIMA**
- Project
- Partnering Opportunities

# CIMA

The **Center for Applied Medical Research (CIMA)** is private non-profit biomedical research institution of the University of Navarra, based in Pamplona, Spain.

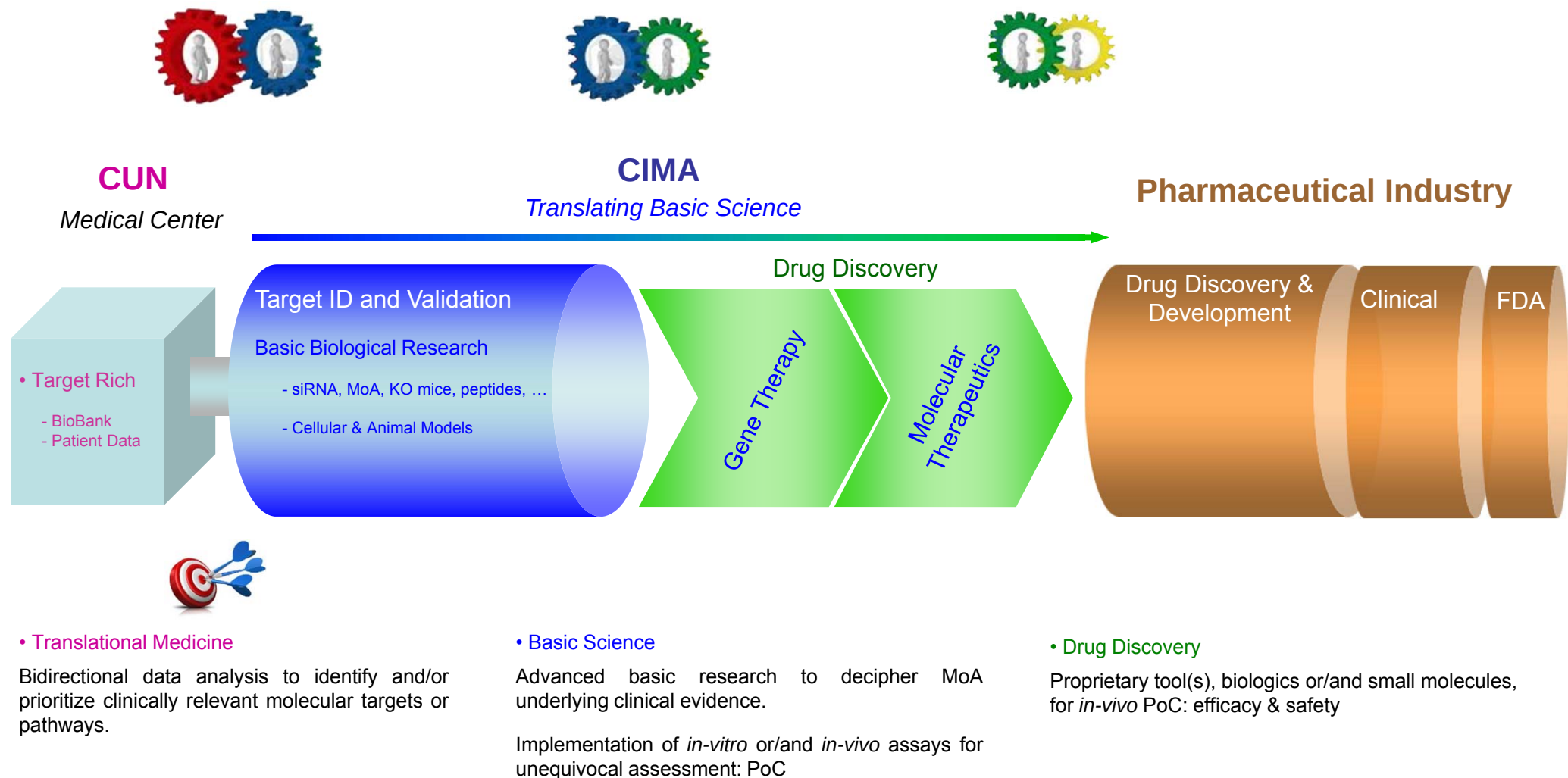
CIMA carries out high quality scientific work with a strong **translational** focus.



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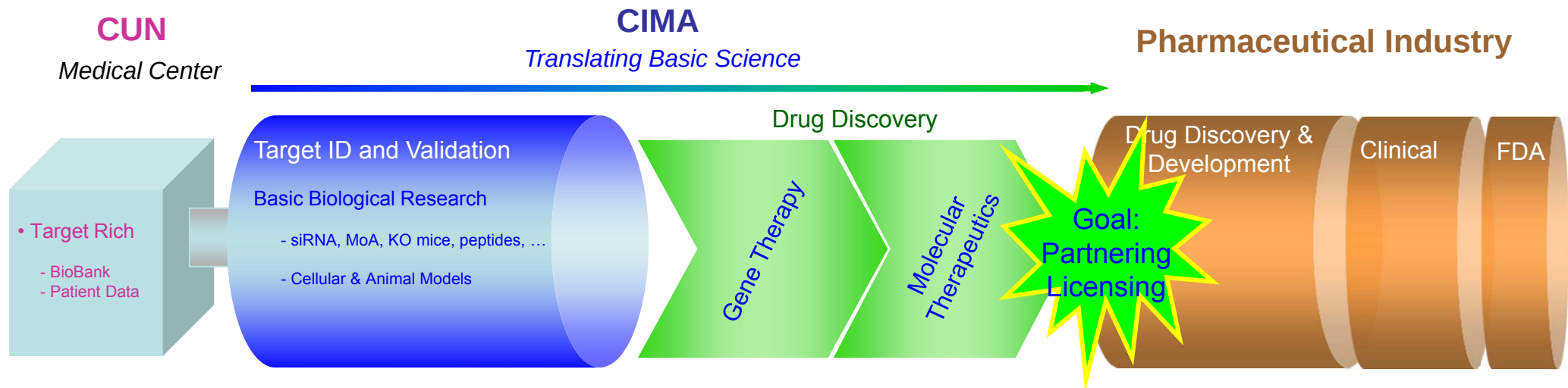
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From *Bed* to *Bench* and *Back*



## • Expected Deliverables:

- i.- **Novel Target / MoA**
- ii.- In-vitro & In-vivo **PoC** with “drug-like” molecules or biologics: **Efficacy & Safety** → Advanced Lead(s)
- iii.- Lead(s) with **proprietary IP** (Availability for further development)
- iv.- **“Know-how”**



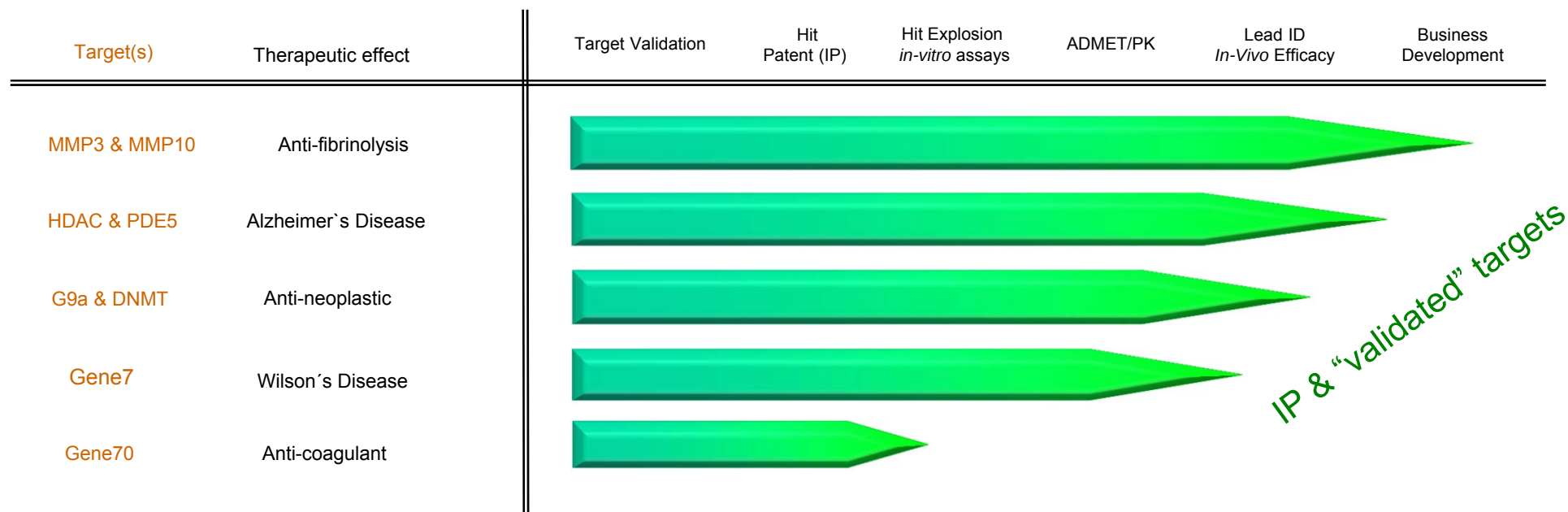
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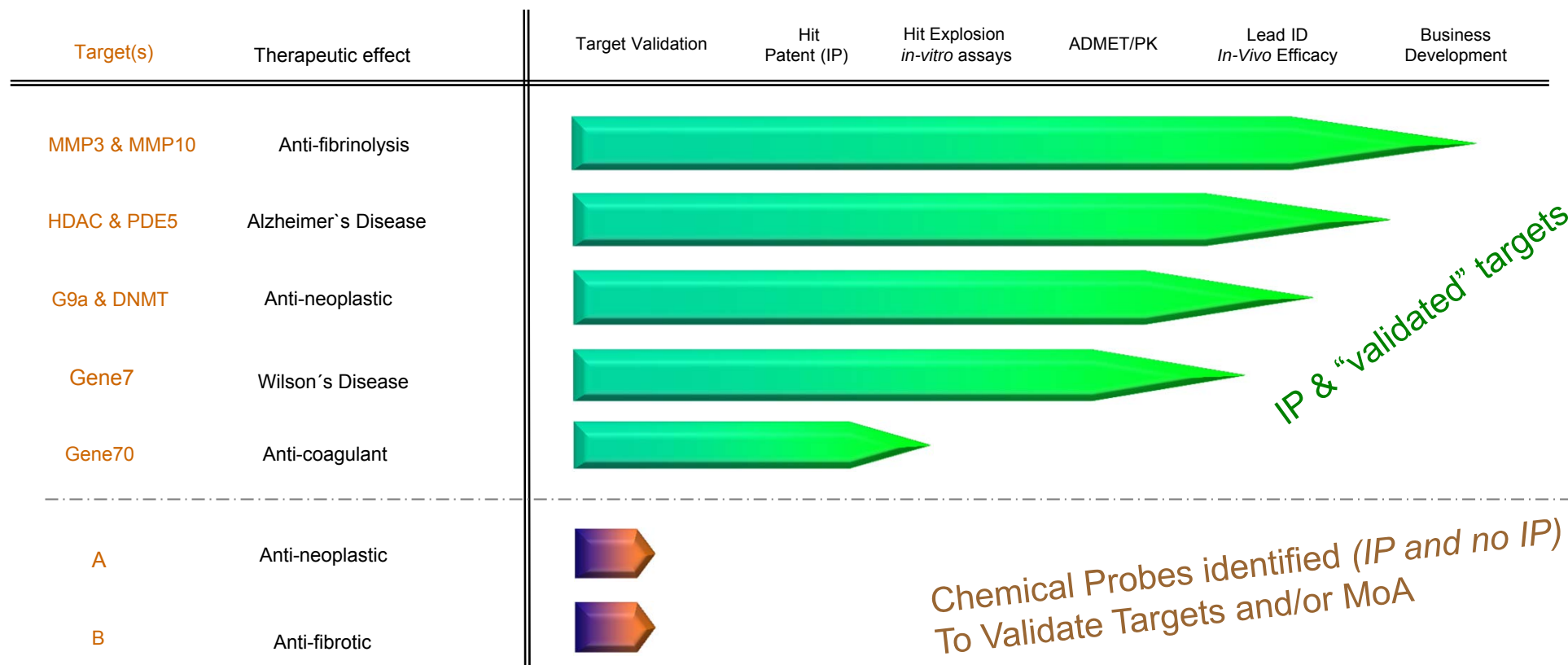
# Projects Overview

| Target(s)    | Therapeutic effect  |
|--------------|---------------------|
| MMP3 & MMP10 | Anti-fibrinolysis   |
| HDAC & PDE5  | Alzheimer's Disease |
| G9a & DNMT   | Anti-neoplastic     |
| Gene7        | Wilson's Disease    |
| Gene70       | Anti-coagulant      |

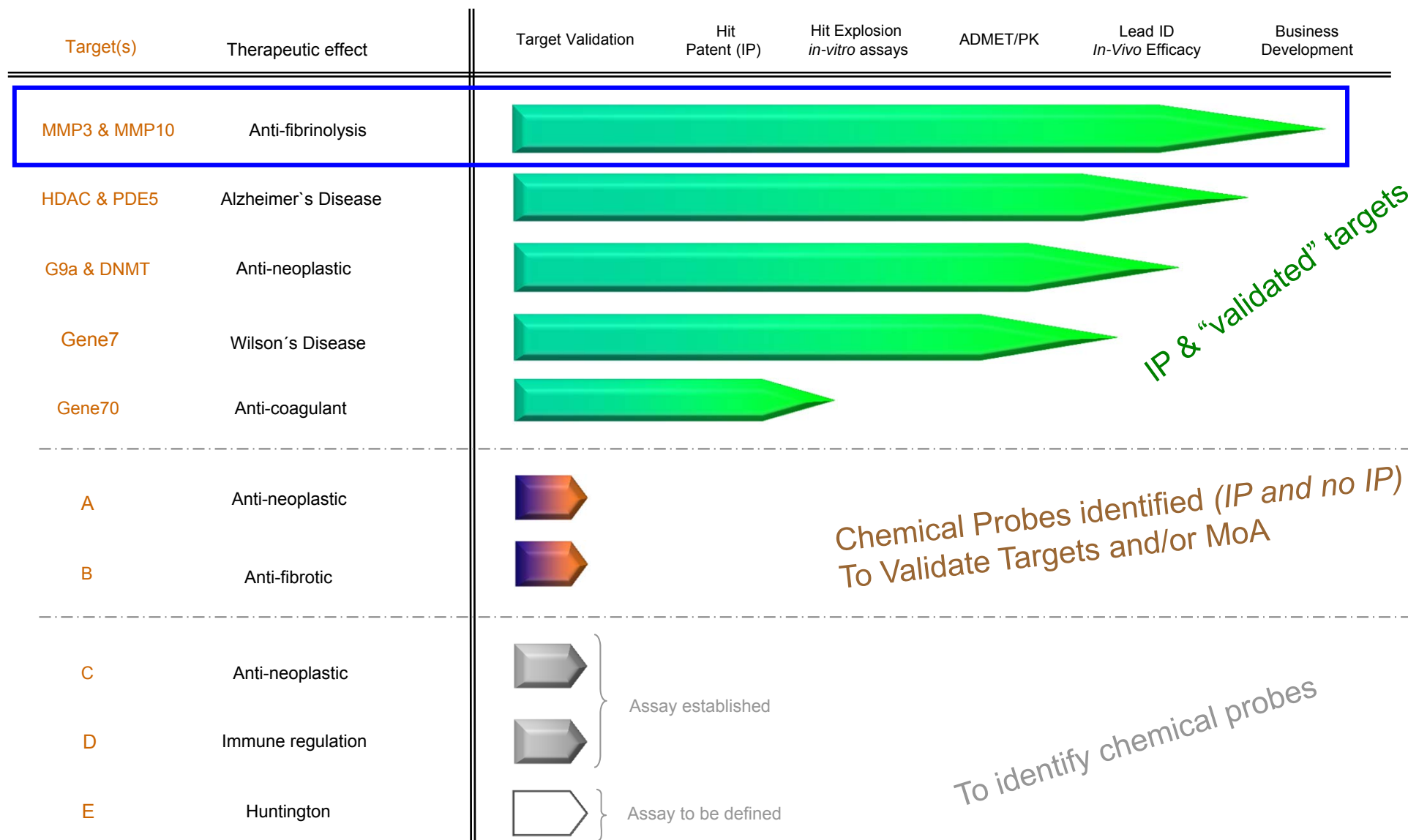
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# Antihemorrhagic Agents: Current Standard of Care

## HAEMORRHAGE

- Bleeding is a common complication in **surgical** (2.5 to 3.5 % of 100-120 million major surgeries every year in the 7MM) and **trauma patients** (50% deaths occurring within 24 h).

## STANDARD OF CARE

- Lysine analogs (indirect inhibitors of fibrinolysis), such as **tranexamic acid** (TXA) reduces surgical bleeding and blood transfusion by about one third.
- **Aprotinin** (direct inhibitor of fibrinolysis) - withdrawn in 2008 due to cardiovascular side effects and increased mortality (BART study). *EMA recommendation (2012), suspension be lifted for a restricted range of indications*

## SHORTCOMINGS

- Data suggest that TXA might be less effective than aprotinin in reducing blood loss.
- Allogenic transfusion risk is 23% increased in TXA when compared to Aprotinin.
- TXA side effects include seizures, renal impairment and thromboembolic complications

## UNMET NEED

- Medical need for effective and safer agents to manage patients with major bleeding
- Intracranial hemorrhage (ICH); an important orphan indication

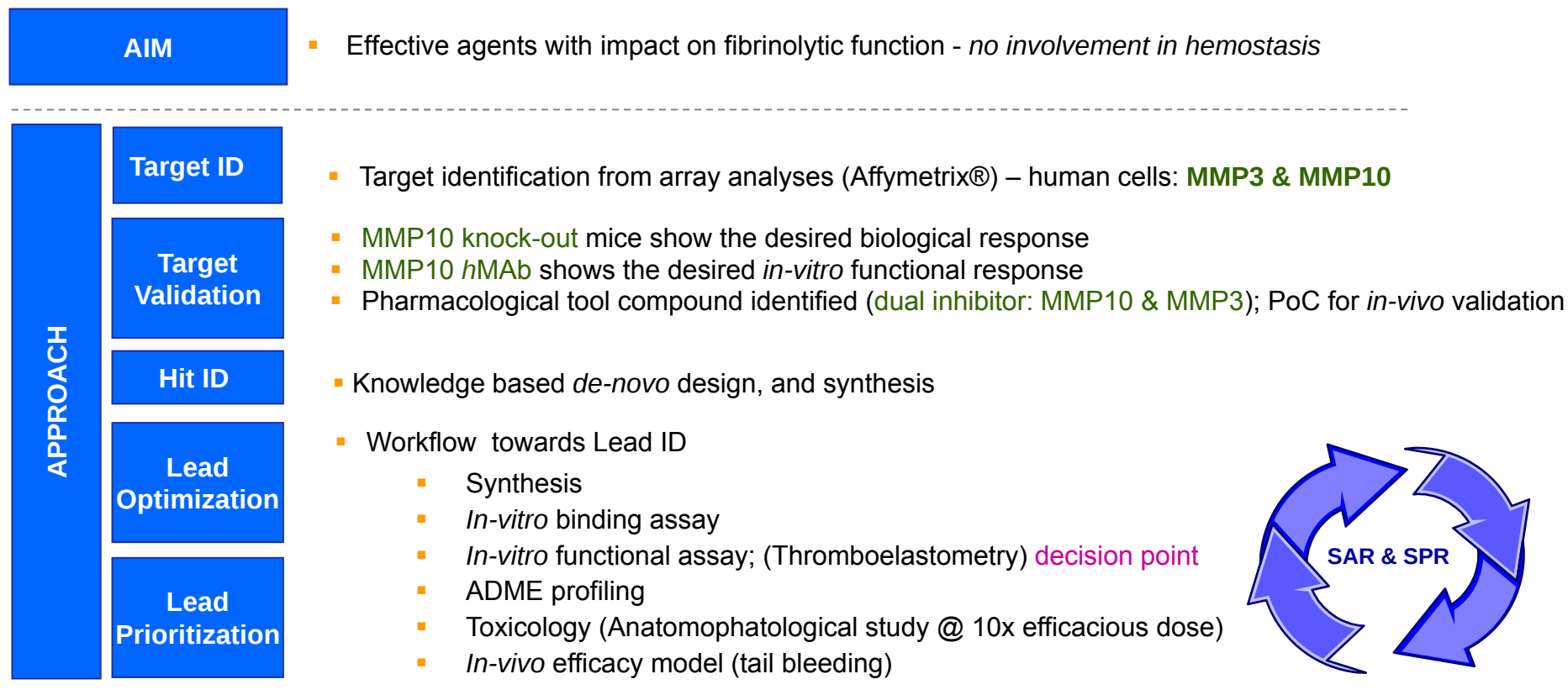
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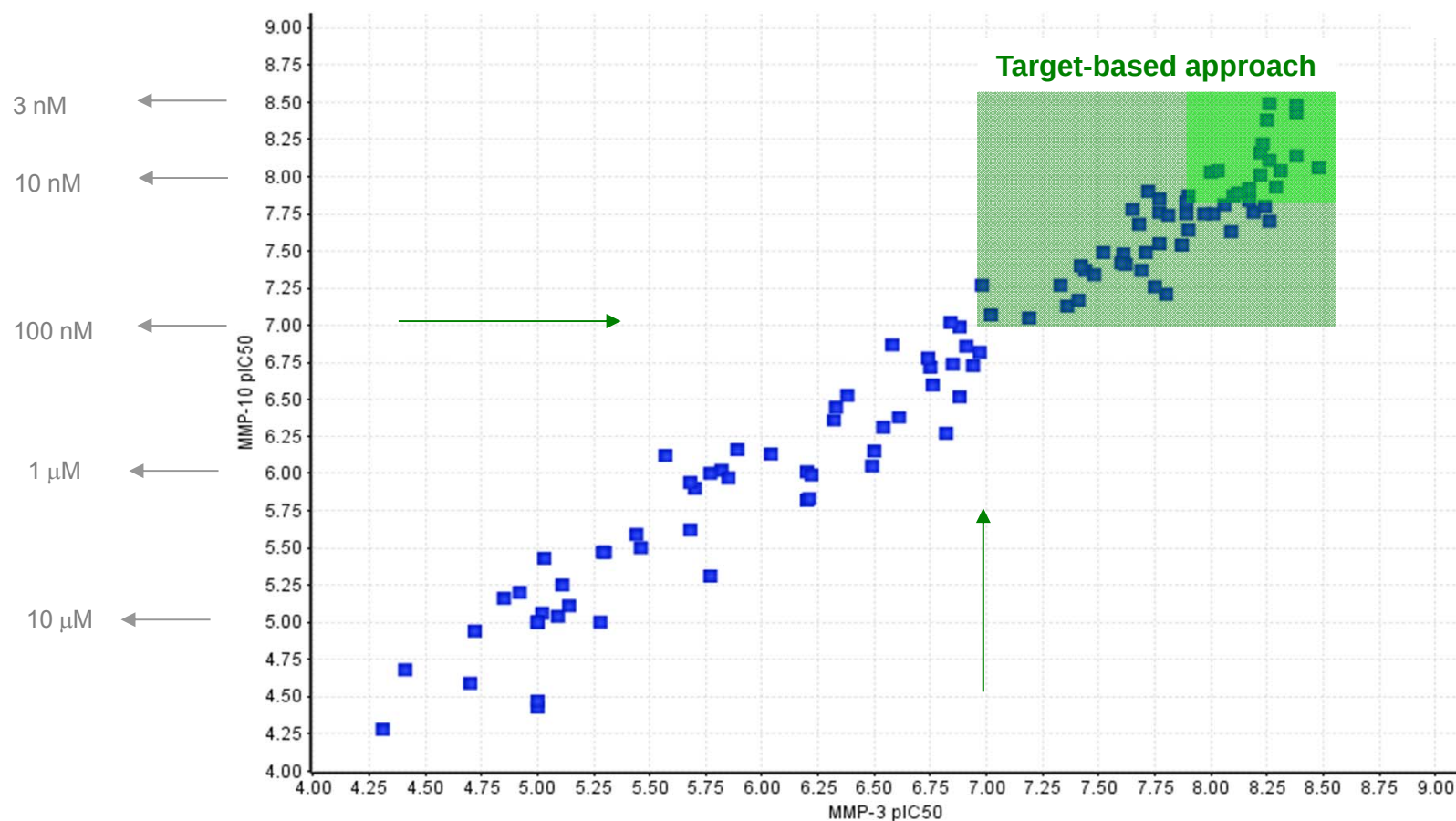
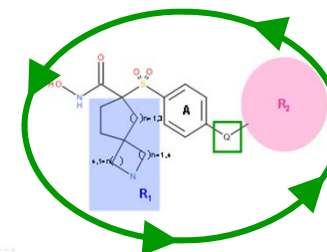
- Effective agents with impact on fibrinolytic function - *no involvement in hemostasis*

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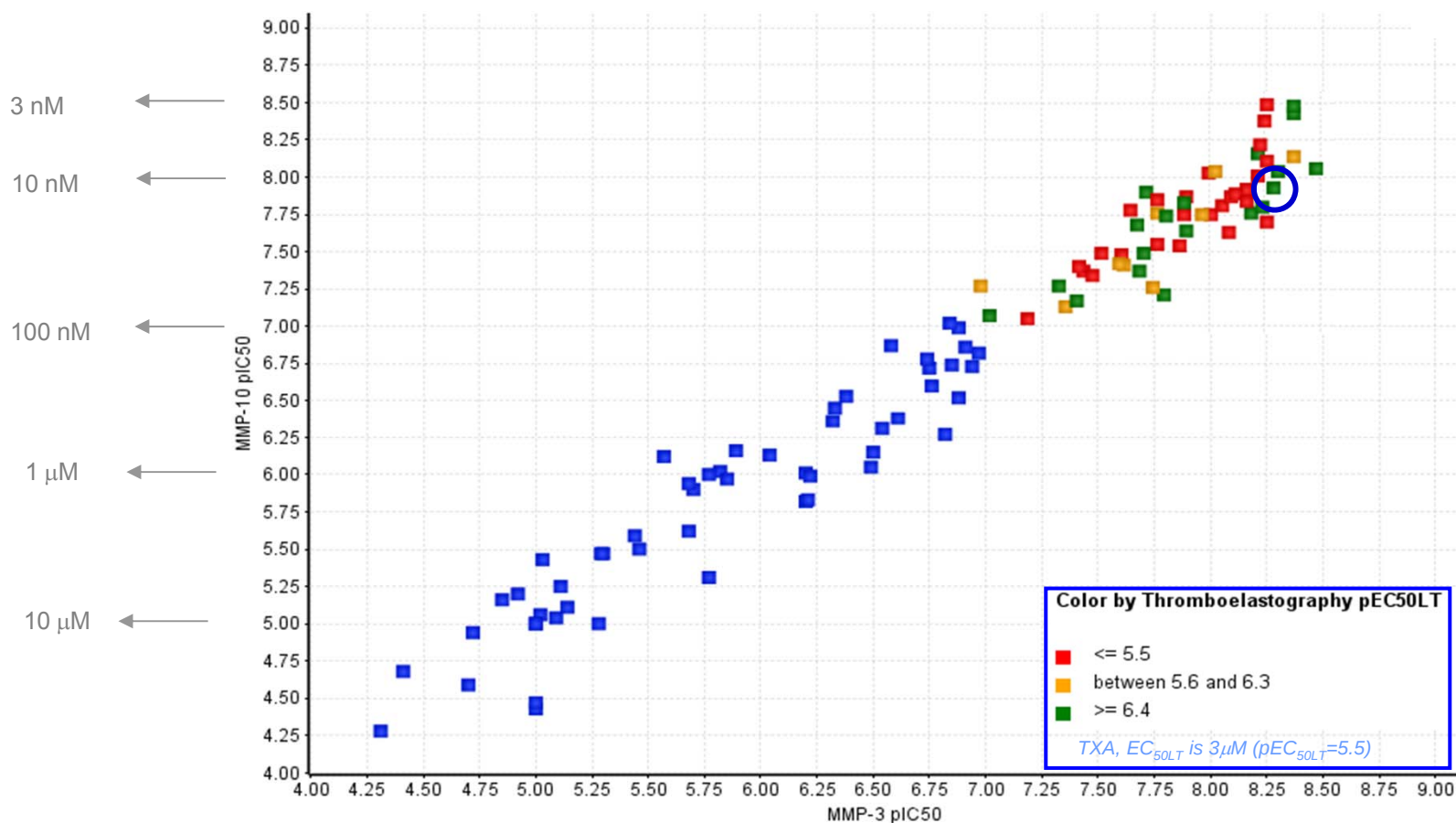
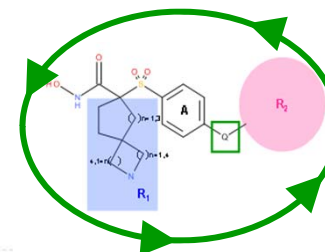
# Hit to Lead: *In-vitro* binding assay

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- Biochemical assays vs MMP10 & MMP3

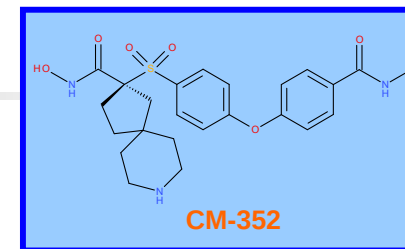


# Lead ID: *In-vitro* functional assay

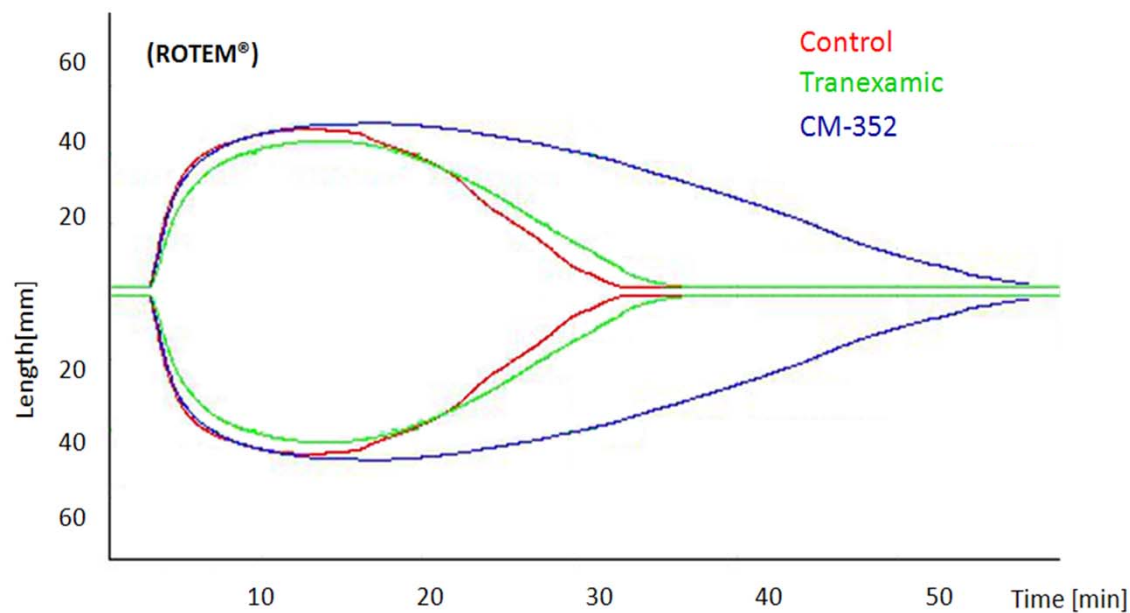
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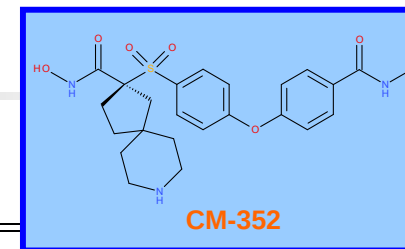
- Multifactorial optimization process led to **CM-352**
- **In-Vitro** efficacy model: **Thromboelastometry** (*human whole blood*)



| Cmpd      | EC <sub>50LT</sub> |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Aprotinin | 400 nM             |
| TXA       | 3 $\mu$ M          |
| CM352     | 0.7 nM             |

**CM-352** is able to reduce by 50% lysis time at sub-nanomolar concentration.

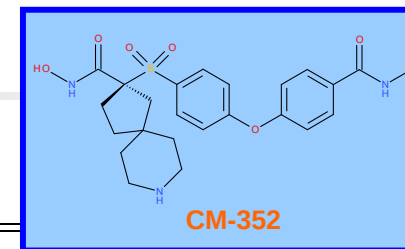
# Lead Profiling (I)



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| Efficacy  | Binding affinities (MMP10 & MMP3):<br>Delay in Lysis Time (functional assay in human blood)                                                                                                       | IC <sub>50</sub> : 12nM & 15nM<br>EC <sub>50</sub> : 0.7nM                                                      |
| ADME      | P450s: 1A2, 2C19, 2C9, 2D6, 3A4 (<50% @ 10μM)<br>hPXR (EC <sub>50</sub> > 100μM)                                                                                                                  | ✓<br>✓                                                                                                          |
|           | Plasma Protein Binding (% unbound)<br>Solubility (>100 μg/mL)                                                                                                                                     | 55(H), 29.1(M), 40.5(R)<br>✓                                                                                    |
|           | Caco-2 (Pe 10 <sup>-6</sup> in cm/s) & Efflux Ratio<br>Liver Microsomal Stability (t <sub>1/2</sub> estimation) <i>in minutes</i><br>S9 Stability (t <sub>1/2</sub> estimation) <i>in minutes</i> | 0.16 (Low) & 2.6 (PgP-subs)<br>>145(H), >145(M), >145(R)<br>>145(H), >145(M), >145(R)                           |
| CV safety | hERG binding (IC <sub>50</sub> >100 μM)<br>Patch Clamp (IC <sub>50</sub> >30 μM)                                                                                                                  | ✓<br>✓                                                                                                          |
| Toxicity  | Mini Ames ( <i>in 2 strains</i> )<br>THLE & PBMC (LC <sub>50</sub> > 100μM)<br>Anatomopathological analysis (@ 10 mg/kg)<br>Acute Toxicity                                                        | ✓<br>✓ & ✓<br>No alteration observed ( <i>lung, brain, kidney &amp; liver</i> )<br>LD <sub>50</sub> : 100 mg/Kg |
| PK        | Pharmacokinetics (V <sub>ss</sub> , t <sub>1/2</sub> & C <sub>max</sub> ) @ 1 mg/Kg <i>in mice</i> (i.v.)<br>Brain tissue/Plasma Ratio @ T <sub>max</sub> from 1 mg/Kg <i>in mice</i> (i.v.)      | 0.94 (L/Kg), 1.4 (h), 3.3 (μM)<br>1.1 % (34 nM)                                                                 |

# Lead Profiling (II)



## MoA & off-target Selectivity

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#### Isoforms selectivity

Binding affinities vs *9 additional MMP isoforms*  
(>50% @ 10 $\mu$ M)

All isoforms (in fact, >70%)

#### MoA Hemost. & Fibrin.

Fibrinolysis (tPA, uPA, plasmin, PAI1, ... @ 10 $\mu$ M)

Inactive\*

Primary Hemostasis (Platelet aggregation @ 10 $\mu$ M)

Inactive\*

Sec. Hemostasis (KLK-1, Factor X, ... @ 10 $\mu$ M)

Inactive\*

Additional (Fibrinogen, TAFI, APC, ... @ 10 $\mu$ M)

Inactive\*

#### Off-Target

Binding affinities vs *89 add. targets bearing metal binding sites*  
( $\leq$  50% @ 10 $\mu$ M)



**Conclusion:** Effective antifibrinolytic agent; *and, no impact on hemostasis*

\*No impact on hemostatic parameters; and, no coagulopathy induction

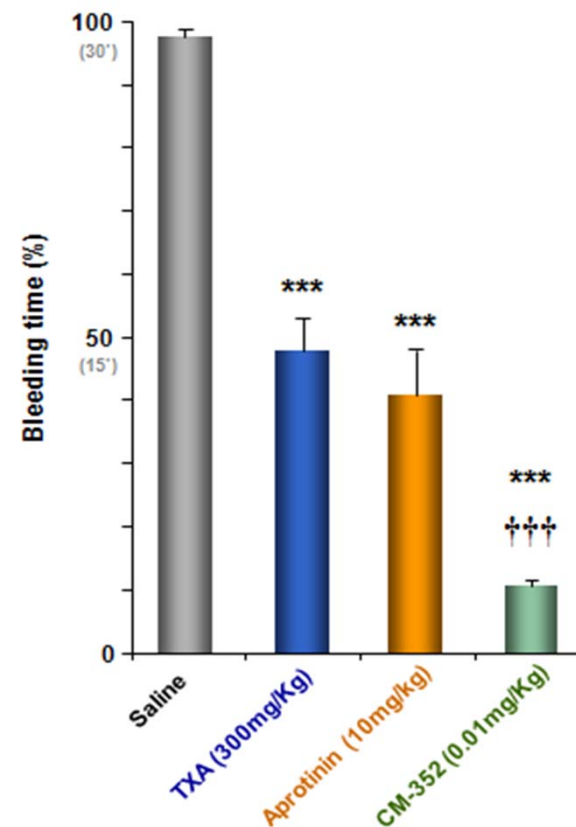
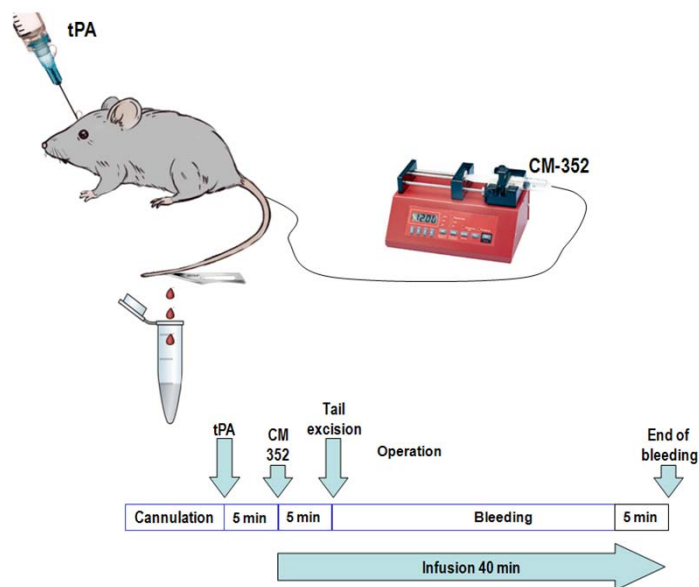


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# Optimized Lead: CM-352

## ■ *In-Vivo* efficacy model: Hyperfibrinolytic Tail Bleeding



Mean±SME; n≥10 per group; \* p< 0.05 & \*\*\* p<0.001 vs saline; ††† p<0.001 vs TXA

**CM-352** reduces bleeding time by >89% at 10µg/kg in hyperfibrinolytic induced conditions

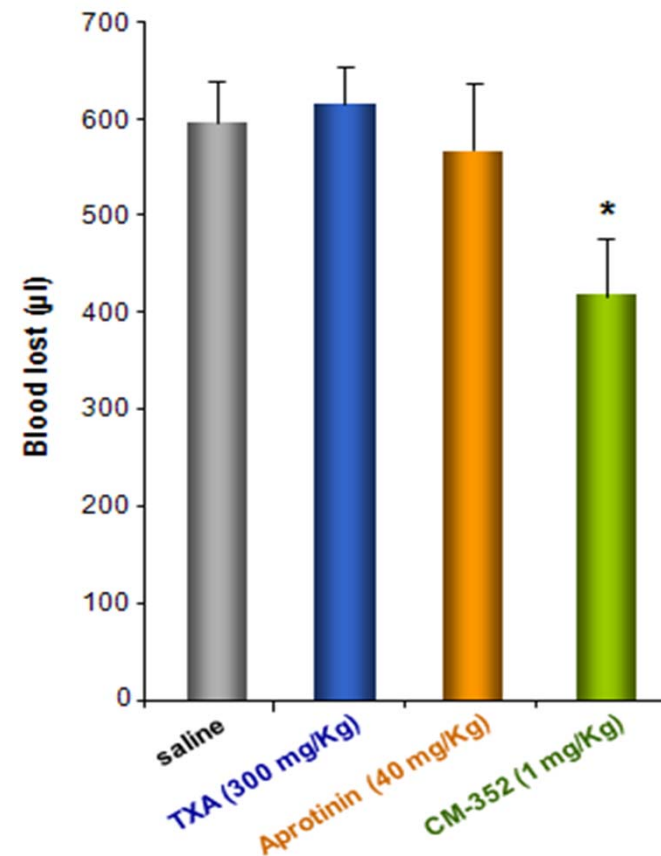
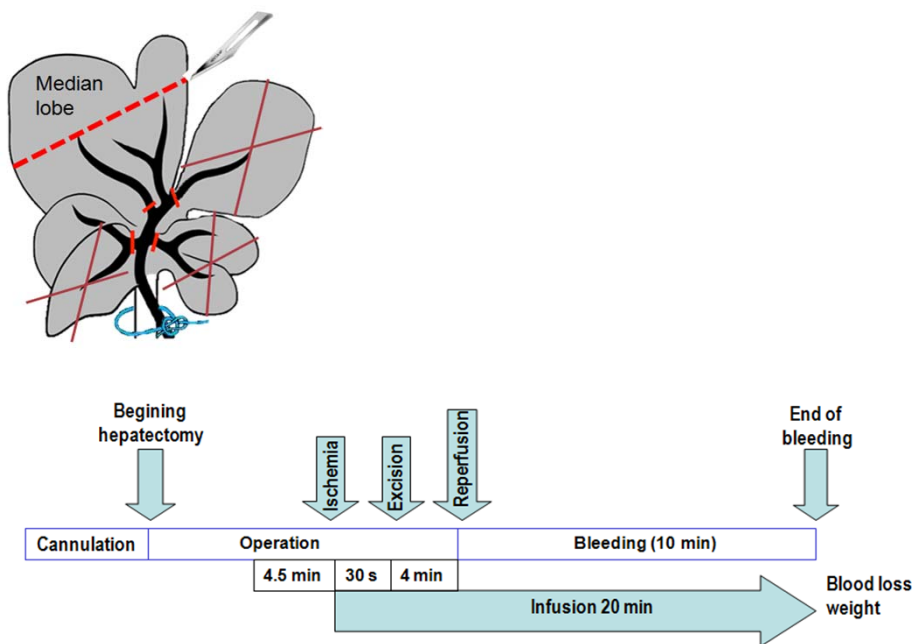


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## ■ *In-Vivo* efficacy model: Hepatectomy Bleeding

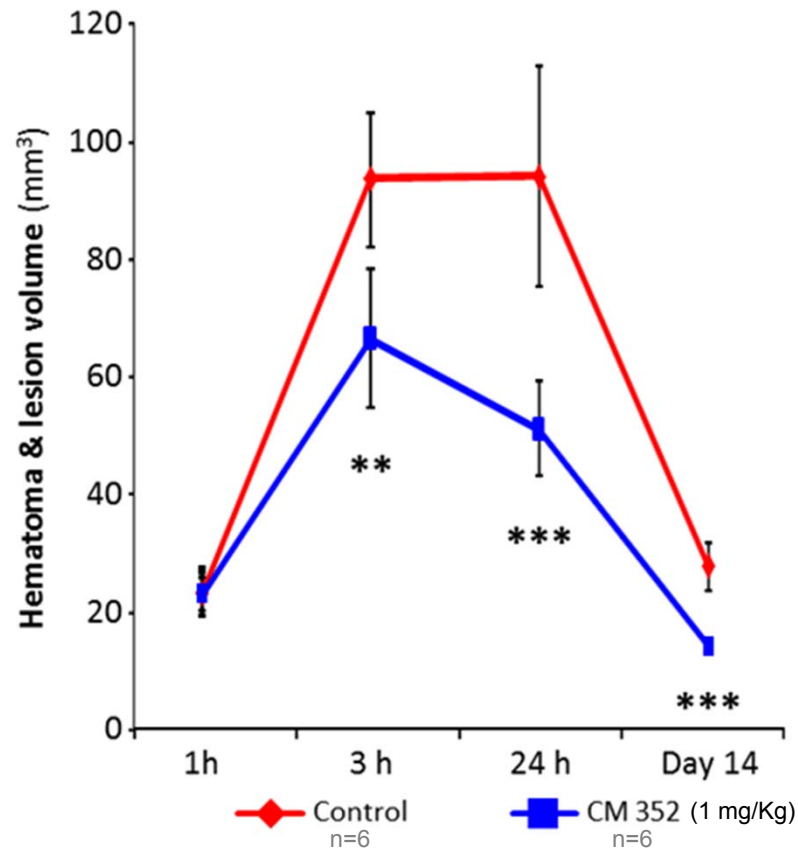


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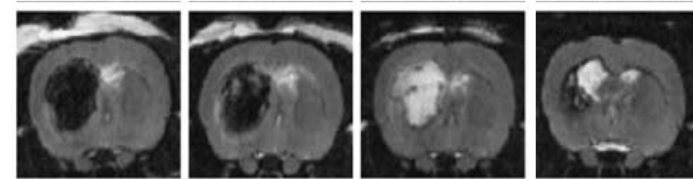
Only **CM-352** is effective at reducing blood loss in an aggressive bleeding model

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- **In-Vivo efficacy model: Intracranial hemorrhage model** – *an important unmet need*

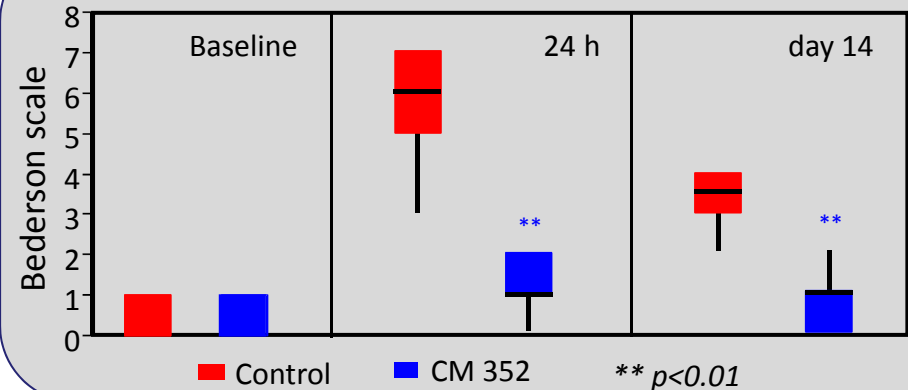


## Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)



- Hematoma volume:
  - i.- ~30% reduction in 3 hours
  - ii.- ~45% reduction in 24 hours

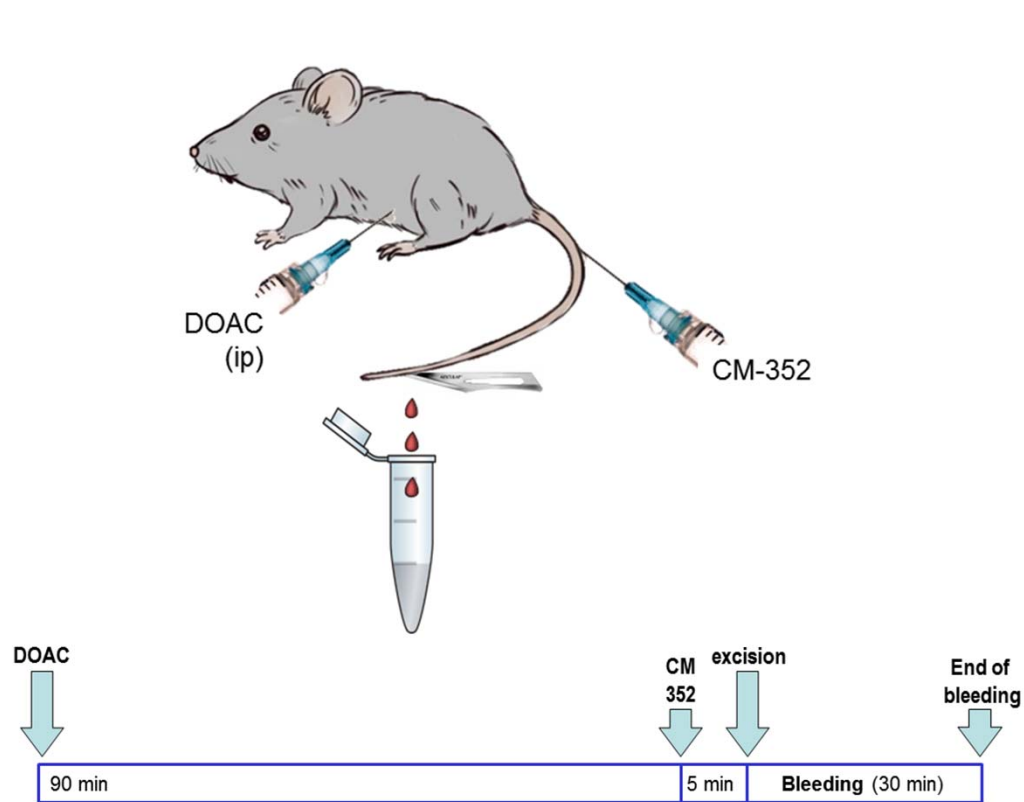
## Neurological recovery



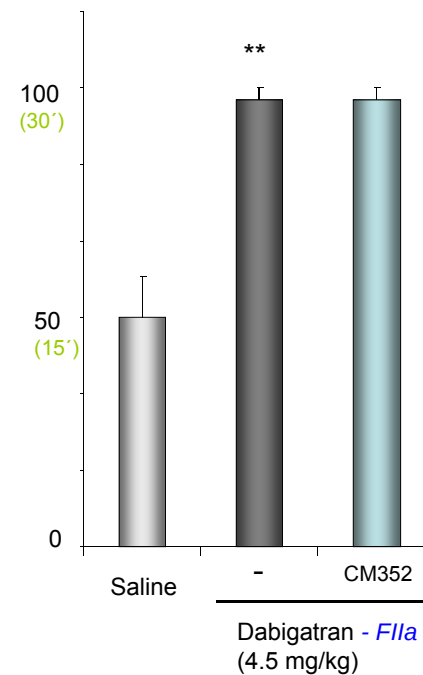
**CM-352** is effective at reducing hematoma and lesion volume in intracranial hemorrhage

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- **In-Vivo efficacy model: Antidote for Rivaroxaban** (*new generation of anticoagulants*)



Where DOAC means new generatino of anticoagulants: Dabigatran and Rivaroxaban



CM-352 @ 1mg/kg

\*\* p<0.01 vs saline; ## p<0.01 vs Rivaroxaban

**CM-352** is effective at reducing bleeding time after Rivaroxaban treatment

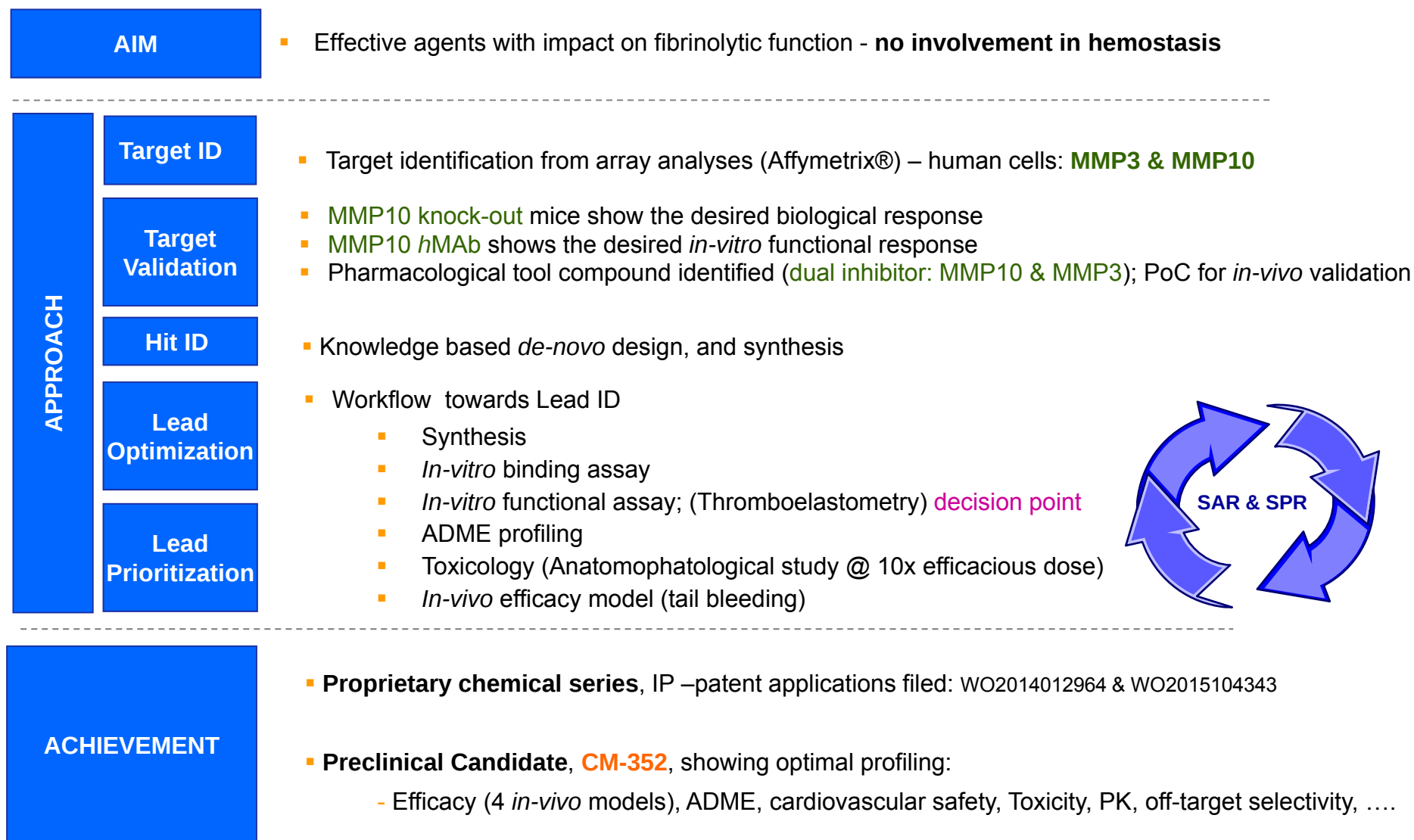


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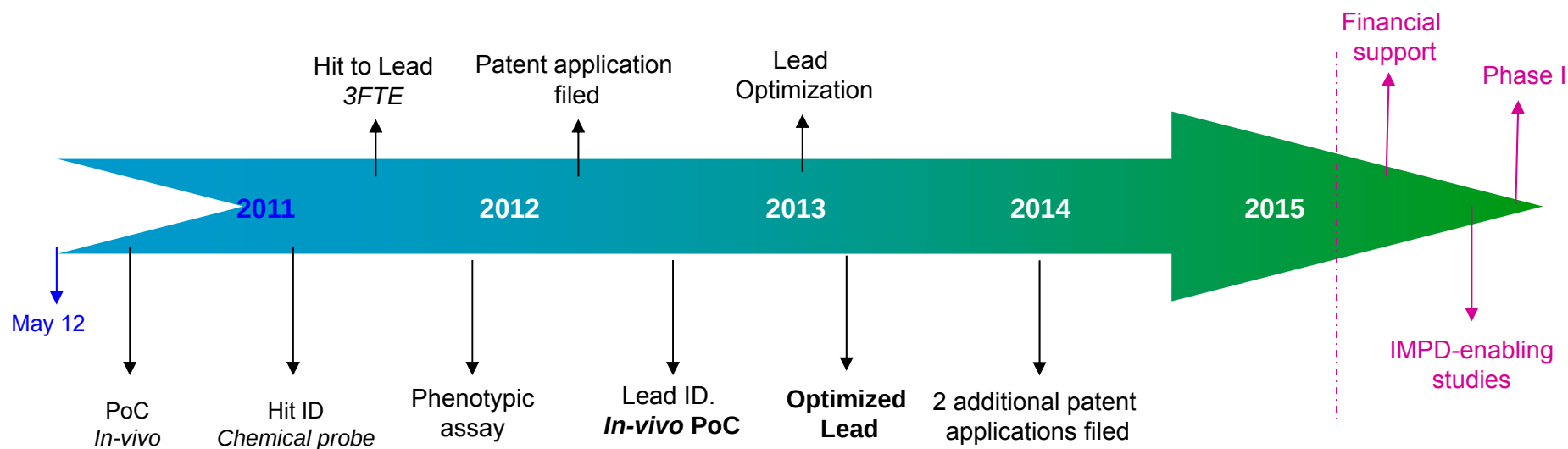
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# Small Molecules as novel antifibrinolytic agents



# Timeline & Next Steps

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• Critical point is currently **on-going**, looking for investment to move to:

i.- IMPD-enabling studies (based on EMA feedback)

ii.- Phase I

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# Partnering Opportunities

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Two scenarios are initially envisioned:

- 1.- Product license (IP)
- 2- Stepwise research investment & first option (right of first refusal)

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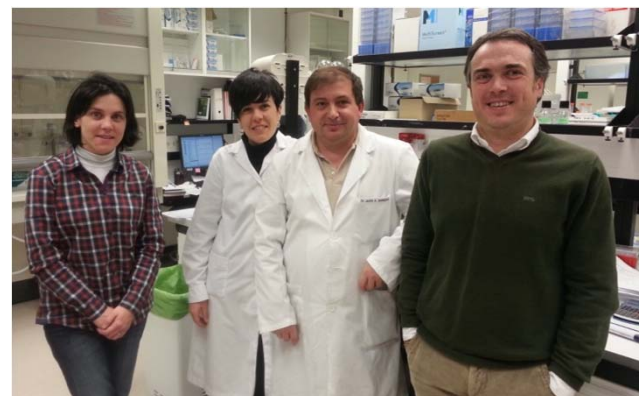
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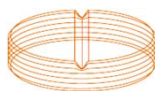


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