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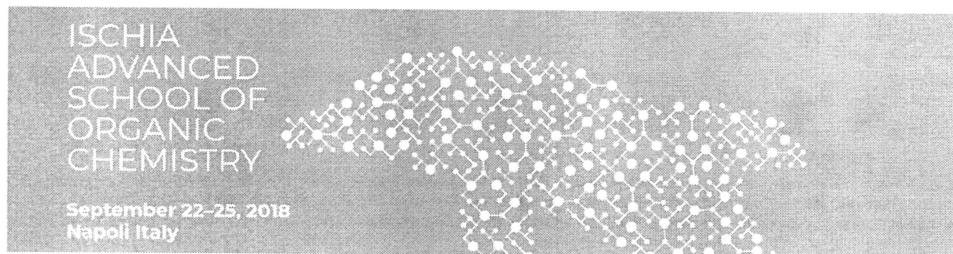
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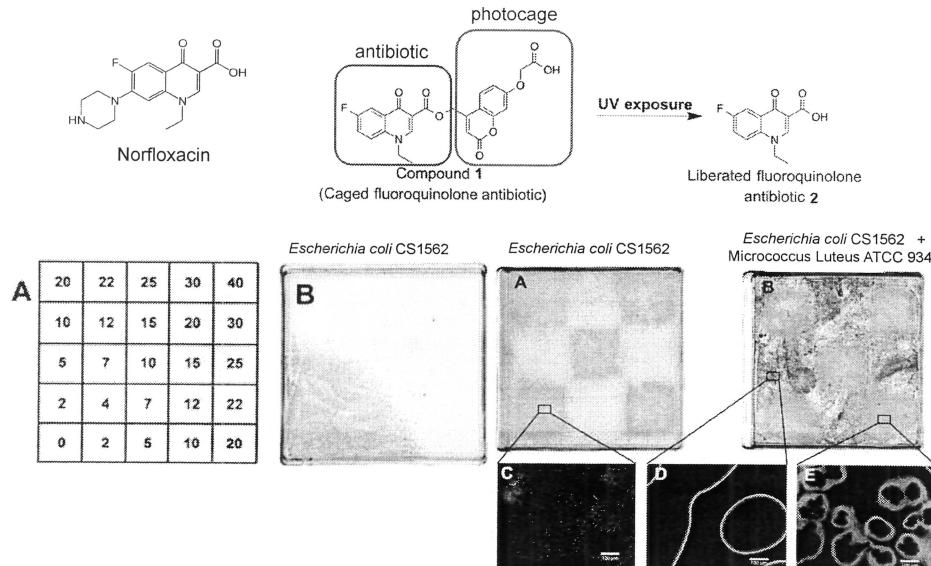
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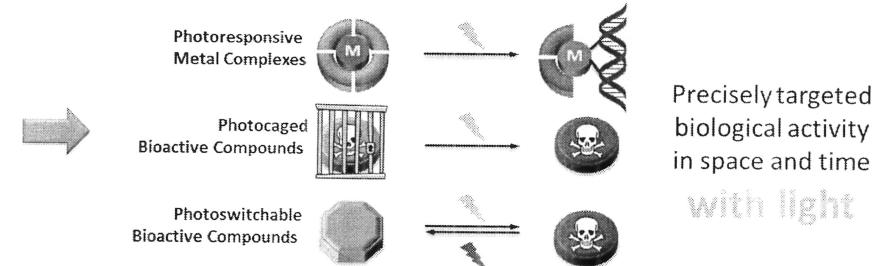


Photocaging: applications



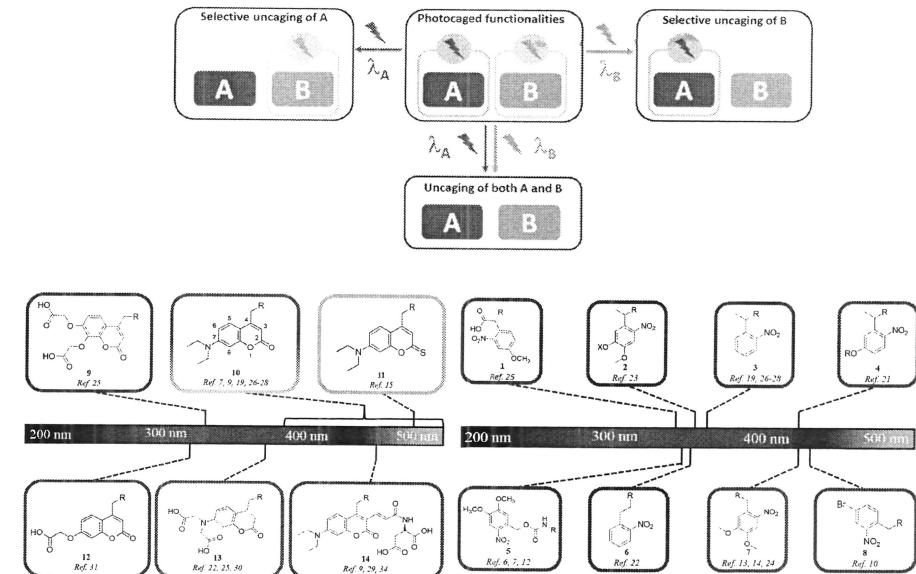
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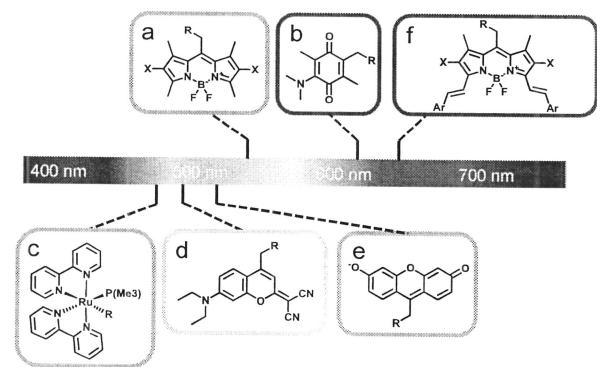
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Orthogonal Photocaging



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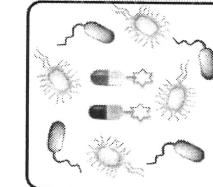
Visible light-responsive cages



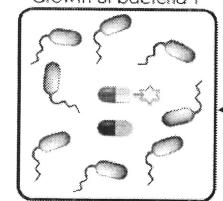
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Photocaging groups II: applications

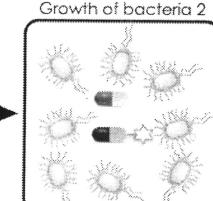
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Growth of bacteria 1 and 2



Activation of antibiotic 2
Growth of bacteria 1



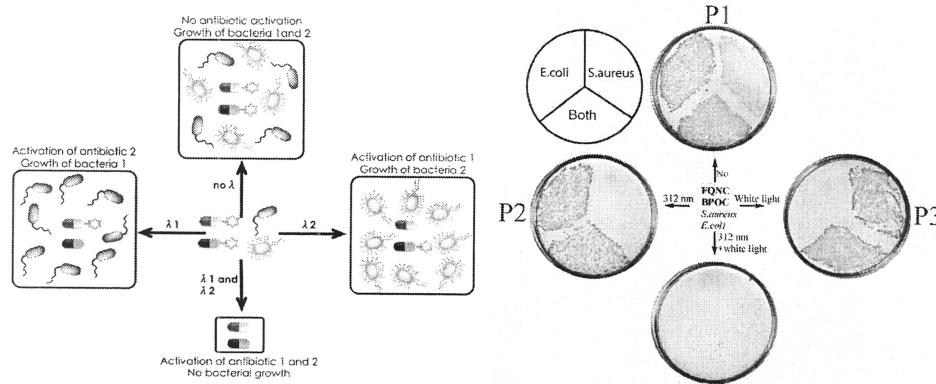
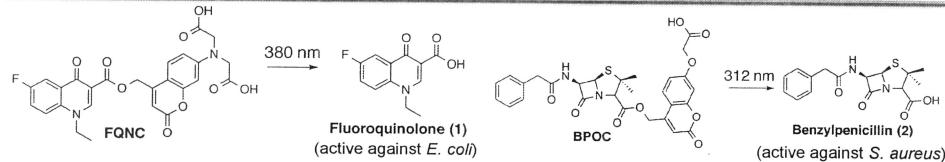
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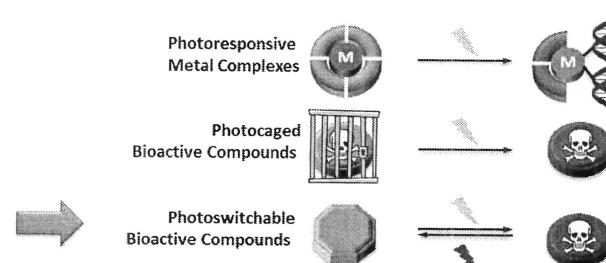


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Photocontrol of biological processes

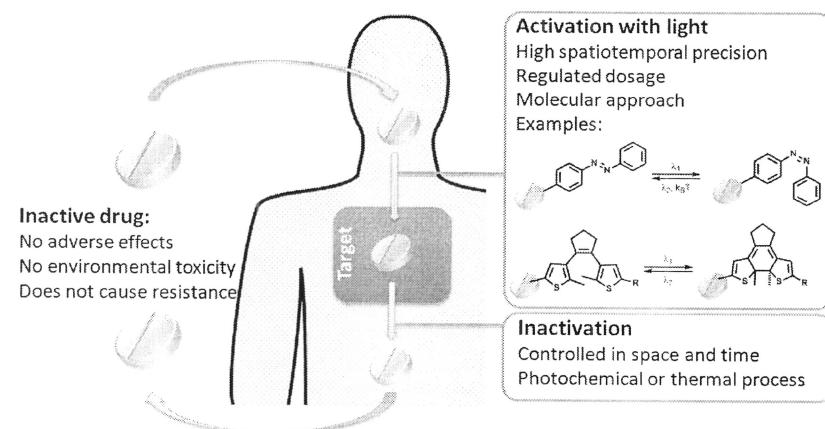
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Precisely targeted
biological activity
in space and time
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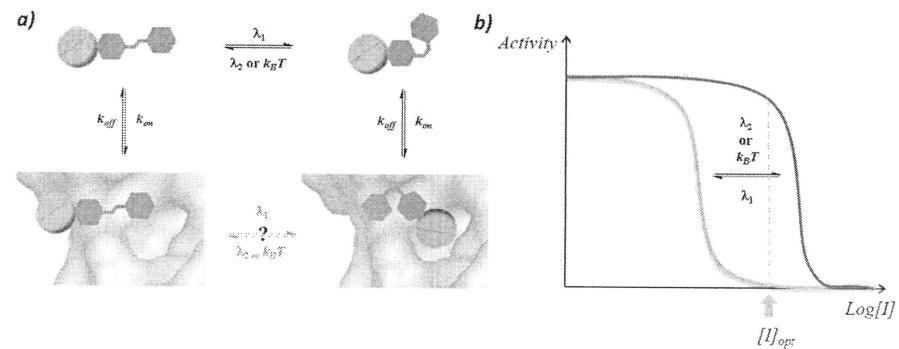
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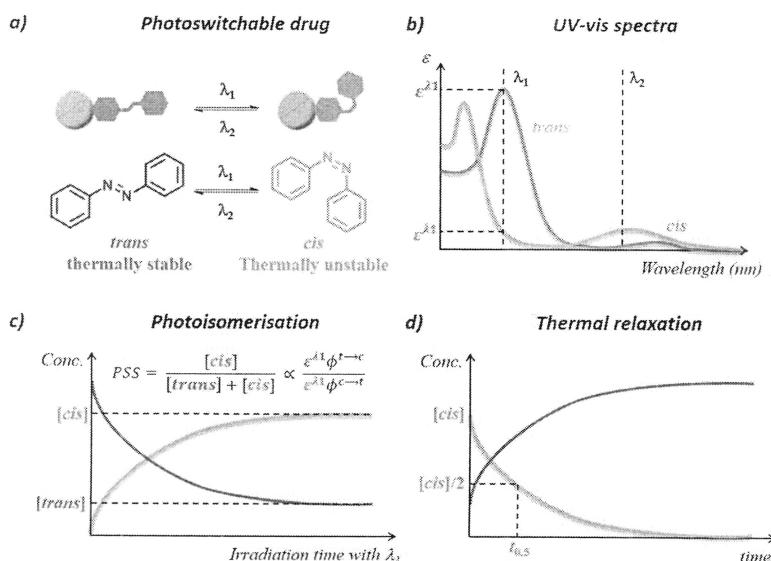
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Azobenzene: the main tool



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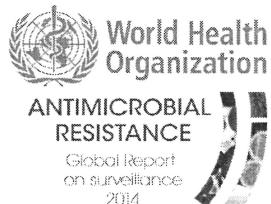
Photopharmacology: opportunities

Avoiding severe side-effects in chemotherapy



- Poor drug selectivity stems from a drug's affinity for targets other than that intended.
- Cytotoxic anti-neoplastic agents are infamous for their severe side effects.

Tackling Antibiotic Resistance



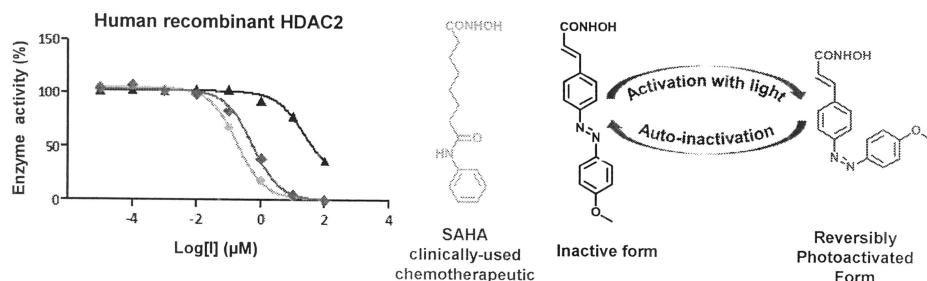
- bacterial resistance stems from the build-up of antibiotics in the environment
- one of humanity's "ticking time-bombs"
- bacterial infections emerge that cannot be treated by any of the known antibiotics

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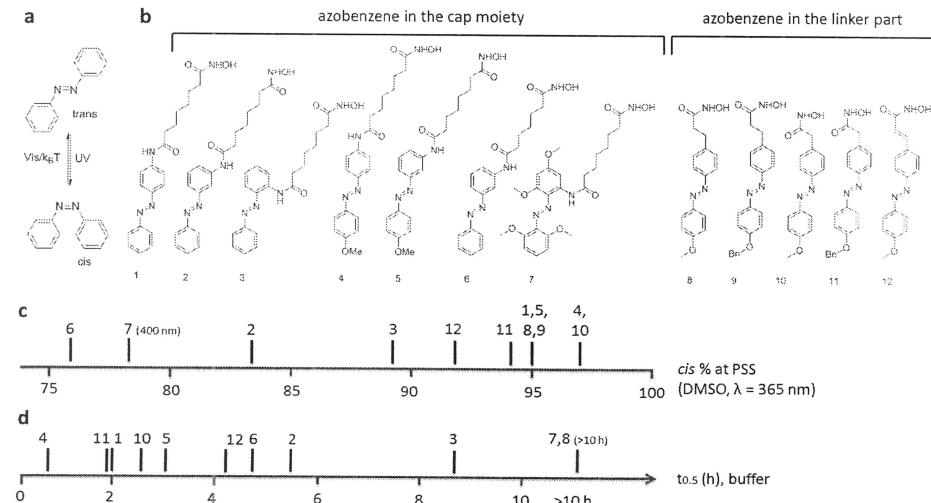
Example 1: Photocontrol of HDAC Inhibition

Photopharmacological chemotherapeutics



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Molecular design & photochemical properties



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Histone deacetylases and SAHA

Histone Deacetylases (HDACs)

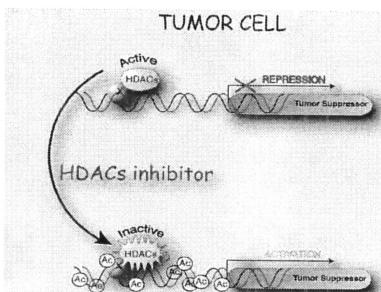
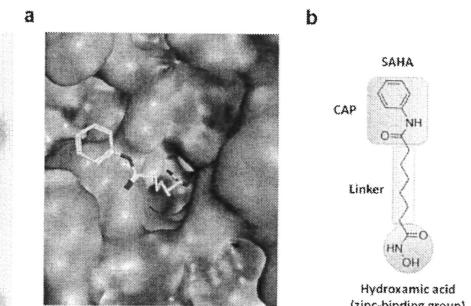


Figure 3 HDACs as targets for cancer therapy
<http://www.ifom-ieo-campus.it/research/chiocca.php>

HDACs deacetylate ϵ -acetylated lysine residues on histone tails,
→ positive charge of the histones
→ electrostatic interactions with DNA,
→ condensed and transcriptionally silent chromatin structures.

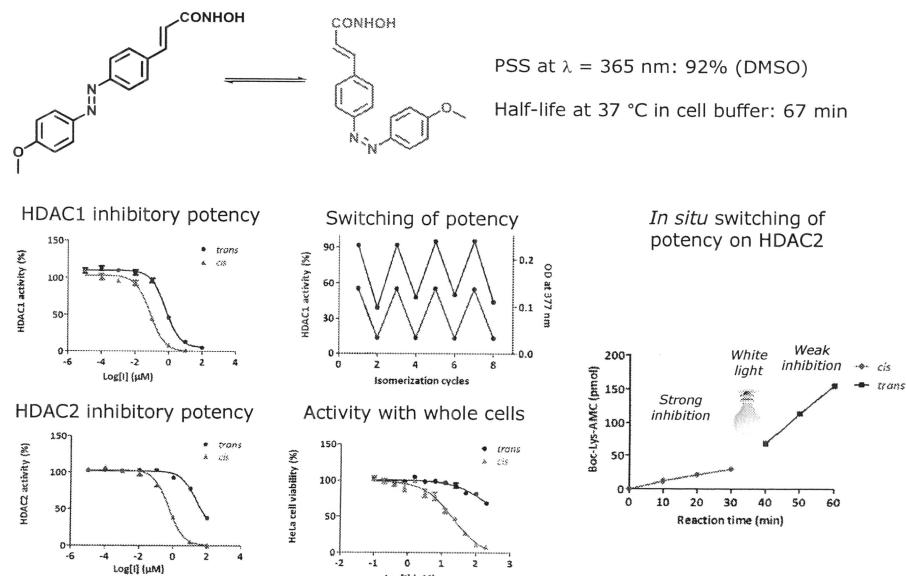
SAHA (Vorinostat)



SAHA non-selectively inhibits classes I, II and IV HDACs with a nM scale potency and is successfully applied as chemotherapeutic agents for the treatment of hematologic malignancies

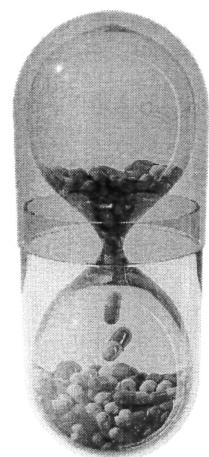
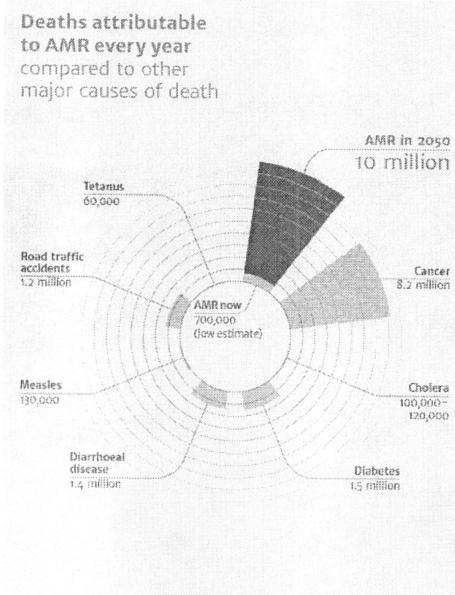
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Properties of the best design



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Photocontrol of antimicrobial activity



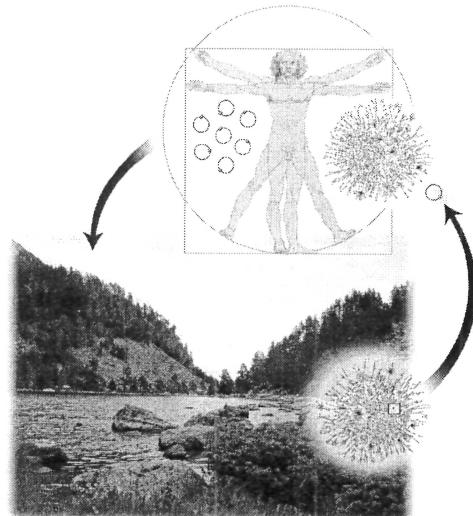
Our time with
ANTIBIOTICS
is running out.

Antibiotics are in danger of losing their effectiveness due to resistance and toxicity, and in many cases they aren't even needed.
Always seek the advice of a healthcare professional before taking antibiotics.



Review on Antimicrobial Resistance. Antimicrobial Resistance: Tackling a Crisis for the Health and Wealth of Nations. 2014

Antibiotics in environment



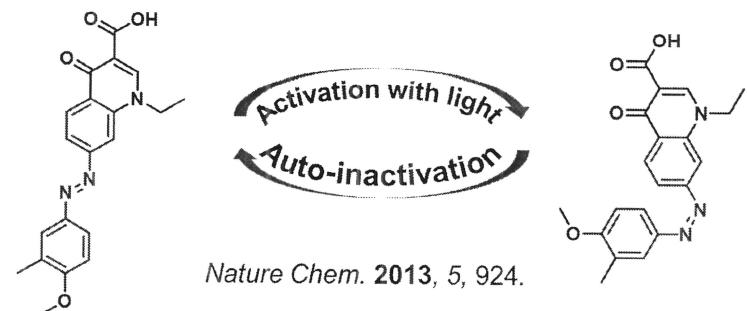
The quinolone resistance gene *qnr* is present in the chromosomes of waterborne bacteria (unknown function).

After being integrated in plasmids, where it is constitutively expressed, *qnr* contributes to low-level resistance of its new bacterial host to quinolones.

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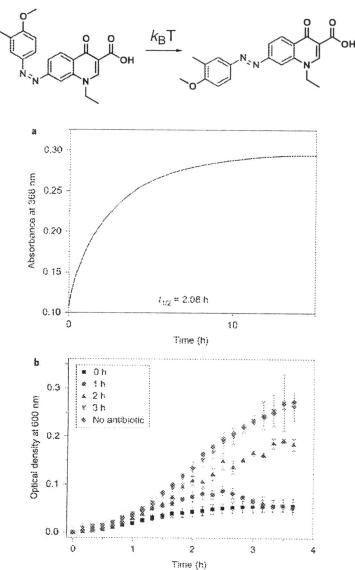
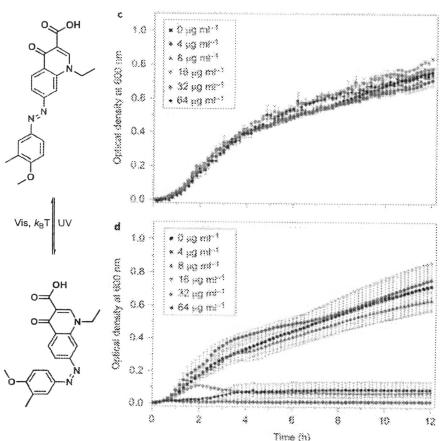
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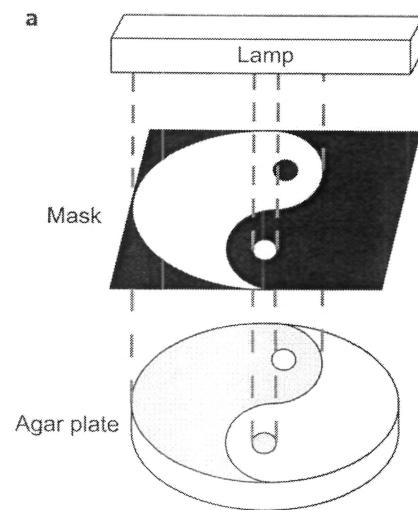
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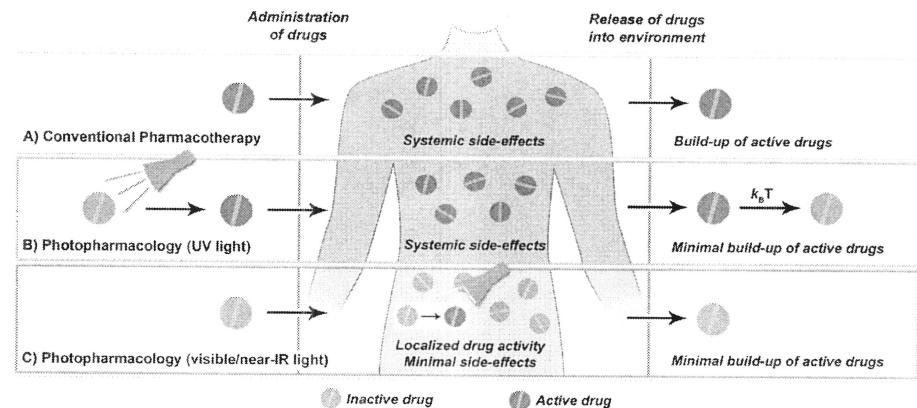
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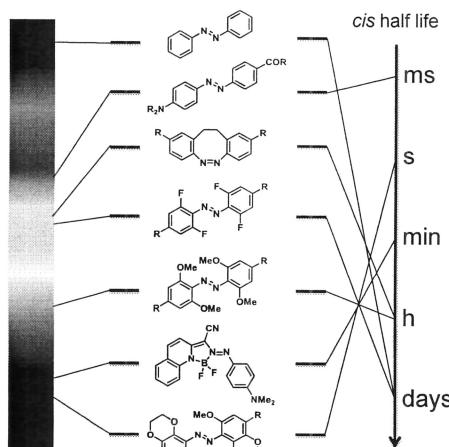
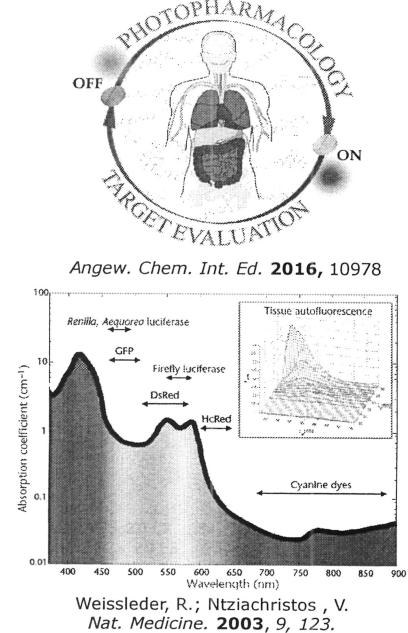
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Photocontrol of antimicrobial activity *in vivo*



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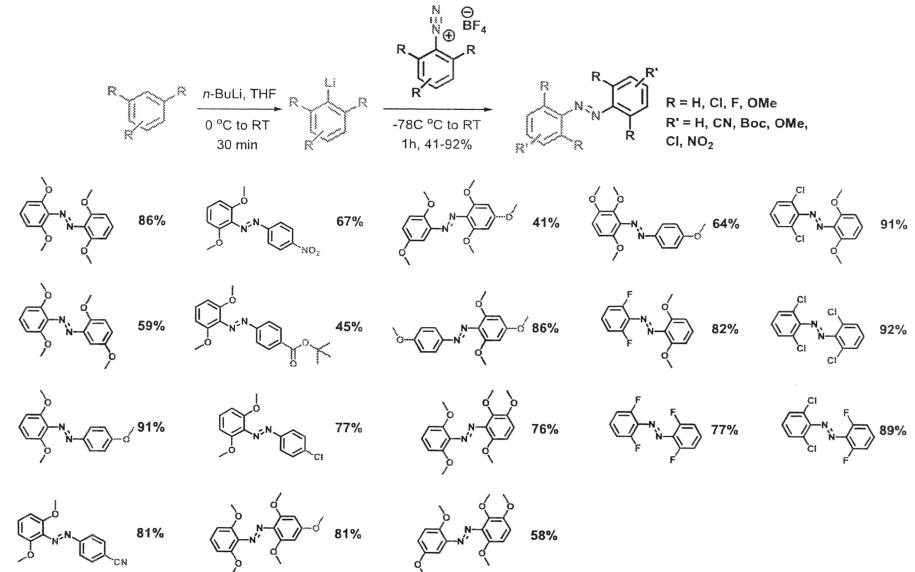
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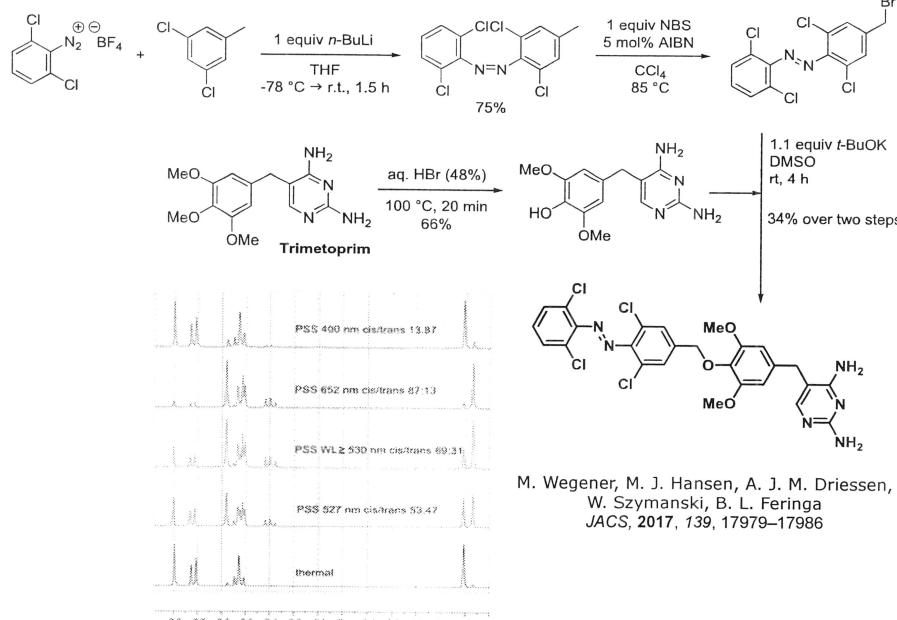
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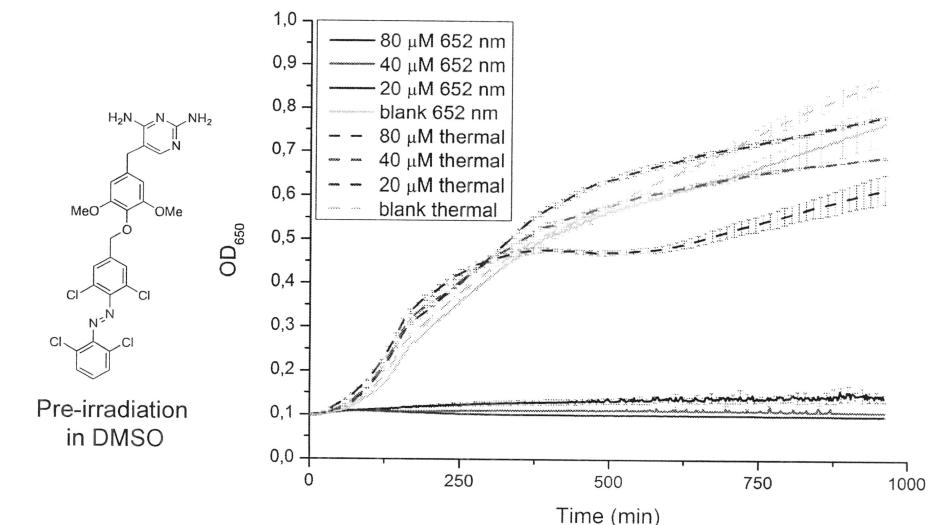


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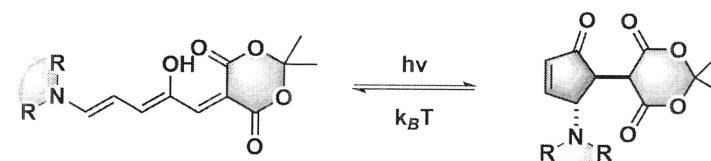


Pre-irradiation
in DMSO

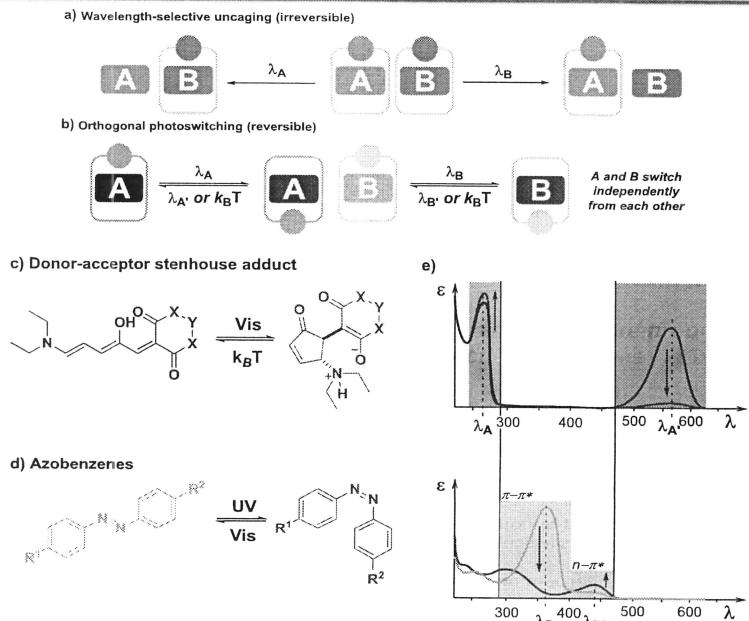
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Donor-Acceptor Stenhouse Adducts

Stenhouse Switches



- Explaining structure-properties relationships and photoswitching mechanism
- Practical guidelines



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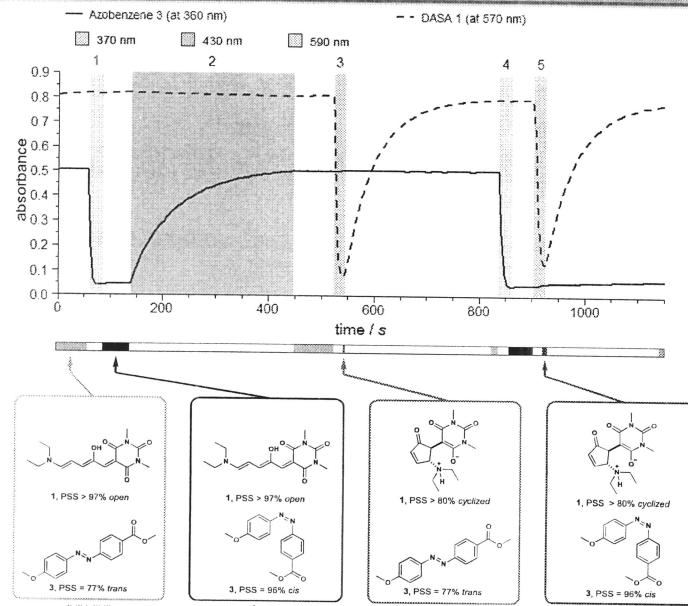
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Outlook: orthogonal switching

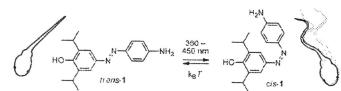


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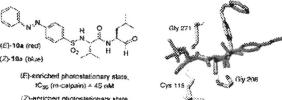
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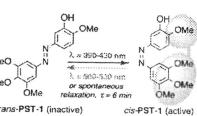
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Hydrolase inhibitors



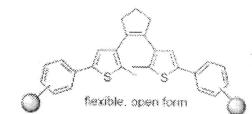
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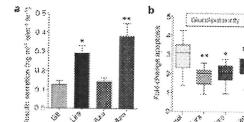
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Anti-Tuberculosis agents



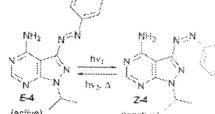
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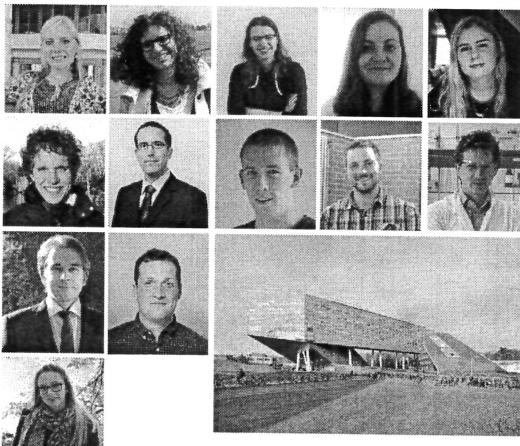
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