

A next generation opioid analgesic with novel mode of action and fewer adverse reactions

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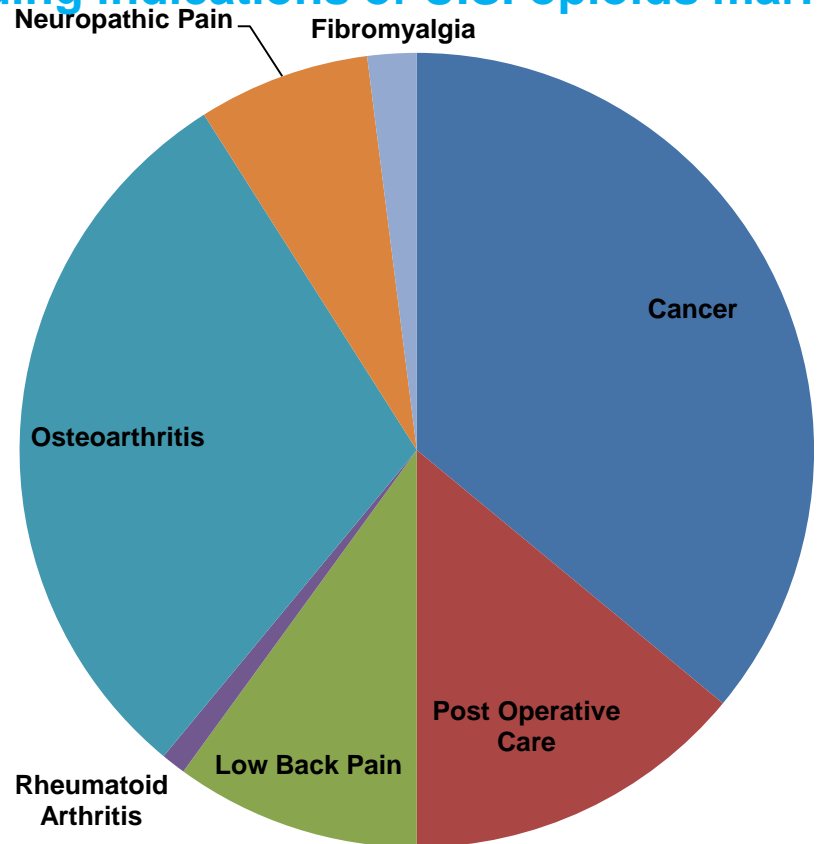
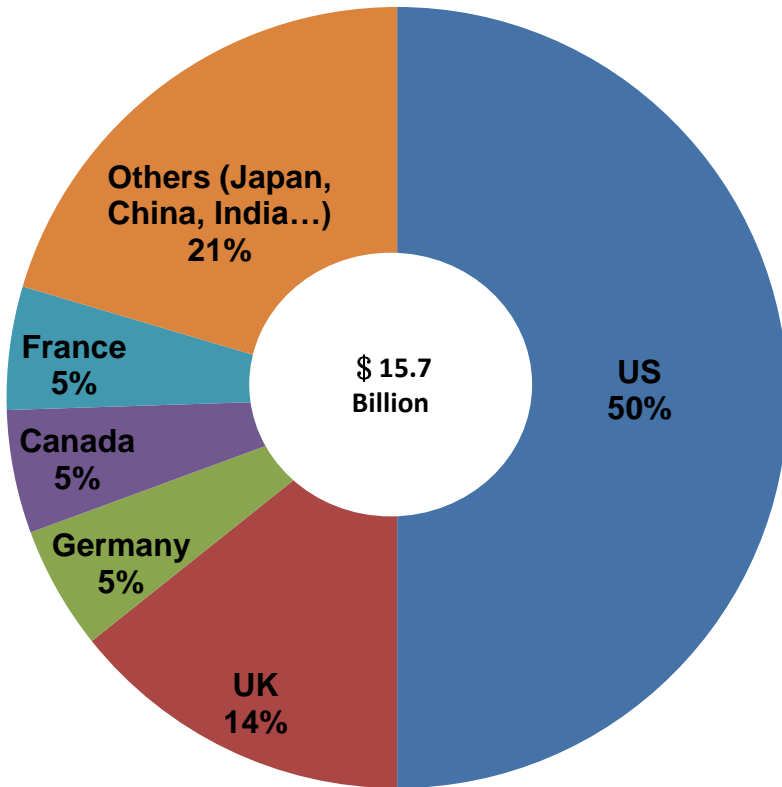
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Overview (1)

Opioids are substances that act on the nervous system in a similar way to opiates such as morphine and codeine---- activation of mu-opioid receptor (MOR), delta-opioid receptor (DOR) or kappa-opioid receptor (KOR).

2014 Global Opioid Market

7 leading indications of U.S. opioids market

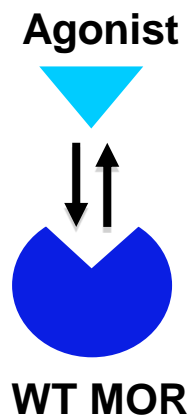


Overview (2)

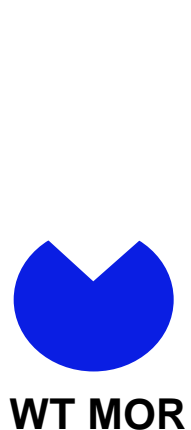
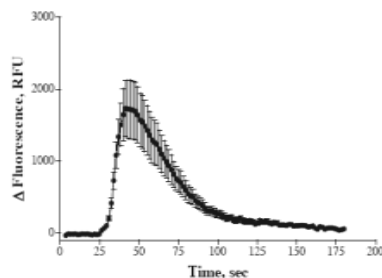
Pain Severity	Class	Compounds	Advantages	Disadvantages
Mild	Acetaminophen		Antipyretic properties; oral; no opioid AEs	Only effective for mild pain; short acting
	NSAIDs	Ketorolac, ibuprofen, aspirin	Mild to moderate analgesia; oral; no opioid AEs	Bleeding risk; GI and renal complications; short acting
Moderate	Sodium channel blockers	Bupivacaine, lidocaine	Use directly at pain site; mostly perioperative	Limited duration of action; some are concerned about local tissue impact
Moderate to severe	Long-acting preferential COX-2	IV/IM meloxicam (Recro Pharma)	Long acting; fast onset; high pain relief; less constipation	Bleeding risk; GI and renal complications
	Alpha 2 agonists	Dexmedetomidine (Recro Pharma)	Good pain relief; anxiolytic properties; no respiratory depression, impaired GI or addictive properties	In development-potential for first in class to be approved for post-operative pain
	Opioids	Morphine, Hydrocodone, fentanyl	Good pain relief	Respiratory depression; sedation; constipation; frequent nausea and vomiting; abuse/addiction potential; tolerance

Overview (3)

A specific mutation (S196A) on the wild type MOR can confer agonistic activity (and thus pain relief effect) to classical opioid antagonist (naloxone).

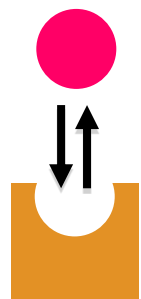


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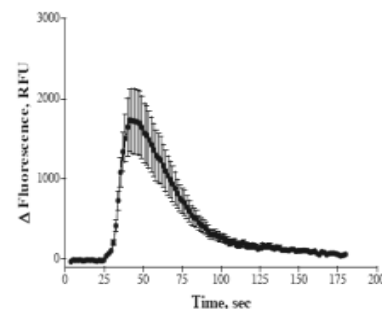
S196A

naloxone



Mutant MOR

Response



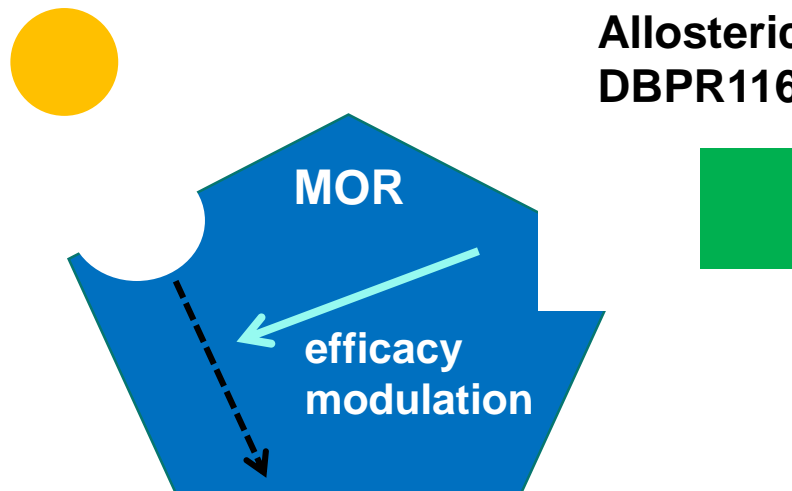
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DBPR116: Mechanism of Action

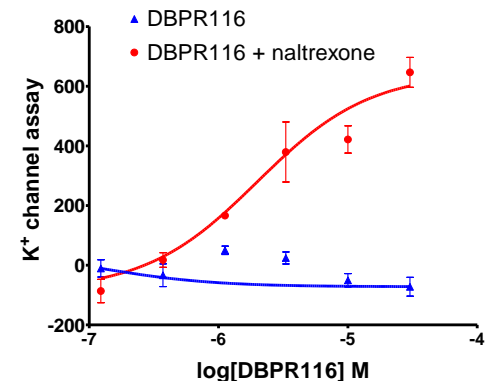
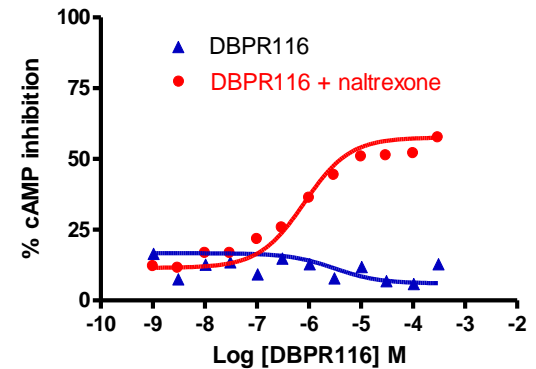
**Small molecular antagonist:
Naloxone or Naltrexone**



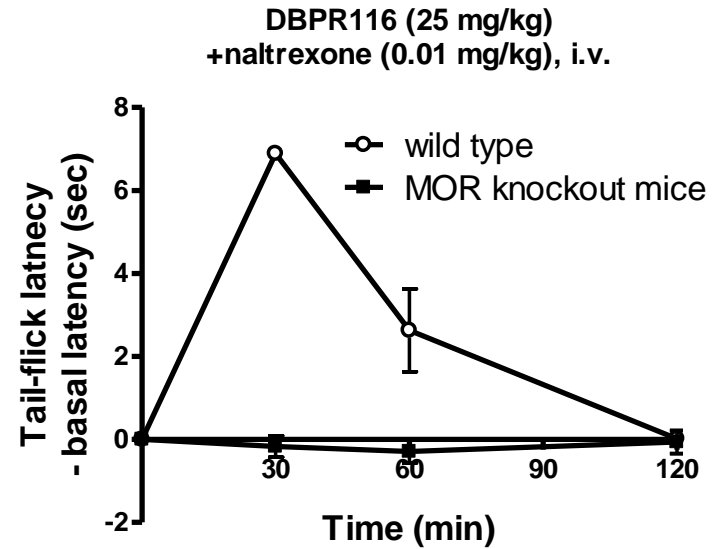
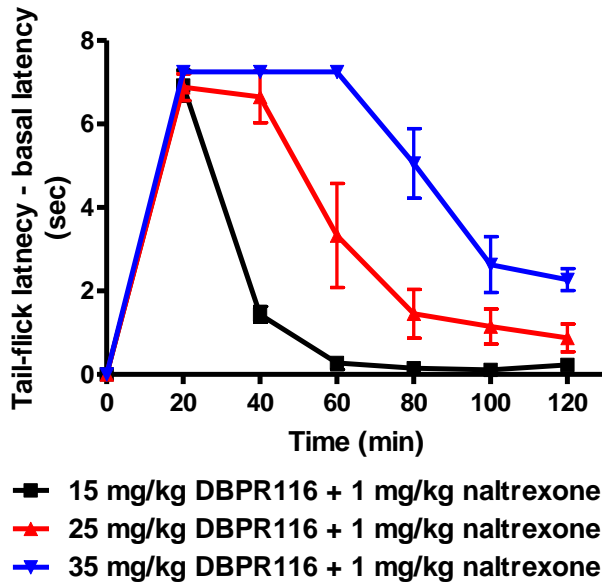
**Allosteric modifier:
DBPR116**

**G protein-dependent signaling
(cAMP, K⁺ channel)**

Functional response



DBPR116



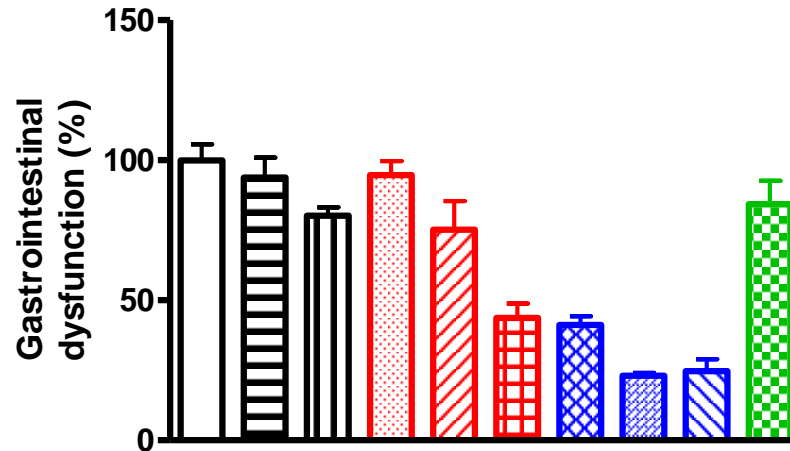
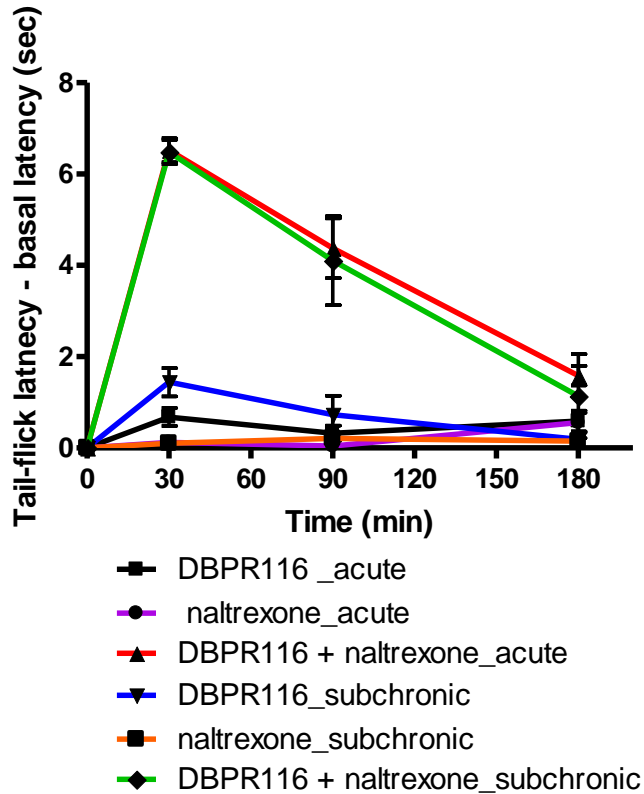
DBPR116 (with 1 mg/kg naltrexone; i.v.)

Formulation: DMA/Solutol/5%Captisol in H₂O (5/5/90)

ED₅₀ : 11.9 ± 1.7 mg/kg

Maximum Tolerated Dose (MTD) : 40-50 mg/kg

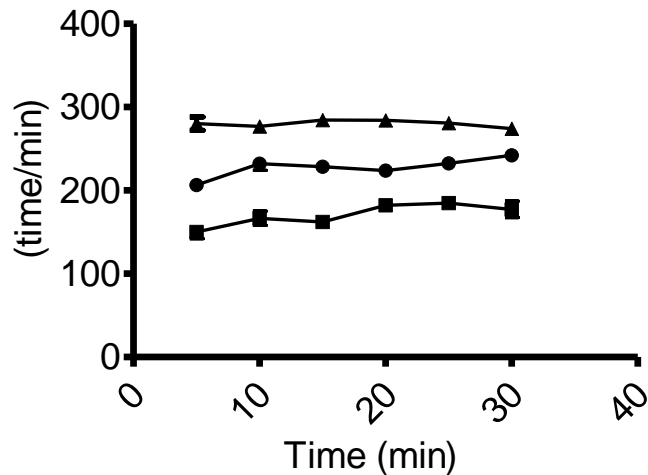
Side Effects (1)



- Vehicle
- ▒ 1 mg/kg naltrexone
- ▓ 35 mg/kg DBPR116
- ▒ (red) 15 mg/kg DBPR116 + 1 mg/kg naltrexone
- ▒ (red) 25 mg/kg DBPR116 + 1 mg/kg naltrexone
- ▒ (red) 35 mg/kg DBPR116 + 1 mg/kg naltrexone
- ▒ (blue) 2.5 mg/kg morphine
- ▒ (blue) 4 mg/kg morphine
- ▒ (blue) 5.5 mg/kg morphine
- ▒ (green) 35 mg/kg DBPR116 + 1 mg/kg naltrexone _MOR-KO mice

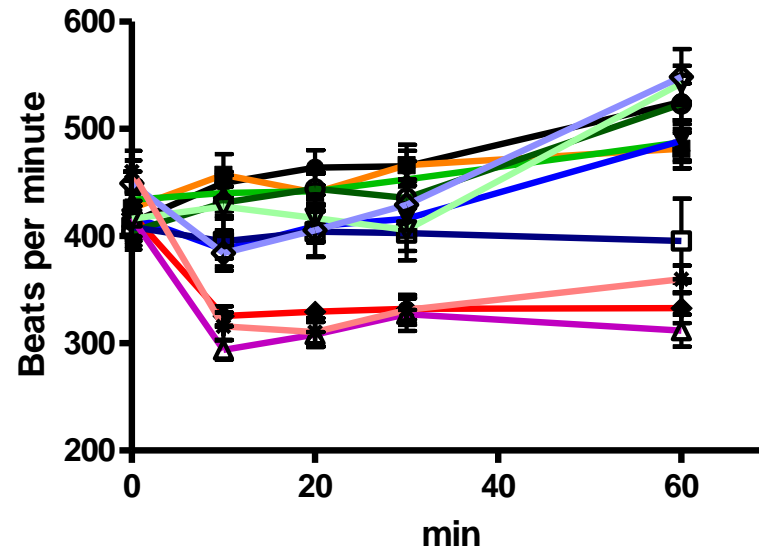
Side Effects (2)

Respiratory frequency



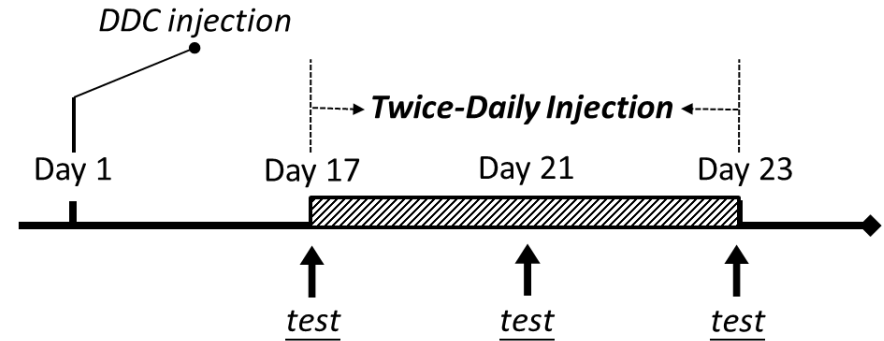
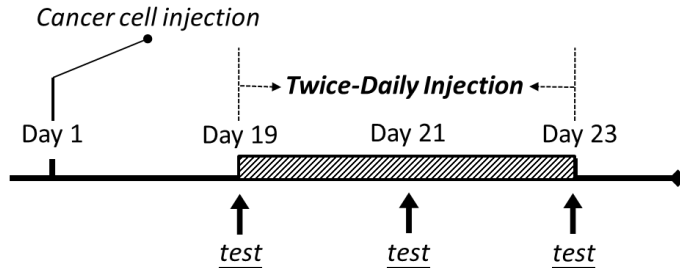
- ▲ vehicle (i.v.)
- 4 mg/kg Morphine (i.v.)
- 25 mg/kg DBPR116 + 1 mg/kg naltrexone (i.v.)

Heart rate

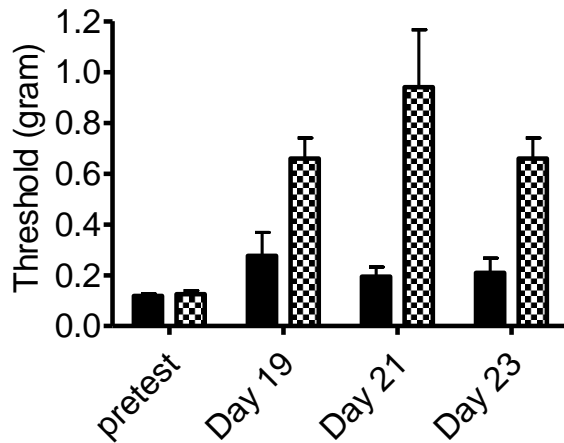


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Animal models of disease-related pain

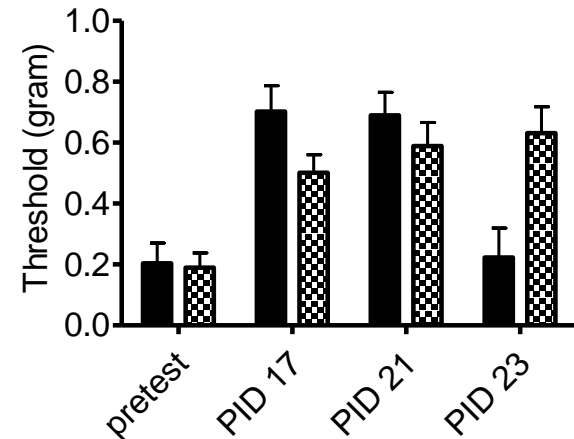


Cancer pain



Pain

Dideoxycytidine (ddC)-induced neuropathic pain



Pain

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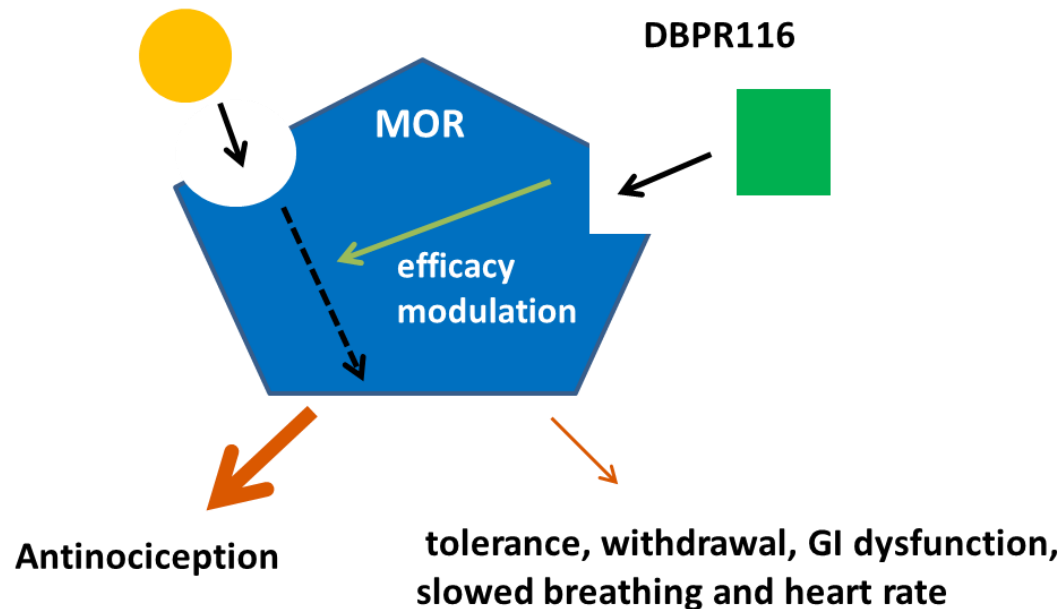
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Summary

- Identification of a novel antagonist-to-agonist allosteric modifier (AAM) of MOR: **First-in-class pain relief agent without the unwanted side effects of opioids**

Small molecular antagonist:
Naloxone or Naltrexone

Allosteric modifier:
DBPR116



Major Advantages and Differentiation of DBPR116

DBPR116:

- DBPR116 is a novel “First-in-Class” AAM which can combine effectively with MOR antagonist (such as naloxone or naltrexone) and produce impressive anti-nociception effects in tail-flick pain model (mice)
- DBPR116/naltrexone combination also exhibit better tolerance in cancer pain and efficacy in neuropathic pain models
- AAM/MOR antagonist combination also exhibited significant less adverse effects (compare to morphine) on:
 - ✓ Constipation (measured by GI inhibition)
 - ✓ Respiratory suppression
 - ✓ Addiction
 - ✓ Tolerance
 - ✓ Sedation
- DBPR116 represents a potential breakthrough therapy for the world acute and chronic pain medication market (\$15~30 B USD)