

Adam McCudden Pharmaceutical Development



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AstraZeneca, the UK's 2nd Largest Pharmaceutical Company

~\$25 Billion In Sales last Year. Market Value \$73 Billion.

9th largest company on the FTSE. (7th or 13th largest Pharmaceutical company globally).

Company	Ticker +	Sector +	Market cap (£bn) ▲	Employees +
Royal Dutch Shell	RDSA	Oil and gas	160.12	90,000
Unilever	ULVR	Consumer goods	90.42	171,000
HSBC	HSBA	Banking	88.11	267,000
British American Tobacco	BATS	Tobacco	71.4	87,813
GlaxoSmithKline	GSK	Pharmaceuticals	67.38	97,389
SABMiller	SAB	Beverages	67.32	70,000
BP	BP	Oil and gas	63.13	97,700
Vodafone Group	VOD	Telecomms	56.55	86,373
AstraZeneca	AZN	Pharmaceuticals	51.23	57,200
Reckitt Benckiser	RB	Consumer goods	46.32	32,000
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	RBS	Banking	28.6	150,000
Barclays	BARC	Banking	27.18	150,000
Tesco	TSCO	Supermarket	14.92	519,671

AstraZeneca 2















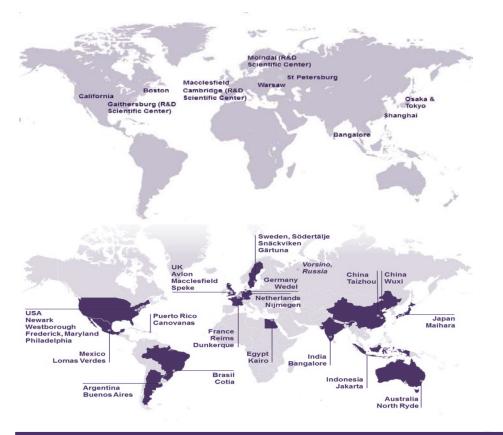




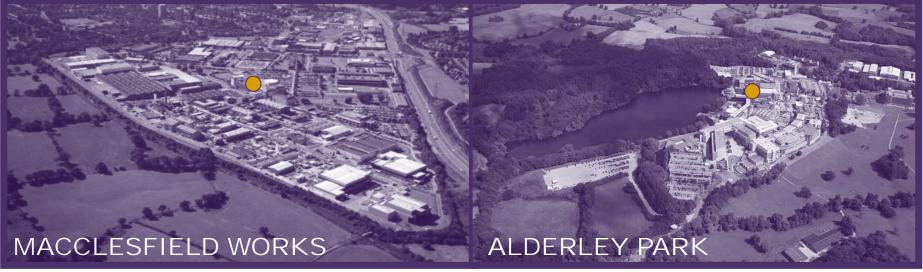












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Education

Stocksbridge High School: 10 GCSEs.

King Edward VII Six Form: 5 A-Levels, 1 S-Level, 1 NVQ.

Manchester University: MChem Chemistry.

Vocational: IOSHH Managing Safely.

Plus a range of courses.



Odd Jobs:

Worked my way though university with a selection of summer, evening and weekend jobs:



Debenhams





Boots





Cocktail Bars / Pubs

Call Centre







Gender, Relationship and Sexual Dysfunction Clinic.



Career Path:

I've worked for a variety of chemical companies:







Dye Company



Fine Chemical Supplies



Pharmaceuticals (Human & Animal)



Pharmaceuticals

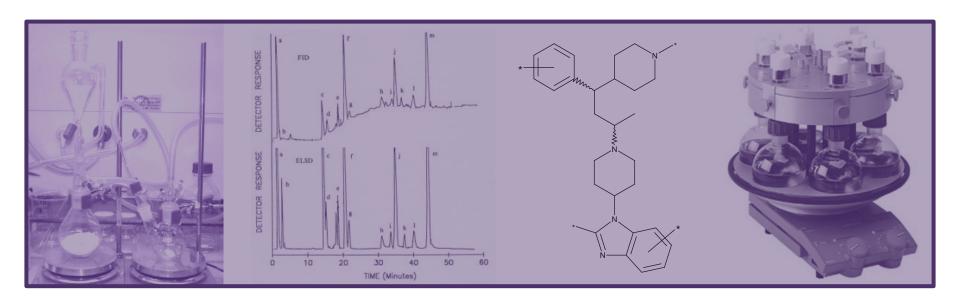
Industrial Sandwich Placement:

Discovery Medicinal Chemist (Arthritis)



Lots Of Chemical Reactions:- Suzuki Couplings, Finkelstein Reactions, Amide Couplings, Hydrogenation, Organmetallic reactions.

Techniques Used:- NMR (various), HPLC (prep), LC-MS, MPS, Microwave Reactions, Solid Phase, Flash LC, TLC.



Dystar MChem Research Project:

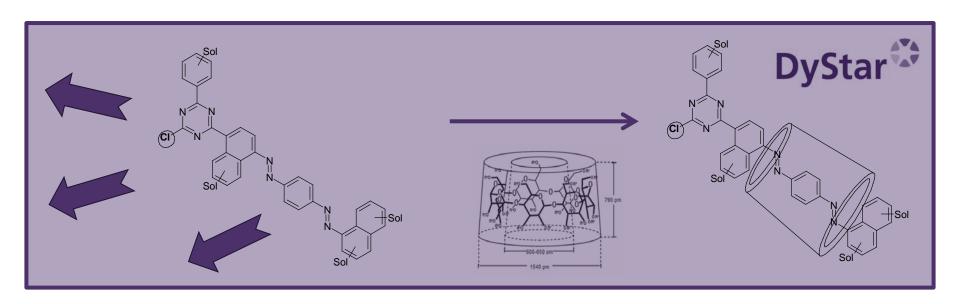
Reactive Dye - β-CD Rotaxane Synthesis

DyStar

- Dye Synthesis
- Rotaxane Formation
- Characterisation



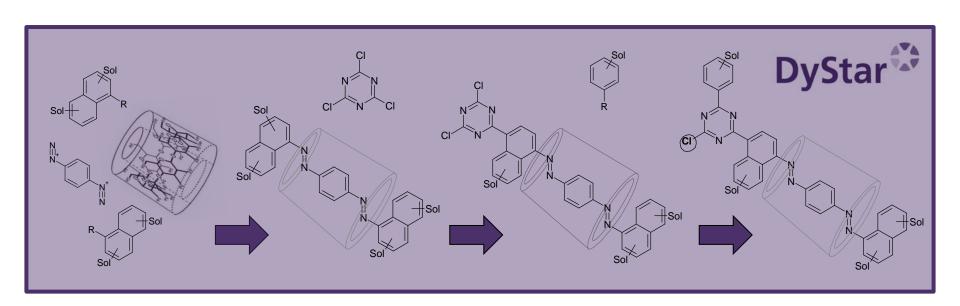
Techniques Used:- NMR (NoE), HPLC, UV, IR And LCMS

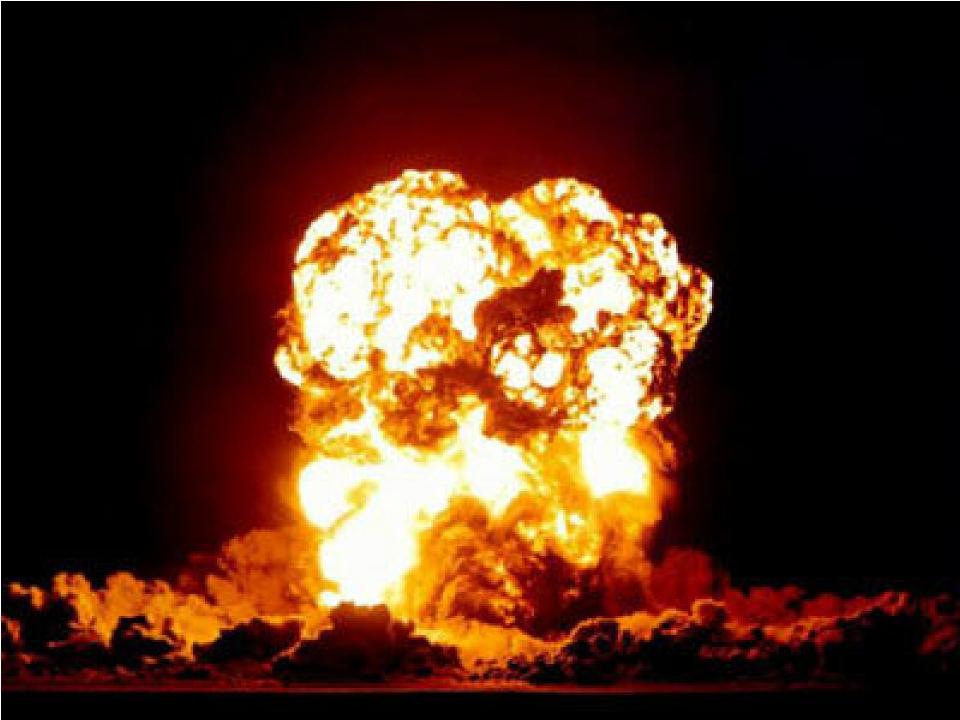


Dystar MChem Research Project:



As these were Azo Dyes, a lot of my time was spent trying not to do this:





Eli Lilly

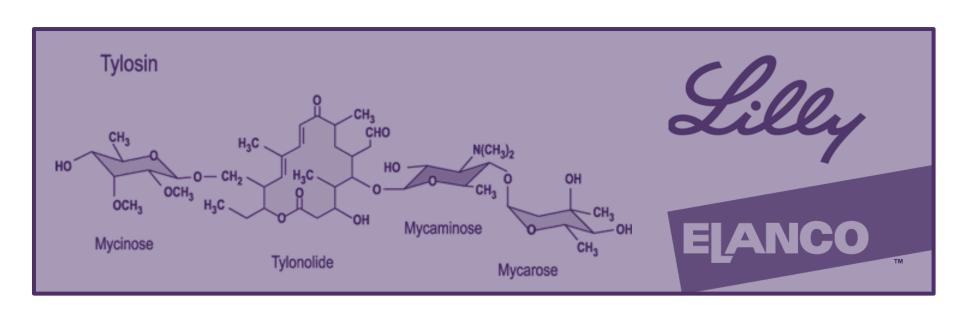
Compliance Analyst



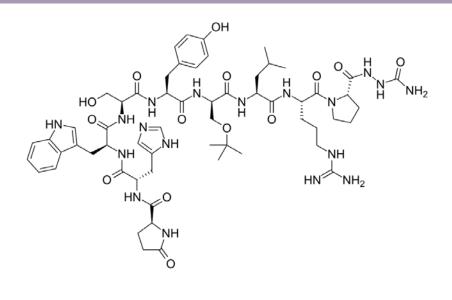
Quality Control/Assurance) Working to GMP.

Testing Fermented Antibiotic Products.

Wet Chemistry/Pharmacopoeia Testing:- Loss On Drying, Particle Size Distribution, GC, Sulphated Ash, Fire & Brimstone, Total Solids etc...



AstraZeneca: Analytical Chemistry

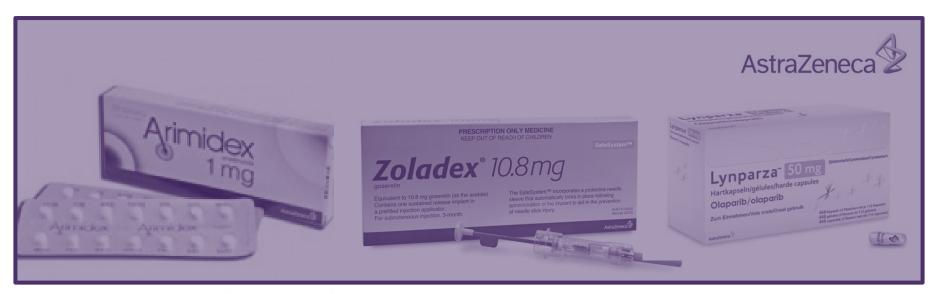


AstraZeneca 🕏

Lymparza

Arimidex

Zoladex



Techniques Used at AstraZeneca









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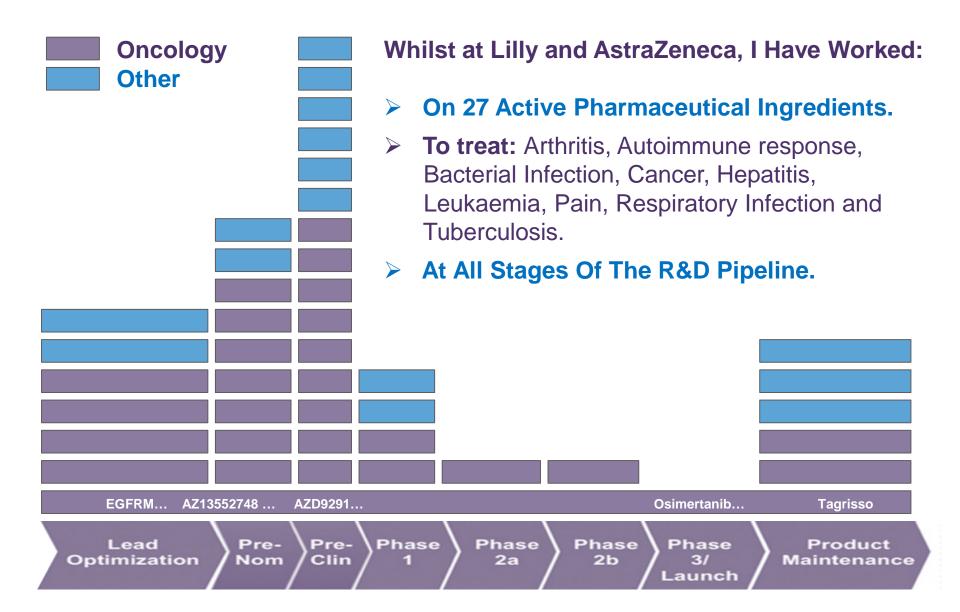
Pharmaceutical Development:

Using Good Science To Answer Important Questions:

- How Can We Turn A Chemical Into A Medicine?
- How Can We Guarantee Its Quality?
- How Stable Will It Be?
- Can We Get It To Where The Body Needs It?
- Will It Work When It Gets There?
- Is It Soluble In Tango?



My Pharmaceutical Development:



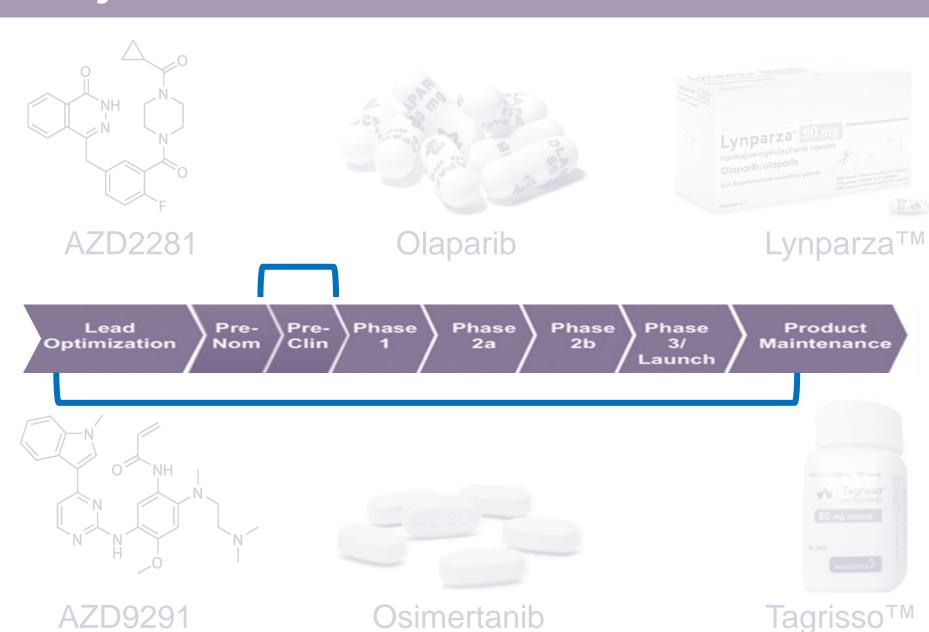
Experience:

- Analytical >>> Solid state, Biopharm, Formulation.
- Safety Health and Environment.
- Predictive and Accelerated Stability.
- Regulatory Submissions.
- > Anti-Counterfeiting.
- Outsourcing, Tech-Transfer and Supply Chain.
- Lean 6 Sigma, PCA and MVA Investigations.

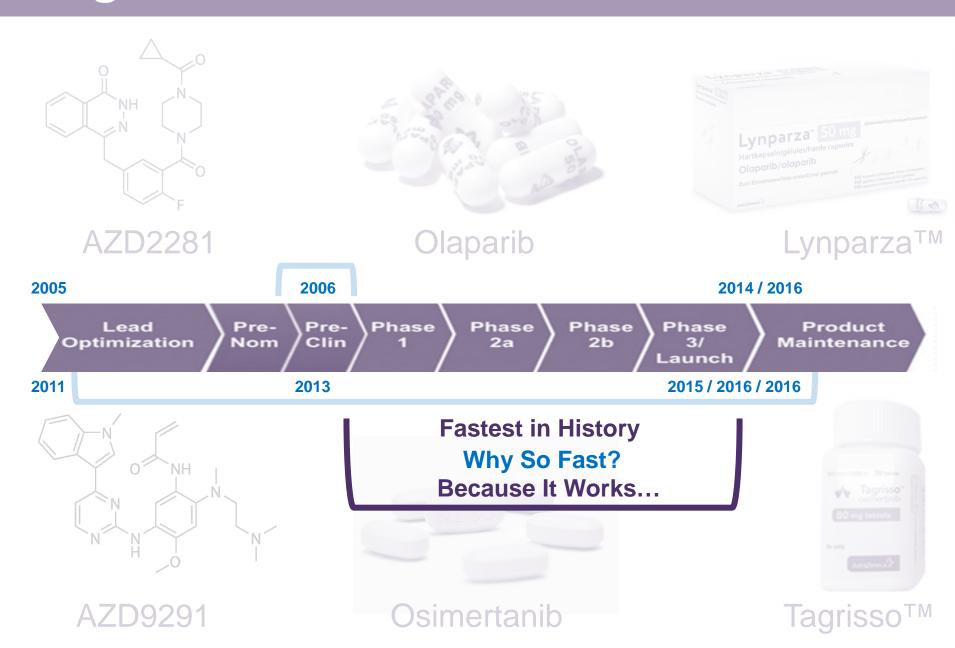


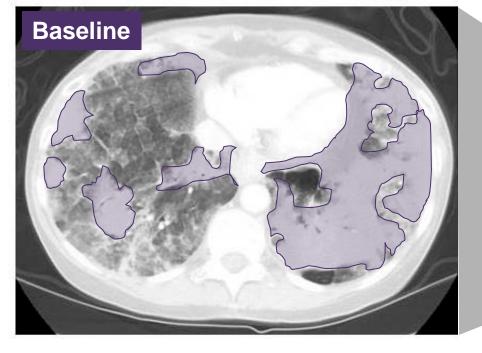


Projects: The Two That Made It

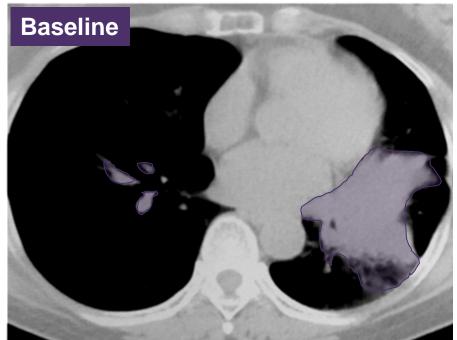


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Computerised Tomography scans (aka CAT scans) display a slice taken through the body.

Achieved by taking a number of X-rays from different angles to build a computer image

Healthy lungs show up as dark regions.

Light areas represent the spine, heart, ribs and...

Tumours.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- I See The Patient Benefit From The Work that I Perform
- Everyday Is Different.
- Always Learning New Things.
- I Get Paid To Do Something I Enjoy.
- Lots Of Problem Solving.





Voluntary Work:

Volunteer For A Number of Charities:

Organising, Promoting or Funding A Range Of Activities:

Whisky/Wine/Beer/Gin/Chocolate Tastings, Science Demonstrations, Administration, Event Planning, Careers Talks, Outreach Events, Industry Visits, School and Public Interest Lectures, Travel Bursaries, teacher training...



















Hobbies

Science Engagement – Blogs RSC etc.

Whisky – Whisky Club, Tastings & Blog.

Food and Drink – Cooking & Eating Out.

Rock Climbing – Indoors & Across the EU.

Music – Gigs & Playing Bass Guitar.

Mountaineering, Via Ferrata & Walking.

Photography - Food, Climbing & Scenery.

Ice Climbing – Avoiding Snappy Ice-Death.



In Summary: Crucial Choices I Made

MChem

Industrial Placement

Odd Jobs, Hobbies & Voluntary Work

Questions?

- > What are you good at?
- > What do you enjoy?
- What motivates you?