

## Drug Discovery Assays for Cancer Research

Cancer: from Cause to Cure

25<sup>th</sup> September 2013

### Agenda

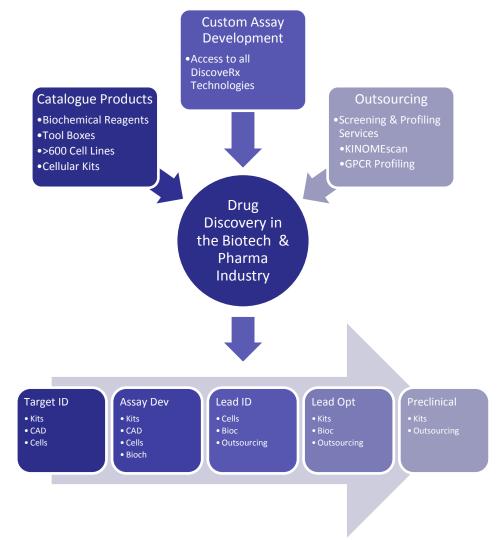
- DiscoveRx the Biotechnology Company
  - A biotech success story

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  - Polypharmacology
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# Focus on Innovation to the Drug Discovery Industry

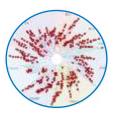
- Founded in 2000
- Privately held, venture-backed company
- Headquarters in Fremont, California
  - GPCR Centre of excellence in Fremont
  - Kinase Centre of excellence in San Diego
  - Primary Cell Line Centre of excellence in South San Francisco
  - European Headquarters in Birmingham, UK
- Commercialize cell-based and biochemical assays for the drug discovery and life science markets
- Extensive profiling services, enhanced by the acquisition of KINOMEscan in 2010 & Bioseek in 2012





# Integrated Platforms to Support All Stages of Discovery













**GPCRs** 

Kinases

**NHRs** 

**Pathways** 

**Epigenetics** 

**Primary Cells** 

#### LEAD DISCOVERY HIT ID

- LEAD OPTIMIZATION
- PRECLINICAL CLINICAL

- HTS
- Library Profiling
- Phenotypic Screens
- Fragment Screens
- Pathway Screens
- De-orphanisation

- Potency
- Selectivity
- Target Panel Profiling
- Custom Panels
- Mechanism of Action

- Efficacy
- Therapeutic Panels
- Safety Panels
- Primary Cell Assays
- Biomarker Discovery
- Drug Re-positioning

#### **Complete Solution Provider**



### History and Evolution

#### 2004:

Launch
PathHunter
product line
(GPCRs and
kinases)

**2000:** Spun off from Microgenics

Begin partnerships with Pfizer and Merck

#### 2010:

Acquired
KINOMEscan from
Ambit Biosciences













2002: Launch HitHunter product line (GPCRs)

#### **2009**:

Launched service business using our proprietary reagents

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2012:

Acquired BioSeek

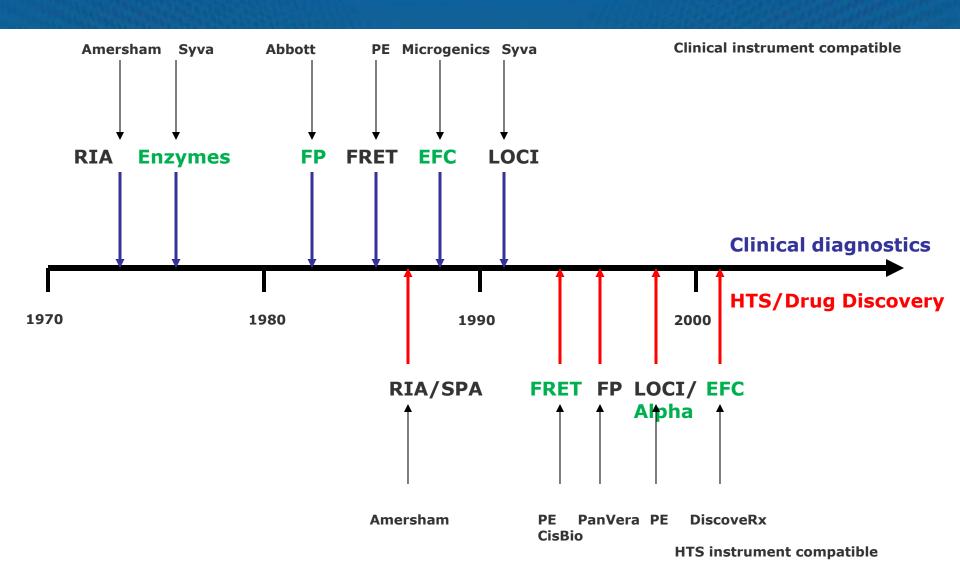
#### **DISCOVERX TODAY**

- 137 employees
- Over 1000 products
- 3 technology platforms and 5 recognized brands:
- Extremely proprietary :
  - 17 US,12 EU, 3 Japanese patents (11 pending)
- Sales in 25 countries





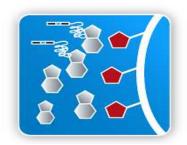
## Diagnostics and HTS technology history

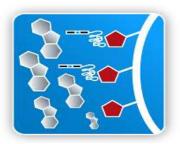




### Three Core Technology Platforms

Biochemical Assays (Binding)





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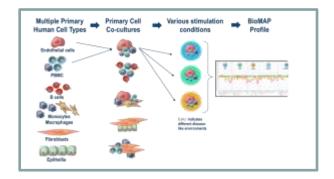
Cellular Assays (EFC)





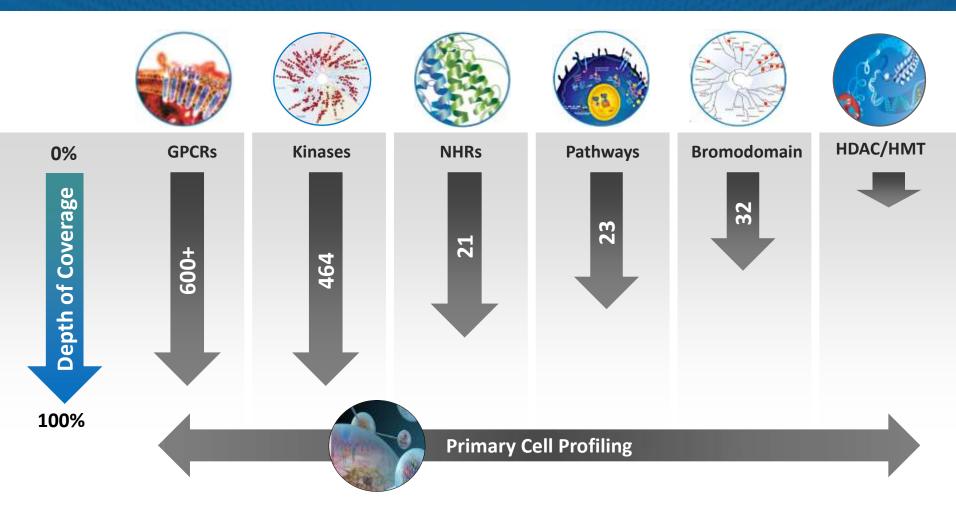
PathHunter®
HitHunter®
InCELLHunter®

Human
Primary
Cell Assays





# >75% Coverage of Druggable Targets + Primary Cell Phenotypic Assays

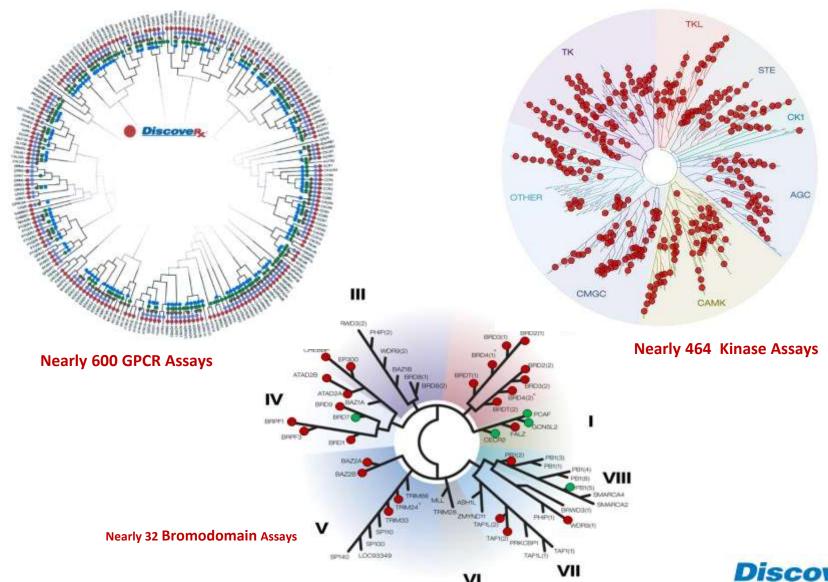


#### 1,118 assays covering 741 druggable targets

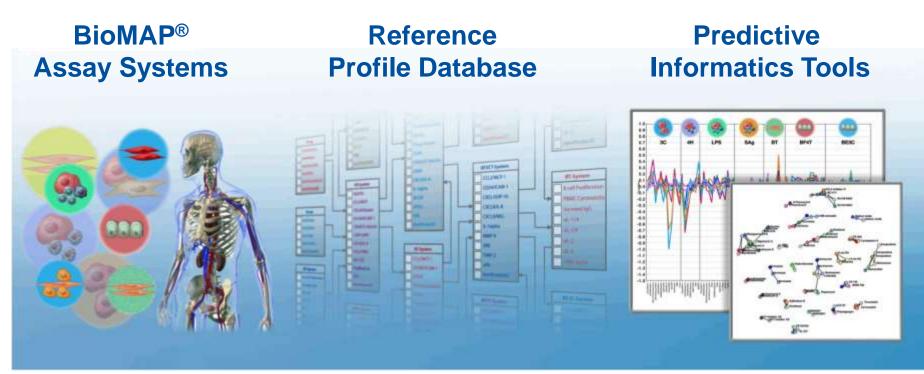
- All major drug target classes covered
- Multiple assays for single target



## **Industry Leading Assay Panels**



# BioMAP®: Primary Cell Compound Profiling Platform



Human primary cells
Disease-models
30+ systems

Biomarker responses to drugs are stored in the database >3000 drugs

**Custom informatics tools are used to predict clinical outcomes** 



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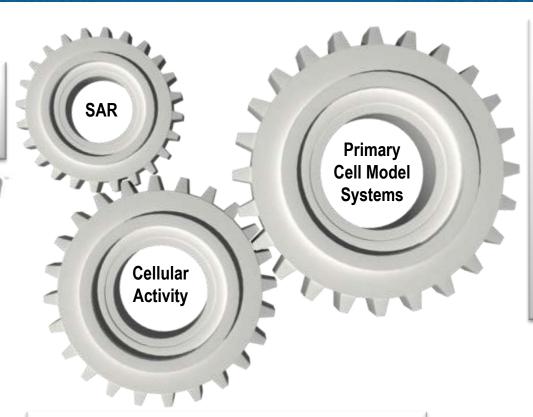
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### **DiscoveRx Integrated Solution Portfolio**

 Is my compound potent and selective?

bromo SCAN



- What is the phenotypic impact of my compound in the context of disease?
- What efficacy and safety biomarkers are detected?

 Does my compound bind the target in a cellular environment?

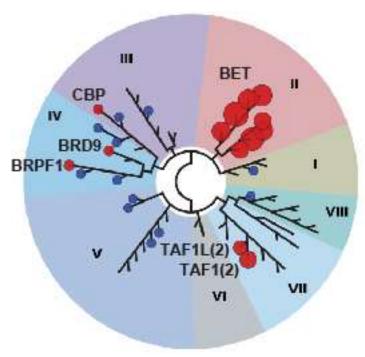




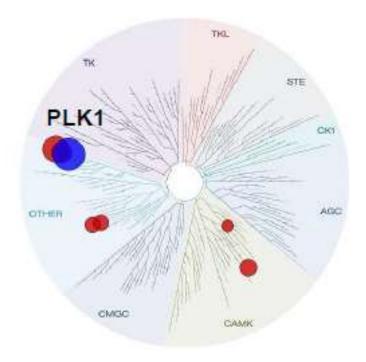


## Panels Reveal Polypharmacology

Clinical PLK inhibitor; dual PLK/BRD4 activity attractive for certain tumor types (e.g. multiple myeloma)



BRD4  $K_d = 12 \text{ nM}$ 







## BioMAP® for Oncology Drug Discovery

#### Challenges:

- Tumor-host interactions are important in cancer
- Currently these are captured only in vivo in animals such as xenograft models or in clinical trials

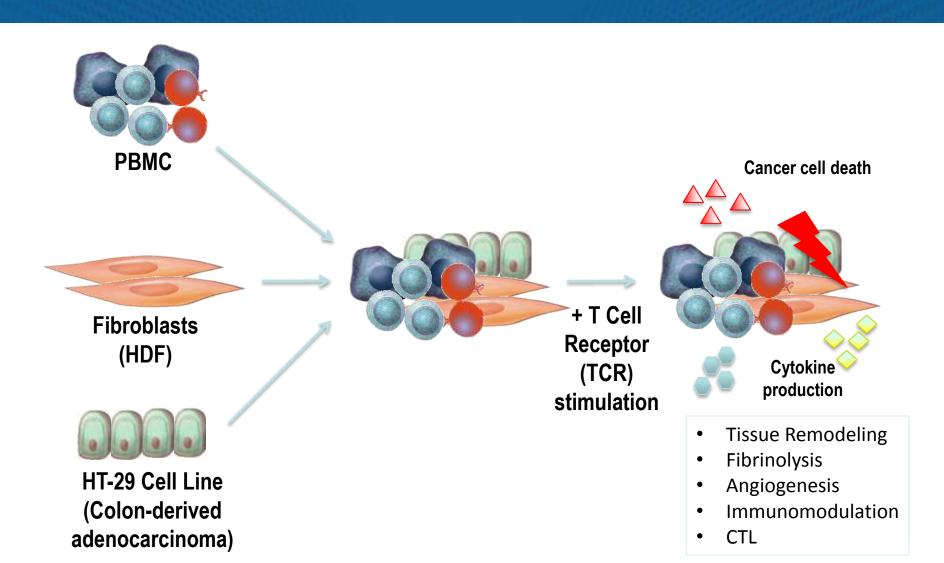
#### Opportunities:

- BioMAP Oncology Systems model the complex tumor-host environment with <u>human</u> primary cells + tumor cells
- These systems include human stromal, vascular and immune components 

  for a more complete coverage of host biology



## Construction of BioMAP® StroHT29 System



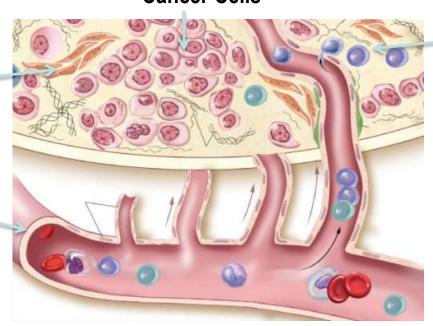


## BioMAP® Oncology Systems

#### **Cancer Cells**

Fibroblasts ("Stro")

Endothelium ("Vasc")



PBMC (Peripheral blood mononuclear cells)

Adapted From Burton ER et al., J. Biol. (2009)

System	Primary Human Cell Types	Stimuli	Disease / Tissue Relevance	Readout Parameters
StroHT29	HT-29 colon Adenocarcinoma cell line + Primary Human Fibroblasts + PBMC	T Cell Receptor (TCR)	Oncology: Host Tumor-Stromal Microenvironment	VCAM-1, uPAR, Collagen I, Collagen III, IP- 10, MMP-9, PAI-1, PBMC Cytotoxicity, sGranzyme B, sIFNγ, sIL-10, sIL-17A, sIL- 17F, sIL-2, sIL-4, sIL-6, SRB, sTNFα, sVEGF, TIMP2, tPA, uPA
VascHT29	HT-29 colon Adenocarcinoma cell line + Primary Human Endothelial cells + PBMC	T Cell Receptor (TCR)	Oncology: Host Tumor-Vascular Microenvironment	MCP-1, VCAM-1, CD40, CD69, uPAR, Collagen IV, IP-10, MIG, PBMC Cytotoxicity, sGranzyme B, sIFNγ, sIL-10, sIL-17A, sIL-2, sIL-4, sIL-6, SRB, sTNFα

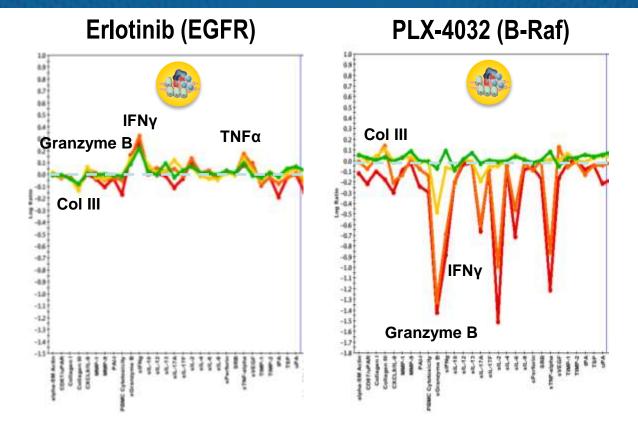
### Benchmark Compounds for Oncology Systems

Profiles in StroHT29 and VascHT29 are available for compound comparison

Agent	Mechanism of Action (MOA)		
17-AAG	Hsp 90 inhibitor		
Vorinostat	HDAC inhibitor		
SB431542	TGF-beta1 inhibitor		
Oligomycin	ATPase inhibitor		
Paclitaxel	microtubule stabilizer		
IC87114	PI-3K delta inhibitor		
Colchicine	microtubule destabilizer		
GSK-1120212	MEK inhibitor		
LY294002	Pan PI-3K inhibitor		
Daunorubicin	Intercalates DNA		
Topotecan	DNA topoisomerase I inhibitor		
Erlotinib	EGFR inhibitor		
Nutlin-3	MDM2/p53 interaction inhibitor		
Vemurafenib	PLX-4032, B-Raf V600E inhibitor		
GDC-0879	B-Raf, ERK inhibitor		
AZD2281	PARP-1, -2 inhibitor		
AZD6244	MEK inhibitor		
BIRB-796	p38 MAPK inhibitor		
Rapamycin	mTor inhibitor		
Everolimus	mTor inhibitor		
Dasatinib	RTK inhibitor		
5-Fluorouracil	Pyrimidine Analog		
Oxaliplatin	DNA Synthesis Inhibitor		



# Validation Drug Activity Profiles in StroHT29



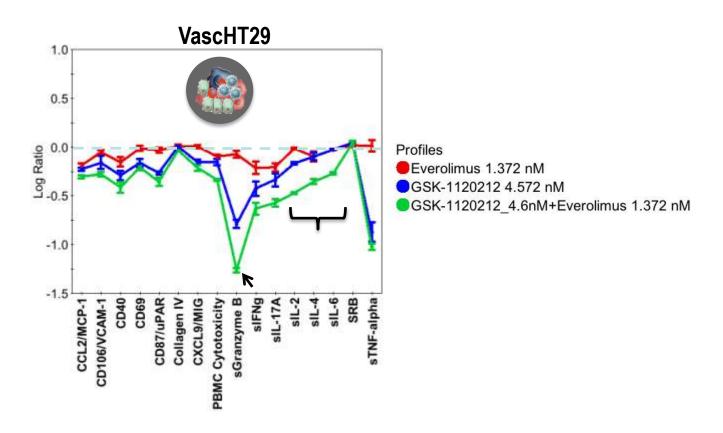
## Cancer drugs induce unique activity profiles

- Capture tumor/host responses
- > Can be used for testing drug combinations



#### **Drug Combinations**

#### Simultaneous treatment with MEK and mTOR compounds



 Arrow and bracket show a synergistic reduction in sGranzyme B, sIL-2, sIL-4 and sIL-6 upon combination treatment with MEK (GSK-1120212) and mTOR (Everolimus) inhibitors



#### DiscoveRx 2015: A Look into the Future

- Our compelling product and service offering is a must-have in every drug discovery program
  - FDA Mandate: Every compound must have a scanMAX and BioMAP profile
- Target based and Phenotypic screening products and services
- Largest Portfolio of products based on proprietary and innovative technology platforms
- Key Relationships with Top 20 pharma and Biotech
- Key Strategic acquisitions to service customers in preclinical toxicology and / or Target Validation platform
- Continue to thrive, innovate and collaborate!

