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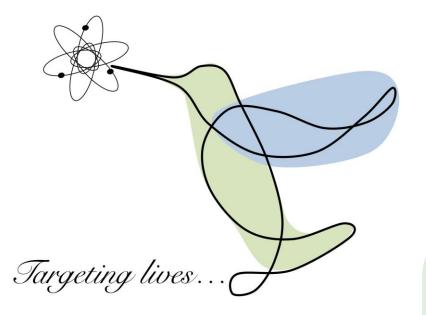
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Develops radiopharmaceuticals technology, products and services

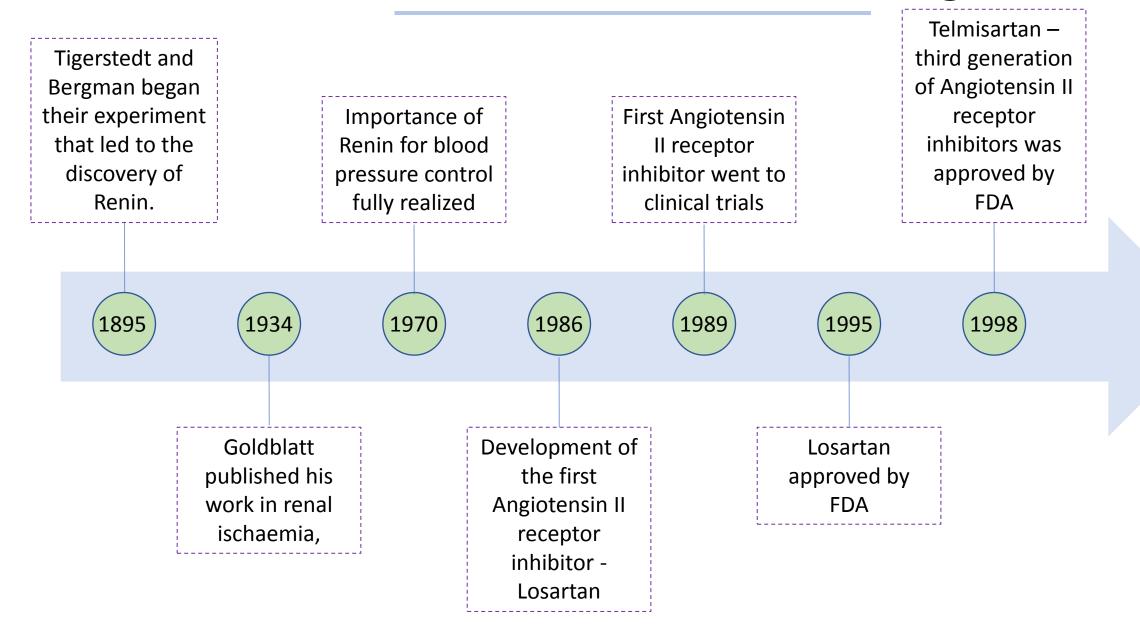
Radiotarget

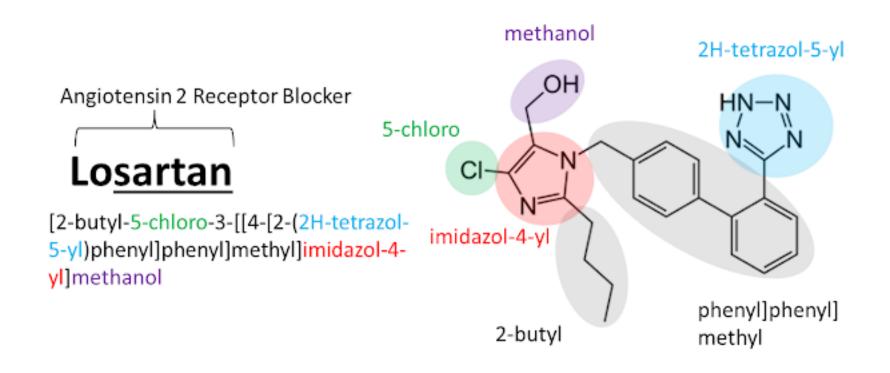


The <u>only startup</u> in Brazil to develop innovative radiopharmaceuticals (in Brazil and worldwide)

Aims: Develop PET /
SPECT imaging agents
and cancer treatment
using radionuclides

Technology based on molecules that will address the radionuclide: aptamers, peptides, nanoparticles...



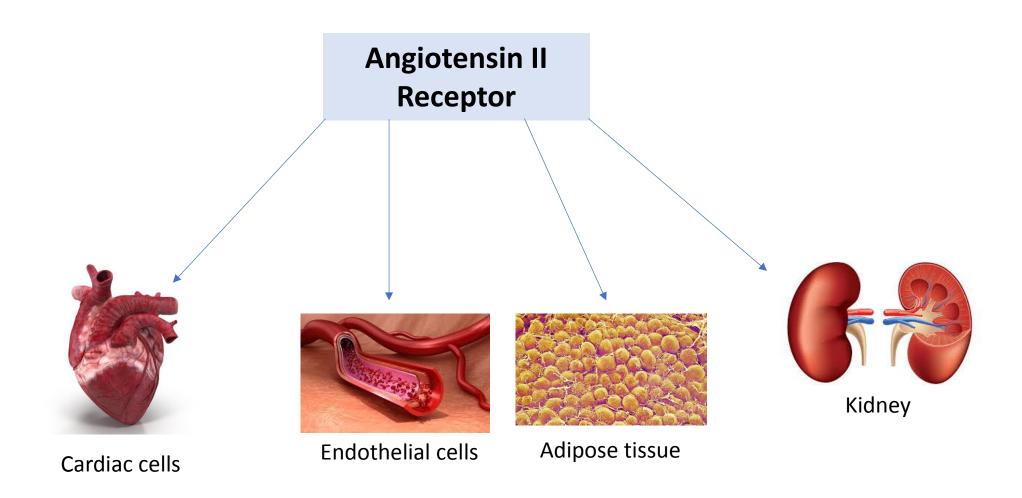


Competitively inhibit the binding of Angiotensin II to AT1R in many tissues

This inhibition prevent vasoconstrictive and aldosterone-secreting effects



Results: It decreases vascular resistance and blood pressure



#### Losartan role in cancer

# Losartan treatment enhances chemotherapy efficacy and reduces ascites in ovarian cancer models by normalizing the tumor stroma

Yanxia Zhao, Jinghong Cao, Alexander Melamed, Michael Worley, Allison Gockley, Dennis Jones, Hadi T. Nia, Yanling Zhang, Triantafyllos Stylianopoulos, Ashwin S. Kumar, Fotios Mpekris, Meenal Datta, Yao Sun, Limeng Wu, Xing Gao, Oladapo Yeku, Marcela G. del Carmen, David R. Spriggs, Rakesh K. Jain, and Lei Xu

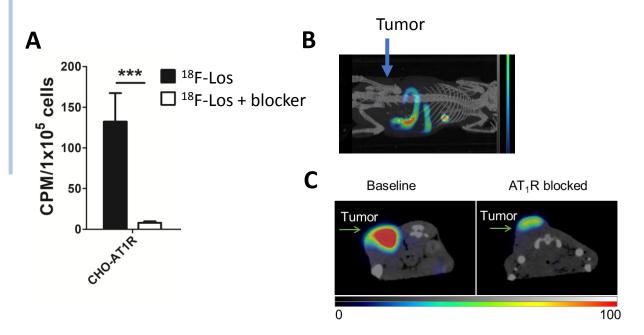
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Half-life of Losartan = 2 hours

#### **Radiotarget**

- ✓ Developed: <sup>18</sup>F-Losartan
- ✓ Similar affinity for AT1R than Losartan (7.9 ± 0.4 nM)
- ✓ Binds to cells in vitro (A)
- ✓ Doesn't bind to tumor when injected intravenously (B)
- ✓ It is retained in tumor site when injected intratumorally (C)



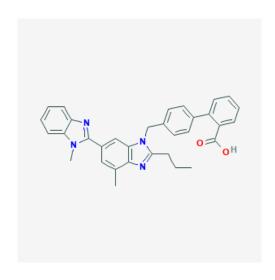
#### Telmisartan role in diabetes

Cell Biochem Funct. 2019 Mar 25. doi: 10.1002/cbf.3383. [Epub ahead of print]

# Telmisartan protects against high glucose/high lipid-induced apoptosis and insulin secretion by reducing the oxidative and ER stress.

Wang Y1, Xue J1, Li Y1, Zhou X2, Qiao S1, Han D2.

Cell Biochem Funct., March, 2019



#### **Several groups**

- ✓ Developed: ¹¹C-Telmisartan
- ✓ **Challenge:** discover mode of action in diabetes
- ✓ Potencial use for the diagnosis of multiple sclerosis? (Radiotarget Project)

Half-life of <sup>11</sup>C-Telmisartan = 24 hours