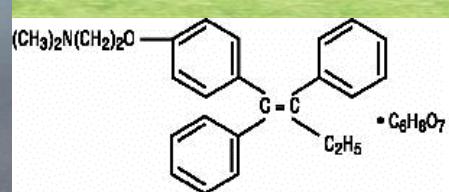
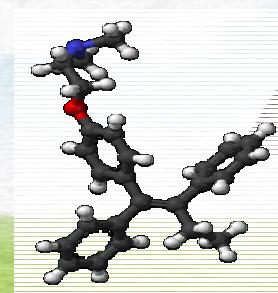
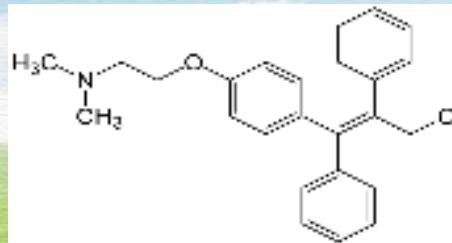


# AL Chemistry Group Project (TAS)

## Drugs development: Tamoxifen



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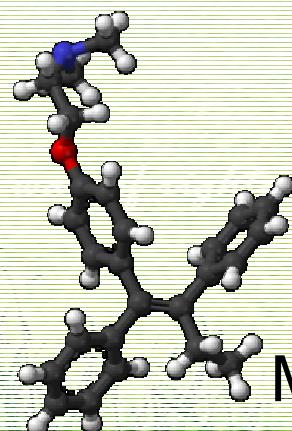
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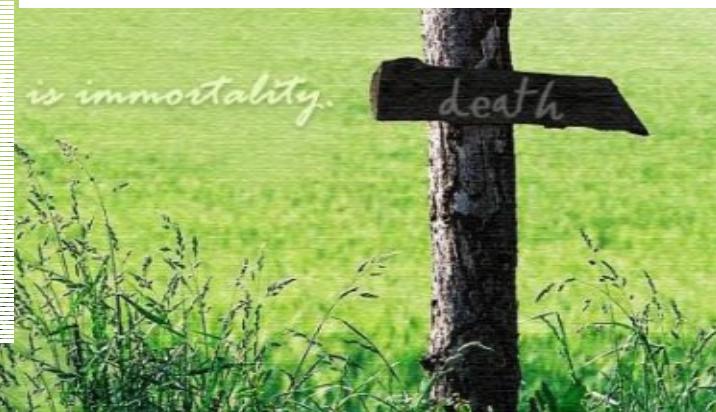
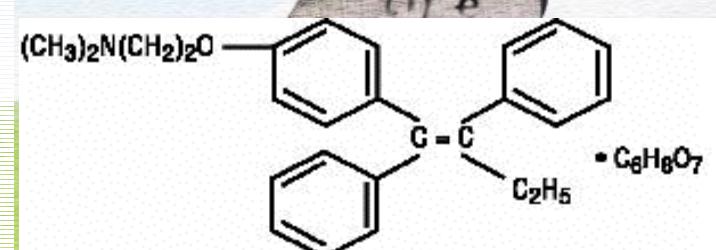
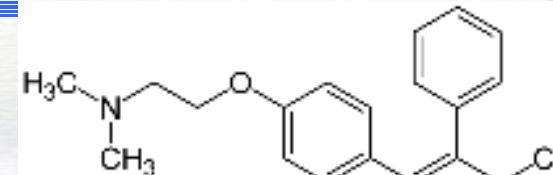


# Introduction to Tamoxifen

- Tamoxifen citrate tablets USP  
→nonsteroidal antiestrogen
- trans-isomer of a **triphenylethylene** derivative: (Z)2-[4-(1,2-diphenyl-1-butenyl)phenoxy]- N,N-dimethylethanamine 2-hydroxy-1,2,3-propanetricarboxylate (1:1)



**C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NO<sub>8</sub>**  
Molecular Weight: 563.62



Tamoxifen

# Lead compound discovery

1950s

Origin:  
birth control pill >> onsteroidal antioestrogens

anticancer drug

1962

>> compound ICI46,474 (focus on birth control)

triphenylethylenes

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# Lead compound discovery (2)

1967

Harper & Walpole

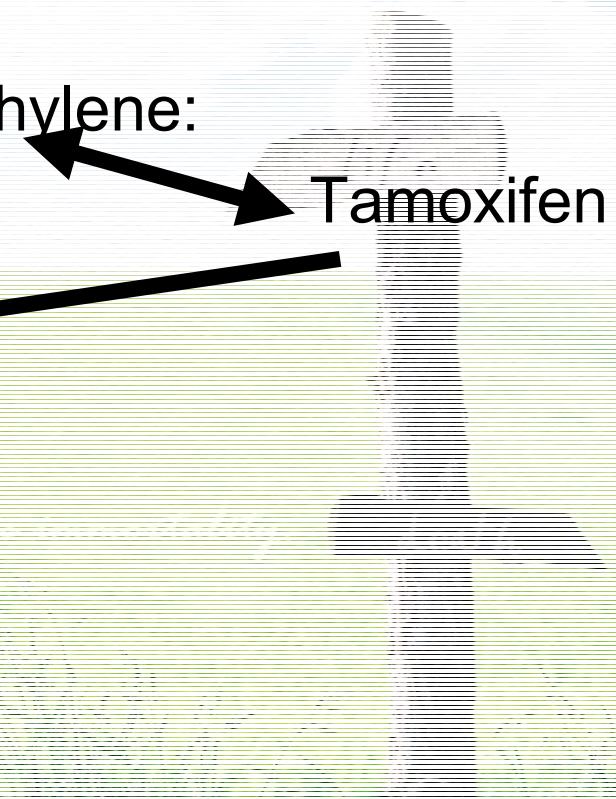
trans isomer of a substituted triphenylethylene:

- estrogen antagonists



- inhibit the growth of cancer cells ☺

→ breast cancer cells



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# Lead compound discovery (3)

1970 s

laboratory testing at ICI Pharmaceuticals  
estrogen receptor alpha ligand (a protein)  
+estrogen  
+estrogen diol  
=create new cancer cells

## Tamoxifen

- inhibit this bonding process
- slow the creation of cancer cells

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# Molecular modification

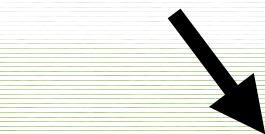
1. organic modifications
2. inorganic modifications
3. organometallic modifications

tamoxifen + ferrocene moiety = ferrocifens

# Molecular modification (2)

McMurry coupling route:

incorporation of CpRe(CO)<sub>3</sub> into the tamoxifen skeleton



multiple low-valent metal

→ can be oxidized to yield a  
multiply-charged cluster

→ more effective **TUMOUR  
SUPPRESSION**

Tamoxifen

# Formulation development

given alone??

→ ☺combination: chemotherapeutic drugs:  
5-fluorouracil (5-FU, or fluorouracil), (5-fluorouracil, epirubicin, cyclophosphamide)

→ a 42% improvement in disease-free survival at 9 years compared to tamoxifen alone

# ∴ Tamoxifen: potential toxicity

\*Treated with **Melatonin**

→ improve the safety and efficacy of tamoxifen

→ fewer side effects in these patients than those receiving tamoxifen alone,

→ significant tumor regression in 4 of the 14 patients receiving melatonin

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# Side effect

Side effect: hot flashes

Paroxetine: antidepressant

GLA +tamoxifen.

Inositol hexaphosphate (IP-6)

>>>increasing the effectiveness of tamoxifen  
in blocking breast cancer cell growth.

effective against ER alpha-negative cells  
and adriamycin-resistant cell lines.

# Clinical trials

- Adverse reactions: relatively mild
- Increased bone and tumor pain,
- local disease flare,
- a good tumor response.
- increased bone pain.
- soft tissue disease,
- sudden increases in the size of preexisting lesions,
- marked erythema within and surrounding the lesions and/or the development of new lesions.
- hot flashes.
- hypercalcemia, peripheral edema, distaste for food, pruritus vulvae, depression, dizziness, lightheadedness, headache, hair thinning and/or partial hair loss, and vaginal dryness.



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