

Module Details	
Module Title	Case Studies in Drug Discovery
Module Code	INC7011-B
Academic Year	2023/4
Credits	20
School	School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Tutorials	7
Lectures	23
Directed Study	168

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 2

Module Aims
To provide a comprehensive understanding of the background and current issues in research into an area of drug discovery. To broaden students' appreciation of the wide range of research in drug discovery.

Outline Syllabus
An overview of the discovery and development process for specific medicines currently on the market or soon to be introduced. Topics will include new medicines for cancer therapy (small molecule and antibody-based therapy), exploitation of tumour vulnerabilities for the therapeutic intervention, patent applications, cancer disease backgrounds, drug target validation, assay development, cancer stem cells and generation of toxic metabolites and knowledge of side effects associated with treatment modalities.

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Evaluate the current state-of-play and future directions in selected areas of medicinal chemistry and drug discovery.
02	Identify the logical approaches taken to maximise the potency and efficacy of new drugs (small molecules and biologics) in preclinical setting and the strategies undertaken to identify best clinical candidates based on SAR PKPD profiles.
03	Develop a strategy to present and discuss a piece of research in the format of a poster.
04	Develop an IT strategy to organise their literature research.
05	Demonstrate time management.
06	Work with a supervisor to plan, agree objectives, responsibilities and working arrangements.
07	Review work and identify ways of improving future work.
08	Explore problems and compare and select options to overcome them.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
<p>1 - Evaluate the current state-of-play and future directions in selected areas of medicinal chemistry and drug discovery.</p> <p>2 - Identify the logical approaches taken to maximise the potency and efficacy of new drugs (small molecules and biologics) in preclinical setting and the strategies undertaken to identify best clinical candidates based on SAR PKPD profiles.</p> <p>3 - Develop a strategy to present and discuss a piece of research in the format of a poster.</p> <p>4 - Develop an IT strategy to organise their literature research.</p> <p>5 - Demonstrate time management.</p> <p>6 - Work with a supervisor to plan, agree objectives, responsibilities and working arrangements.</p> <p>7 - Review work and identify ways of improving future work.</p> <p>8 - Explore problems and compare and select options to overcome them.</p>

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Examination - Closed Book	Students are required to answer 3 out of 5 questions related to drug discovery cases in a 2 hour closed book exam.	60%
Summative	Presentation	Create a poster concerning a specific drug case which should inc. most aspects dealing with its drug discovery process	40%

Reading List
To access the reading list for this module, please visit https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html

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