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We will reserve time and answer as many questions as we can at the end



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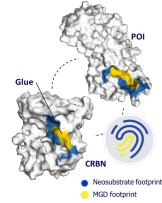
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## Bernhard Fasching, PhD VP Chemistry @ Monterosa Therapeutics

- PhD in Total Synthesis @ MPI KoFo Mülheim
- PostDoc in Glycoprotein research @ Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York
- Drug discovery scientist and project leader at Hoffmann-La Roche Basel in Neuroscience, Infectious Diseases and Oncology
- Biotech startup enthusiast for novel modalities and modes of action
- Successful multiple platform builder, author and inventor of over 30 papers and patents.

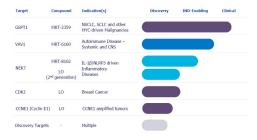


## From Serendipity to Rational Design



### **QuEEN Platform**

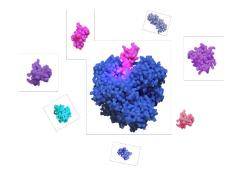
purpose-built to support the discovery and development of molecular glue degraders



## **Proprietary Pipeline**

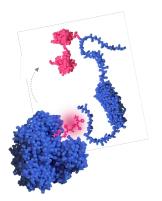
for oncology and immunology with a focus on so far undruggable targets

# PHOREMSST Drugging the Undruggable®



### Technology

Phenotypic screening with engineered mini-proteins to enable and rationalise small molecule drug discovery



# **Benedict Cross, PhD**

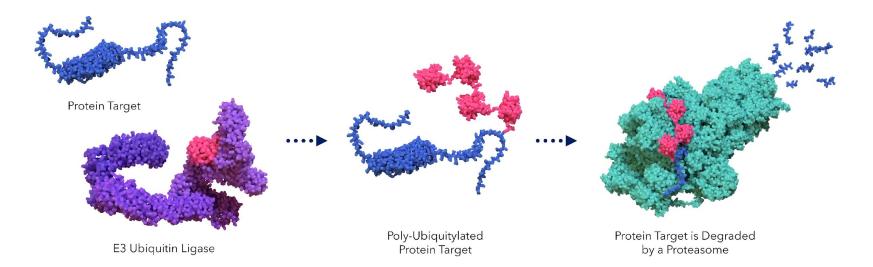
Chief Technology Officer and Head of Platform PhoreMost Ltd

- PhD and postdoctoral training in biochemistry at University of Manchester and Cambridge UK
- Discovered first class of inhibitors of proteostasis master regulator IRE1 with covalent mechanism
- Established first CRISPR-based functional genomics screening technology and published first dual perturbation approach for drug MOA
- Pioneered use the of mini-proteins as new class of enabling perturbagen at PhoreMost UK
- Biotech platform builder & author of more than 30 peer-reviewed publications and patents

## **Pipeline and focus**

Degrader drug asset pipeline Unlocking unprecedented E3s Systematic molecular glue design Target discovery alliances

## The Ubiquitin Proteasome System (UPS)



### Hijacking the UPS for new drug discovery: Why we need Targeted Protein Degradation (TPD)



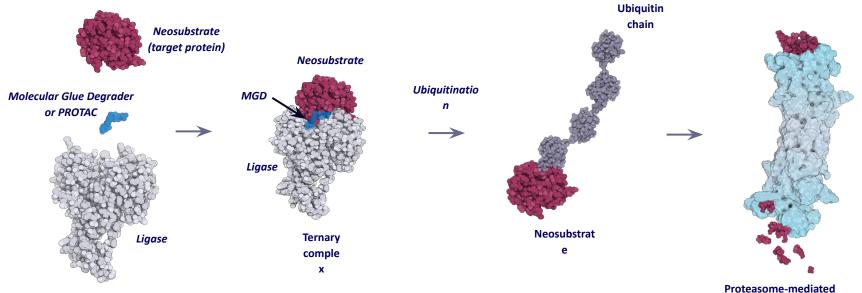
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85% of proteins are deemed unligandable or undruggable with conventional small molecule inhibitors

Many challenging targets with multiple functions are unassailable by single inactivating drugs

Emerging resistance mechanisms can limit the long-term effectiveness of treatments

## **Targeted Protein Degradation (TPD) Editor of the Proteome**



degradation of neosubstrate

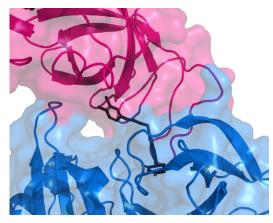
## **Molecular Glue Degraders: Features and Origins**

- Remodelling ligase surfaces with small molecules can mimic the side-chain interactions found in native PPIs
- MGDs predominantly discovered serendipitously and with richness of examples from CRBN and imide chemistry
- Functionally permissive glues can be found that work by stabilising existing PPIs or through *de novo* interactions

IMiD diversification MGD

CRBN:CC885:GSPT1 (5HXB)

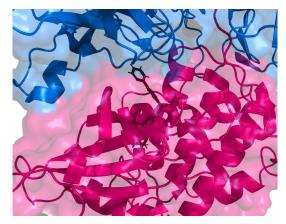
Discovered by SBDD library screening



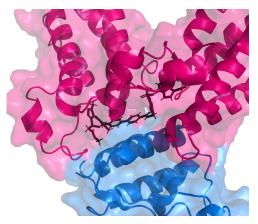
#### Prospectively discovered MGD

DDB1:CR-8:CDK12/CycK (6TD3)

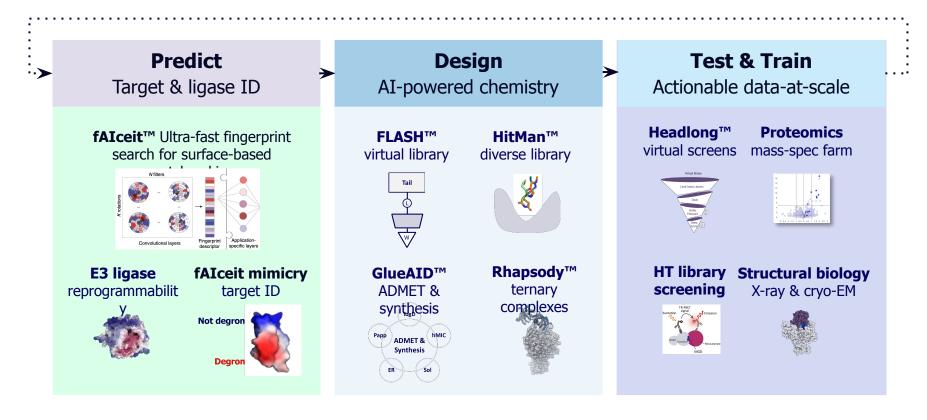
Discovered by phenotypic screening



Redefined MGD DCAF16:IBG1:BRD4 (80V6) MOA from functional genomics

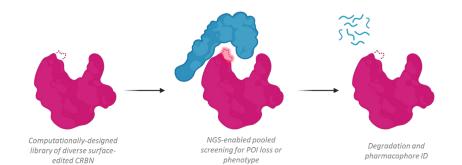


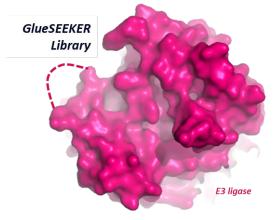
## Monte Rosas QuEEN<sup>™</sup> Toolbox for Rapid Discovery of Oral MGDs



## **GlueSEEKER™: editing the substrate repertoire of E3 ligases**

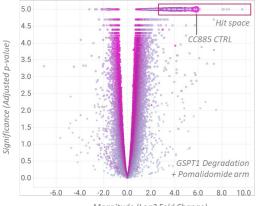
Enabling the systematic discovery of new Molecular Glues through intramolecular protein editing





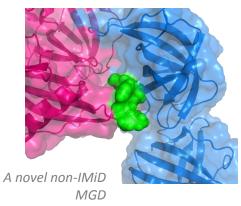
PhoreMost MG Discovery Platform

#### GSPT1, STAT3 GlueSEEKER screening



Magnitude (Log2 Fold Change)

### Molecular modelling from hit space



Pharmacophore







Inventory Keep track of samples, biologicals and compounds



Activity & Registration Store and organize your research data





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