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About Medior

Medior is a biotechnology company seeking to repurpose existing antiviral medications to treat SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19). We are working on modifications in delivery format to use a known therapy to combat a novel virus.

Reasons to Invest

New drug development takes years and substantial capital investment.
Repurposing existing therapies is faster and a fraction of the cost.
Existing opportunity to treat novel viruses means expanding markets and the potential for growth.
Extraordinary possibility for market development.



Covid-19 Pandemic

Since the 3Q2019, a novel virus causing severe acute respiratory syndrome spread globally. For nearly a year now, we have been witnessing an uncontrolled spread of a pandemic, caused by the coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19).

Globally there are 50mm infected and 12mm died.

- Death rate of over 2% from those infected
- Potential of killing >100mm globally

Economically, Covid-19 has led to extreme results:

- 2020 global economic output is expected to shrink -5.2%
- Increased unemployment throughout all developed economies
- Millions of workers on government supported job retention schemes - 19% of total workforce furloughed in United Kingdom, 23% in Germany, 29% in Italy and 41% in France. Continuing social unrest.
- In the US, real GDP in 2Q2020 contracted 31.7%, expected to continue through 2020
- Over 20mm jobs lost during
- After initially lifting restrictions most have paused or reversed reopening plans



Vaccine	Drug
<p>Goal is to develop a vaccine targeting a specific strain of the virus.</p> <p>Covid-19 fortunately has not as yet shown a strong tendency to mutate.</p> <p>Evidence suggests Covid-19 may be challenging to combat via vaccine owing to virus's ability to effect immune memory.</p> <p>Clinical analysis shows unexplained neutralization effects associated with virus.</p> <p>Several vaccine trials were suspended due to unexplained illnesses in trial participants.</p> <p>Not all viruses are candidates for vaccine. For example, no HIV vaccine has ever been developed due to certain challenges.</p>	<p>Goal is to target inhibit growth/multiplication of the virus at any stage of its development via specific chemical substances.</p> <p>Potential drugs include high-molecular forms containing peptide or antibody units and so-called small molecule chemists characterized by the ability to interact with any of the key enzymes implicated in the development of the pathogen.</p> <p>According to multiple sources, one promising route targets structural modifications at selected chemical compounds to obtain a product with the greatest potential for application against Covid-19.</p> <p>This is referred to as "Repurposing" which is further discussed in these materials.</p> <p>A completely new drug would take very significant amount of time to develop.</p>

Situation Overview Development of Covid-19 Drugs

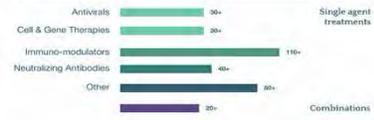
Globally, governments have pledged billions of dollars for Covid-19 vaccine and treatment options.

Many pharmaceutical firms are racing to develop and test potential drugs that could help nations get back to "normal".

According to the WHO, until such medical interventions become available, no country is safe.

Hospitals and research labs are testing different therapies on coronavirus-positive patients in an effort to find a practical COVID-19 treatment.

Type of COVID-19 Treatment Being Studied



550+
Drug development & regulatory planning

350+
Drug development & regulatory Administration

5
COVID-19 clinical trial applications in emergency

0
Treatments by FDA

Role of Computational Chemistry

Repurposing antiviral drugs is a key for us to address the Covid-19 threat.

Existing antiviral medications could effectively target Covid-19, yet are not effective in their existing form. Repurposing uses accessible and effective agents of existing antiviral medications via structural modifications of existing molecules with antiviral serine protease potential at their complex molecules.

Today, we can use computational chemistry to identify promising modifications and to create effective innovations. Computer models can predict outcomes by using various drug properties as well as properties of viral targets. Computer models can predict the right direction for further research and development.

This approach is consistent with finding an effective drug combination to combat the disease.



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1. This phase can include the early science done to understand a condition, and identify druggable targets. This is followed by identifying or creating a compound to work on this target. Tens of thousands of compounds may be assessed with their potential to be therapeutic.
2. This will include tests of your selected compound in chemical models, cell models, and eventually animals, models of your disease. These tests will look for efficacy but also safety and toxicity of the drug.
3. This is the first stage at which a drug is tested in humans. Phase I trials are entirely geared towards tolerability and safety. As you move through Phase II there is a growing focus on efficacy, and a growing size of trial, with Phase III trials large and efficacy focused.
4. If trials are successful the drug then needs to be assessed by regulators before reaching patients.

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- No NEW drugs
- Screen for drugs lined on known behaviour
- Safety profile known
- Human use approved
- Extra stage safety trials (re-analysed or skipped)
- Repurposing offers a quicker, cheaper, and collaborative route to the development of effective treatments.
- It is an ideal route to rapidly address conditions with a high unmet need.
- There are surprising commonalities between rare diseases and emerging infectious diseases that mean both can benefit from a repurposing approach to more rapidly deliver patient impact.
- Repurposing projects have a real chance of delivering a meaningful intervention to patients in a timely manner.

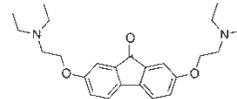
Zooming-In on Tilorone

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The drug may work by activating specific innate immune system pathways that suppress viral replication.

Tilorone was originally synthesized and developed at the pharmaceutical company Merrell-Dow which is now part of Sanofi. It is used in form of dihydrochloride salt.

Tilorone is currently used clinically as an antiviral outside the USA and is sold under the trade names *Atrivin*® or *Lavexum*®.



Tilorone has a track record of safe use in children and adults as both a prophylaxis and treatment for viral diseases.

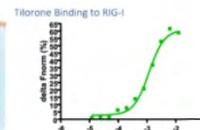
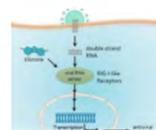
Tilorone as a Broad-Spectrum Antiviral Therapeutic

Indications and Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treatment of EBV - Post-exposure Prophylaxis of EBV - Treatment of acute infections from ZIKV, Chik, SARS-CoV, MERS-CoV, and for influenza
Indications and Usage	<p>Human Pharmacology: After oral administration, it is rapidly absorbed from the digestive tract. Bioavailability is 40-50%. Binding to plasma proteins is 80%. It is not subject to biotransformation. T_{1/2} = 48 h, and is excreted unchanged in feces (70%) and urine (19%). It does not accumulate.</p> <p>According to Wöcker et al. (1972): 16 h after intraperitoneal injection in mice high concentrations of iAC-Tilorone were found in liver, followed by spleen, kidney and lung. Concentration in lungs was 16 times higher than in blood.</p> <p>Not a PCP substrate.</p>
Indications and Usage	No serious adverse effects. Acceptable therapeutic index to support treatment for life-threatening.
Patient Populations	All age groups and populations.
Drug Interactions	Compatible with antibiotics and other drugs for the treatment of viral and bacterial diseases.

Tilorone – modes of antiviral action

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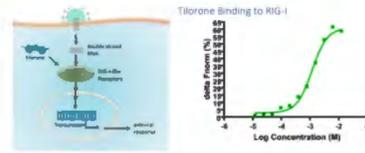


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The Hypothesized Mechanism of Action for Tilorone is Activation of Innate Immunity Pathways such as the RIG-I-Like Receptor Pathway that Induces IFN and Activates a Cellular Antiviral Response. Binding Data of Tilorone to the Human Viral RNA Sensor RIG-I Shows a Low-Affinity (EC50 = 0.5 mM) in this Cell-Free in vitro Model (Ekins et al., 2020).

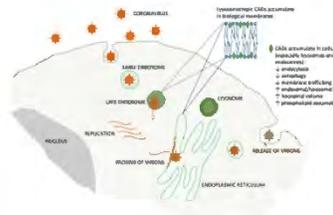
Tilorone – modes of antiviral action. Direct antiviral effect

Lysosomotropic mechanism of action

Lysosomotropic compounds can diffuse freely and rapidly across the membranes of acidic cytoplasmic organelles in their unprotonated form, then when they enter the acidic environment they become protonated.

Tilorone, is an amphiphilic cationic compound. The lysosomotropic mechanism may also have an important role as **Tilorone blocks viral entry**. Cationic amphiphilic drugs have been proposed recently as a useful starting point for broad spectrum antivirals.

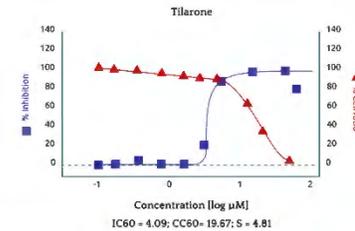
Tilorone highly accumulates in lysosomes/endosomes and their membranes, reaching about 100-fold higher intracellular than their extracellular concentration (Ulf Norinder et al., 2020)



Tilorone anti-Sars-Cov-2 in-vitro efficacy

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Tilorone as Potential COVID-19 Drug



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Dose- response anti-Sars-Cov-2 for Tilorone.

- Blue squares represent inhibition of virus infection (%)
- Red triangles represent cell viability (%)

Tilorone anti-Sars-Cov-2 in-vitro efficacy (own data)

In our own in vitro screening using visual detection of the cytopathic effect of infected Vero cells the direct antiviral effect has been determined with an EC50 of about 30 μM.

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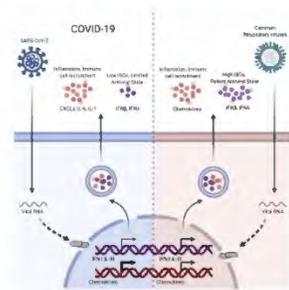
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Interferons deficiency as substantial difference between COVID-19 and Common respiratory viruses

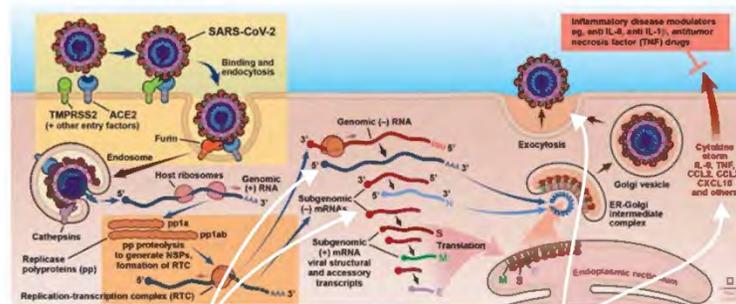


In comparison to other respiratory viruses, SARS-CoV-2 infection drives a lower antiviral transcriptional response that is marked by low IFN-I and IFN-III levels and elevated chemokine expression, which could explain the pro-inflammatory disease state associated with COVID-19.

- SARS-CoV-2 infection induces low IFN-I and -III levels with a moderate ISG response
 - Strong chemokine expression is consistent across in vitro, ex vivo, and in vivo models
 - Low innate antiviral defenses and high pro-inflammatory cues contribute to COVID-19
- (Daniel Blanco-Melo et al. 2020)

Key Events

Key events of Sars-CoV-2 viral life-circle, targeted by Tilorone



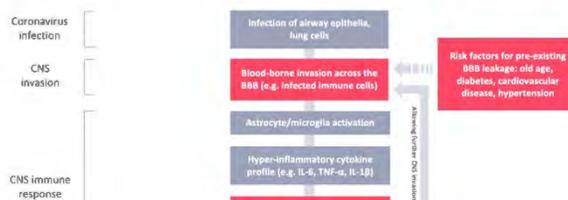
Intermolecular interactions of Tilorone with viral RNA and/or with RNA in the host cells could be considered as one of the molecular mechanism of antiviral activity of Tilorone

Interferon (IFN) response can be increased by Tilorone as IFN inducer. Tilorone can repress of viral IFN antagonism, and enhance of host antiviral IFN pathways. As a result the "cytokine storm" induced as a host response to rampant virus replication may be targeted by Tilorone.

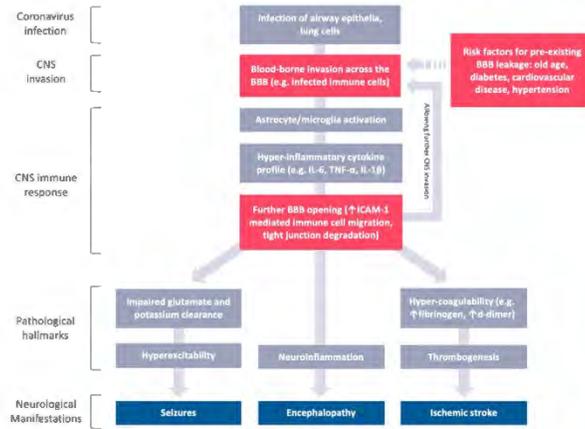
Some other key events in COVID-19 pathogenesis could be targeted by Tilorone:

- SARS-CoV-2 Neuroinvasiveness in the brain
- SARS-CoV-2 dependent ischemia
- SARS-CoV-2 persistence in testicles
- Post-COVID-19 Lung fibrosis

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Tilorone as a potential anticovid drug

As evident from the above figures Tilorone can interact with Covid-19 at different levels of the disease:

- Via induction of INFs and an innate immune response
- Via direct antiviral effects
- Via immune privileged sites penetration (Brain, Testicles)
- Via its antifibrotic effect
- Via its antithrombotic action



Proprietary Tilorone Research and Development



Financial Requirements for Next Steps

