

# Fundación MEDINA

# Discovering the Future

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#### **About us**

#### Independent, Non-profit

Research Organization established as a Private-public partnership between

- Government of Andalucía (Spain)
- · University of Granada (Spain)
- Merck Sharp and Dohme de España S.A.







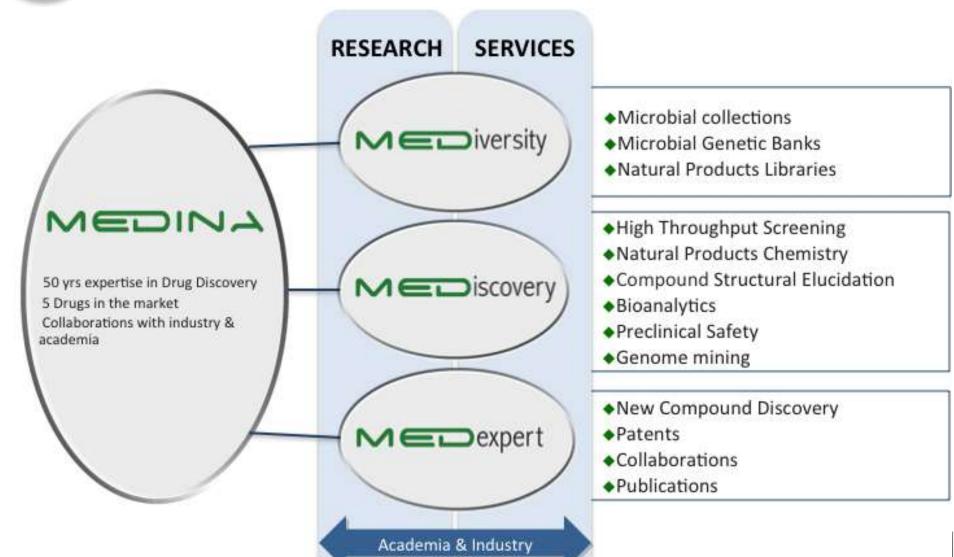


#### Our Mission

Discovery of new bioactive compounds and innovative therapies for unmet medical and industrial needs.



# At a glance





# **Natural Products: Untapped sources of novel drugs**

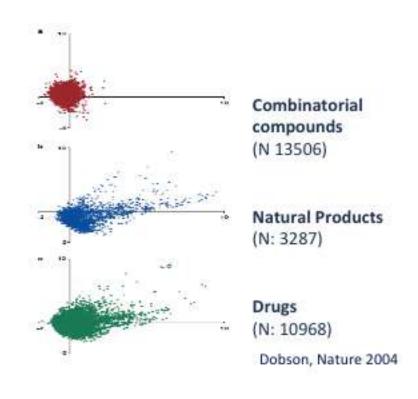
Unique chemical space compared to synthetic libraries

Potency and selectivity derived from extended evolution selection

Underexplored microbial sources of novel compounds

Outstanding scaffold starting points for new drug candidate development

**Privileged structures**: excellent templates for the synthesis of novel, biologically active, natural product-like molecules



53% of new chemical entities in the last 20 yrs are naturally derived or related with natural products scaffolds (Newman and Cragg, 2012)



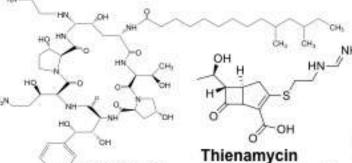
## **Natural Product Drugs**

(Imipenem, Merck)

#### **Antimicrobials**

#### Antitumor

#### Immunosuppressors



Caspofungin (Cancidas, Merck)

Cardiovascular

# Paclitaxel (Taxol, BMS) Romidepsin , FK228 (Istodax, Celgene)

#### Neurodegeneration

# Lovastatin (Mevacor, Merck)

Fingolimod (Gilenya, Novartis) NP-derived from fungal myriocin Immunomodulator, Multiple sclerosis

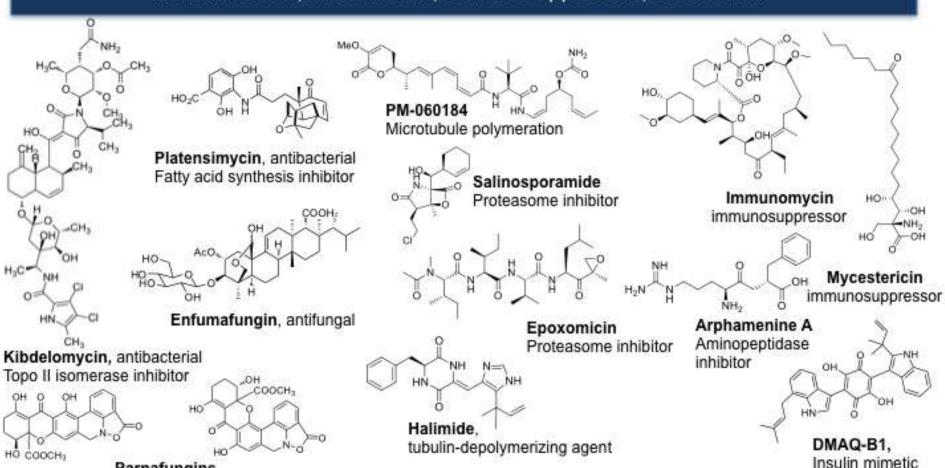
(Sandimmune, Novartis)

Rapamycin (sirolimus) (Rapamune Pfizer)



# Natural products leads and clinical candidates

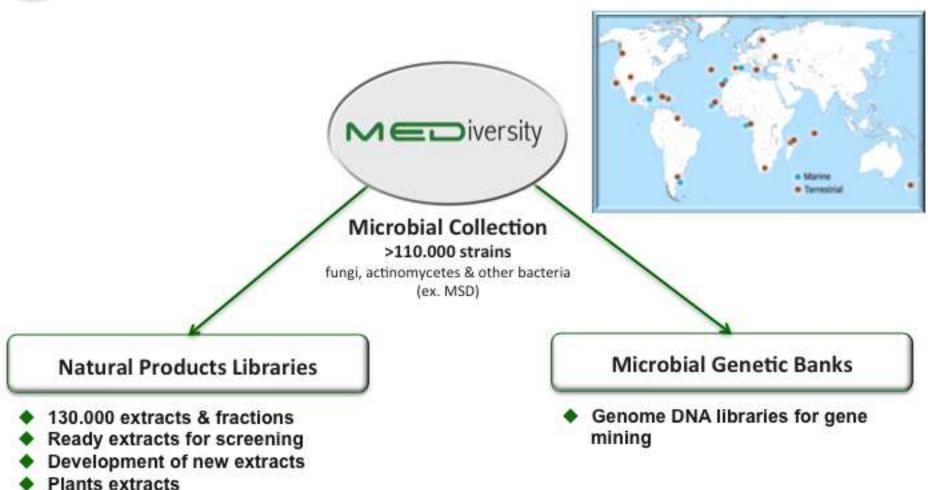
#### Antimicrobials, antitumorals, immunosuppressors, metabolism



Parnafungins mRNA polyadenylation inhibitors

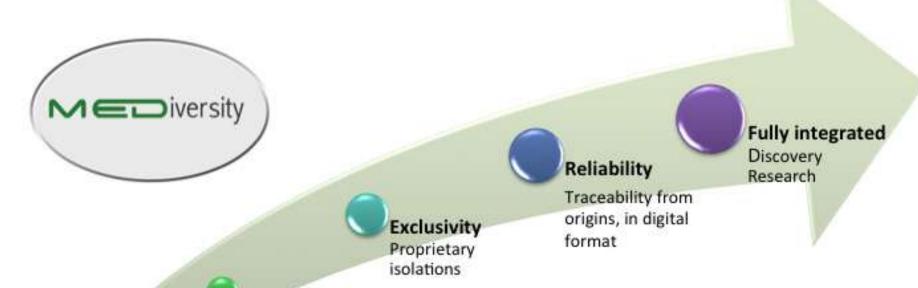


# Maximizing chemical diversity by maximizing biodiversity





# Access to collection and exploitation



#### Diversity

Taxonomically Geographically Ecologically

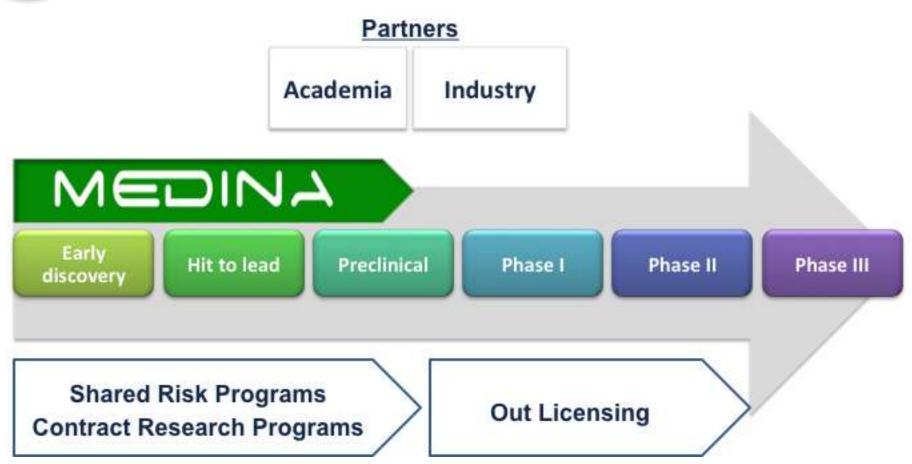
#### Volume

>110.000 Microbial strains 113.000 extracts & fractions Genome banks

# Through Collaborations & Partnerships



# **Drug Discovery - Collaboration Agreements**





# **Drug Discovery Current Research Areas**



Infectious Diseases

- Gram negative
- Tuberculosis
- Aspergillosis

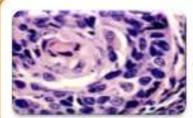




**Parasitic Diseases** 

- Malaria
- Leishmaniasis
- Trypanosomiasis

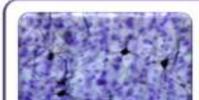




Oncology

- Kidney
- Breast
- Pancreas
- Lung





Neurodegeneration

- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
- Neuroprotection





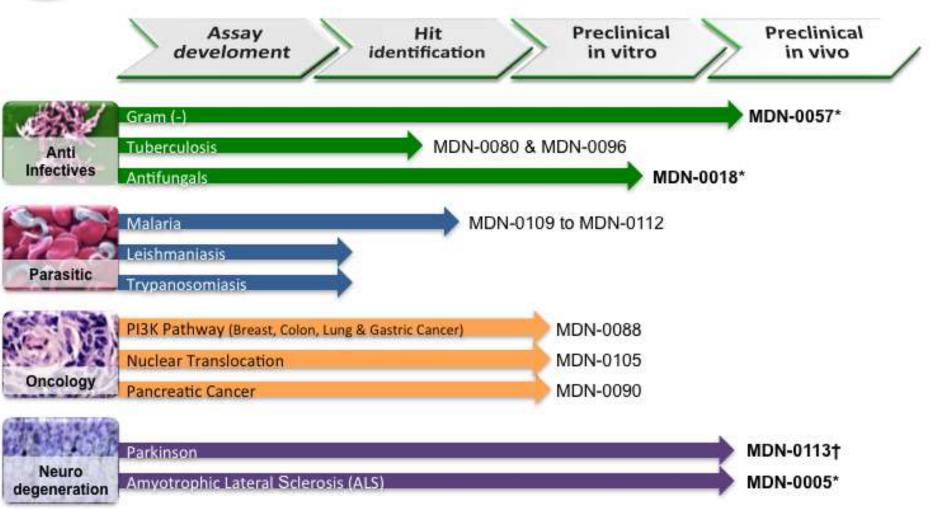








# **Drug Discovery Research Pipeline**



\*Patent applications filed

†Patent application under preparation





**State-of-the-art** high resolution and automated sample handling systems Analytical evaluation of **minute amounts** of drugs and natural molecules **High throughput assay** of biological samples / **cost and time efficient** 

# Pharmacology/ Toxicology

In Vitro ADME-Tox Drug Metabolism Cardiotoxicity Neurotoxicity Cytotoxicity Functional assays

## **Bioanalytics**

Pharmacokinetics Analytical evaluation of drugs & other substances

#### Metabolomics

Biomarkers Identification





## **Current Partners & Collaborators**



























































Academic Partners & Consortia

Partners |











Bringing knowledge to life





# What we can offer to Industry

