

## **NMR Fragment Based Screening against RNAs: Examples of Successful Hit Finding Projects**

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Our main goal at Saverna Therapeutics is to discover and develop new molecules for therapeutic areas such as inflammation and infectious diseases. We use a platform based on Iterative Fragment Screening using Nuclear Magnetic Resonance coupled with sophisticated Machine Learning techniques to identify drug-like small molecules targeting non-coding RNAs. During this talk, I will give an overview about the RNA drug discovery projects we have initiated with our academic partners, SMEs and Pharma partners targeting RNAs. I will highlight which fragment features can lead or not, to a binding event and how to maximize the chances to find lead-like small molecules targeting RNAs.