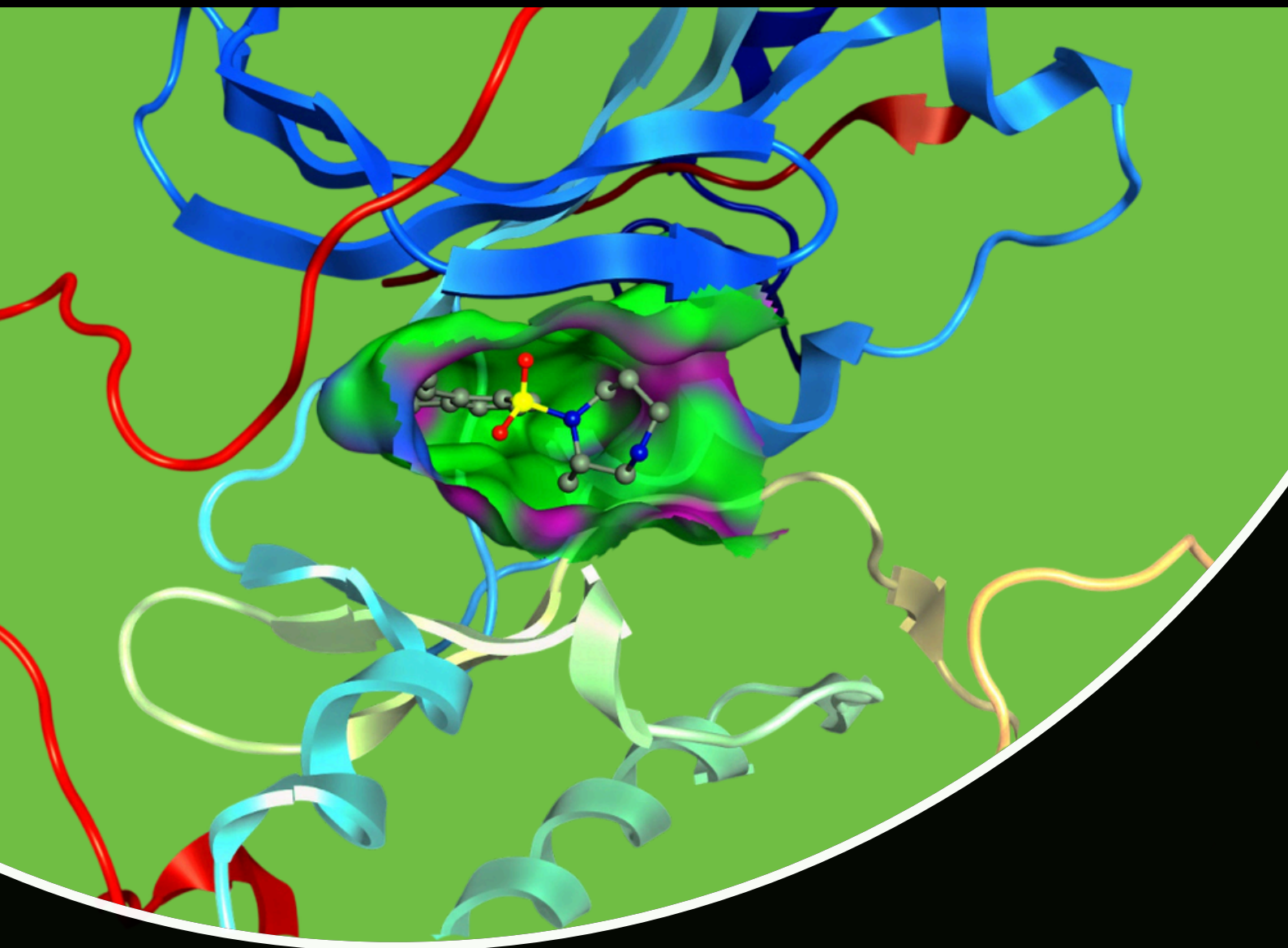


Second Announcement



37th BMCS Spring Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry

Thursday 23rd April 2026
Fielder Centre, Hatfield, UK



Synopsis:

Known colloquially as the “Hatfield MedChem” meeting, this is a highly successful, long-standing, one-day meeting that runs annually. The scientific program will comprise presentations showcasing medicinal chemistry case studies from tools to candidates, across a range of modalities, therapeutic areas and target classes, as well as covering more general topics at the forefront of drug discovery. The meeting aims to be informal and interactive, and is ideal for all those working in medicinal chemistry and drug discovery more widely.

Programme:

09:00 **Registration / Coffee**

09:30 **Welcome and Introduction**
Douglas Williamson, *Nxera Pharma*

Morning Session

Chair: Katie Simmons, *University of Leeds*

09:35 **Simon Peace, *GSK***
Discovery of Inhaled FRAP1 Inhibitor GSK4003332 for the Treatment of Pulmonary Fibrosis and its Assessment via Application of a Novel Safety Strategy

10:05 **Oscar Barba, *Independent Drug Discovery Advisor, Sitryx***
Discovery of Novel Phthalazinones as PKM2 Activators

10:35 **Tea / Coffee, Posters and Exhibition**

Late Morning Session
Chair: Nicole Hamblin

11:05 **Agostina Cianciulli, *Evotec***
GPR39 antagonism: A New Paradigm for the Treatment of Acute Myocardial Ischemia

11:35 **Henrik Moebitz, *Novartis***
Nonclassical Zwitterions as a Design Principle to Reduce Lipophilicity without Impacting Permeability

12:05 **Agostina Cianciulli, *Evotec***
GPR39 antagonism: A New Paradigm for the Treatment of Acute Myocardial Ischemia

12:35 **Lunch, Posters and Exhibition**

Afternoon Session

Chair: Alison Jones, *Charles River*

13:45 **Capps Green Zomaya Award Lecture**

14:15 **Jonathan Powell, *Domainex***
Development of C5aR1 Negative Allosteric Modulators (NAMs) with Potential Benefits for Neuroinflammation

14:50 **Akane Kawamura, *Newcastle University***

15:20 **Tea / Coffee, Posters and Exhibition**

15:50 **Poster Prize**

15:55 **Mattia Cocco, *AstraZeneca***
Hemiasterlins: Navigating SAR for Antibody-Drug Conjugates in Cancer Therapy

16:25 **Mark Andrews, *Pharmaron UK***
Identification of Novel Macrocyclic Inhibitors of the Polymerase Domain of DNA Polymerase Theta

16:55 **Concluding remarks**
Adrian Hall, *UCB*

17:00 **Meeting Close**



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