#### The Art of Making a Scientific Presentation

#### **ARRIVE 10 MINUTES EARLY**

#### CHECK THE MICROPHONE PRIOR TO STARTING Check the sound (listen) Check for audience reception

#### CHECK THE AV EQUIPMENT PRIOR TO STARTING

NO UHS, PAUSE

LOOK AT YOUR AUDIENCE DESCRIBE YOUR SLIDES-the title, the x and y axes

LOOK AT YOUR SLIDES, POINT TO YOUR DATA AND WHAT YOU ARE REFERING TO-DON'T MAKE THE LISTENER TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT YOU ARE REFERING TO.

**AVOID COMPLICATED SLIDES.** 

**KEEP THE WORD SLIDES TO A MINIMUM OF** WORDS.

A 60 MINUTE TALK SHOULD LAST FOR NO MORE THAN 50 MINUTES.

A 10 MINUTE TALK IS A 10 MINUTE TALK.

LEAVE TIME FOR QUESTIONS.

THANK YOUR AUDIENCE AND ASK FOR QUESTIONS.

The pros and cons of Powerpoint

Pros;

Can make very colorful and fancy slides Can animate slides Can wait till the very last minute to make slides Can spell check.

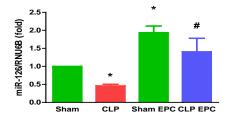
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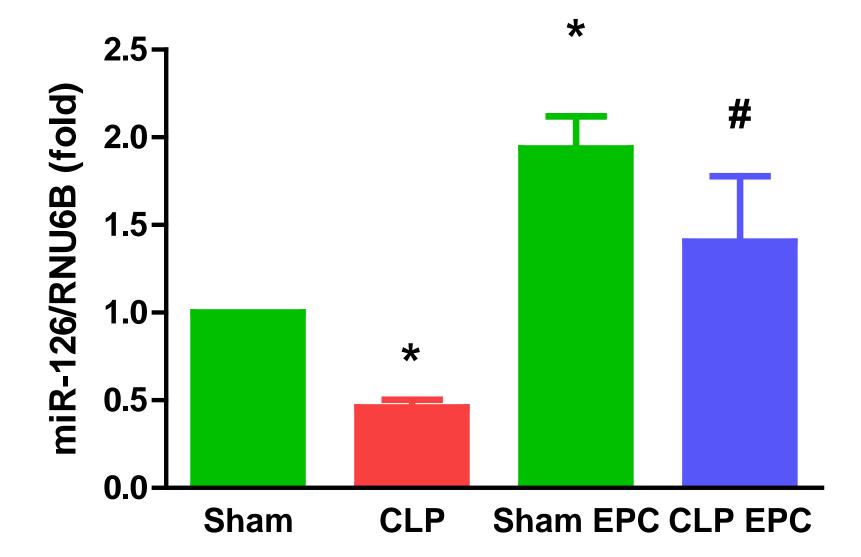
# Sit in the back of the auditorium and go through your slides.

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**CHOOSE YOUR FONT SIZE AND COLORS CAREFULLY** 

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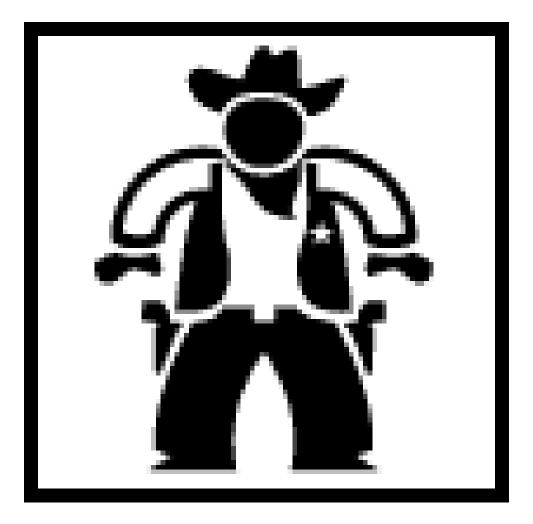
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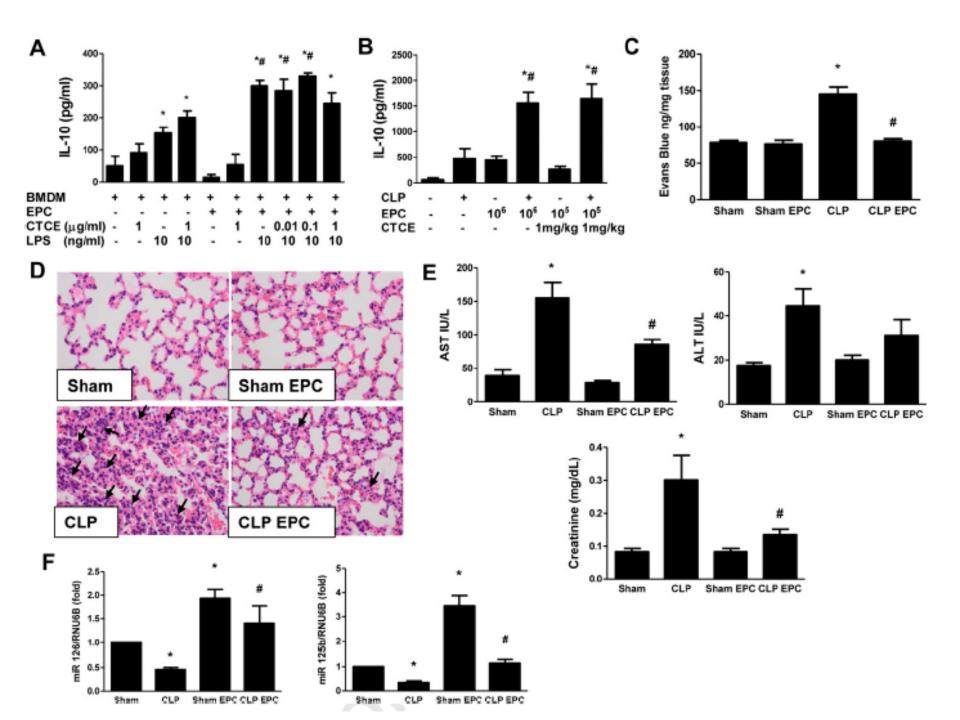
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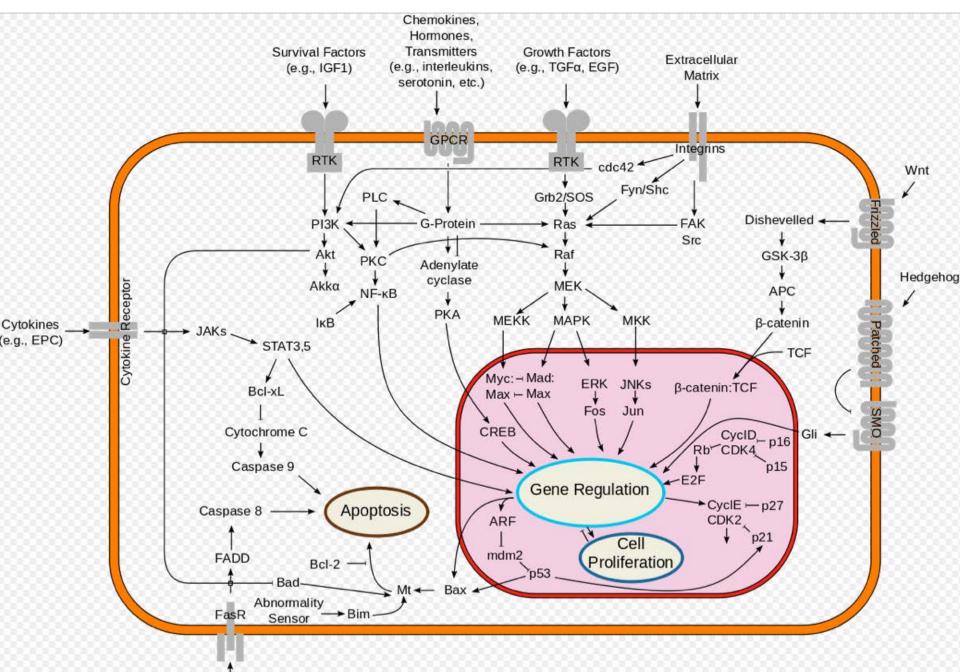
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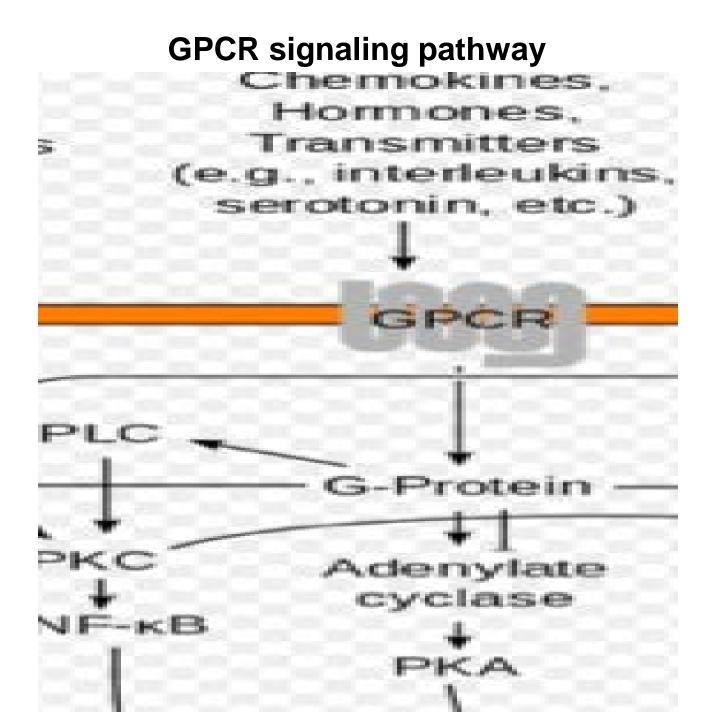
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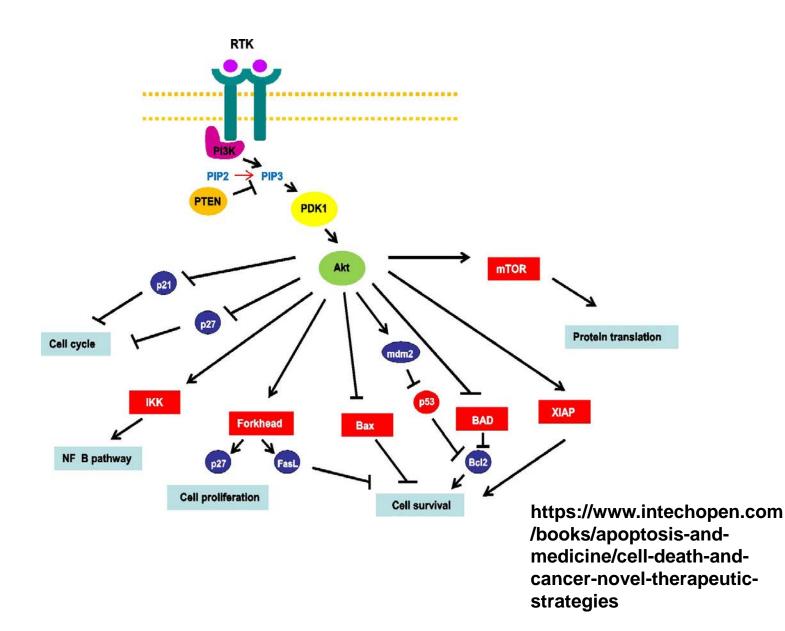








## The PI3K/AKT pathway



#### DON'T DO THIS

TP receptor	Stress fibers % positive
Wild-type	90% (389)
pcDNA3	10%* (132)
Wild-type+SQ29,548	39%* (128)
L222N	15%* (80)
L222A	33%* (51)
L222I	97% (34)
C223A	84% (163)
H227A	95% (41)
E240A	67%* (70)
E242A	64%* (119)
R235A	85% (40)
R237A	92% (39)
D238A	84% (51)
Δ323-343	84% (49)

#### Table 1. Stress fiber formation for wild-type and mutant TP receptors.

HOW MANY SLIDES SHOULD YOU HAVE FOR A TALK?

**10 MINUTE TALK 10-12 DATA SLIDES** 

**50 MINUTE TALK ~ 40 SLIDES** 

## **The KISS Principle**

## **KEEP IT SIMPLE STUPID**

## **TELL A STORY**

#### TELL THEM WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO TELL THEM INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

#### TELL THEM DATA JUST ONE STORY Develop a thread throughout-bridge the slides/data.

#### TELL THEM WHAT YOU TOLD THEM SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

## **INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

#### **KEEP IT SUCCINCT AND TO THE POINT**

## **OBJECTIVE/HYPOTHESIS**

#### FOCUS THE LISTENER

### **METHODS** EXPLAIN THE EXPERIMENTAL PARADIGM

## **PRESENTING YOUR DATA**

#### DATA SLIDES SHOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING; **A TITLE- Describes the slide** X & Y AXES CLEARLY LABELLED FOR GRAPHS

#### MEAN AND SEM OR STANDARD DEVIATION N P VALUES

**DESCRIBE YOUR SLIDES** 

BRIDGE THE PRESENTATION OF YOUR SLIDES!! DON'T JUST SHOW THE SLIDES

## **Rigor and reproducibility**

## Mind your p's and n's.

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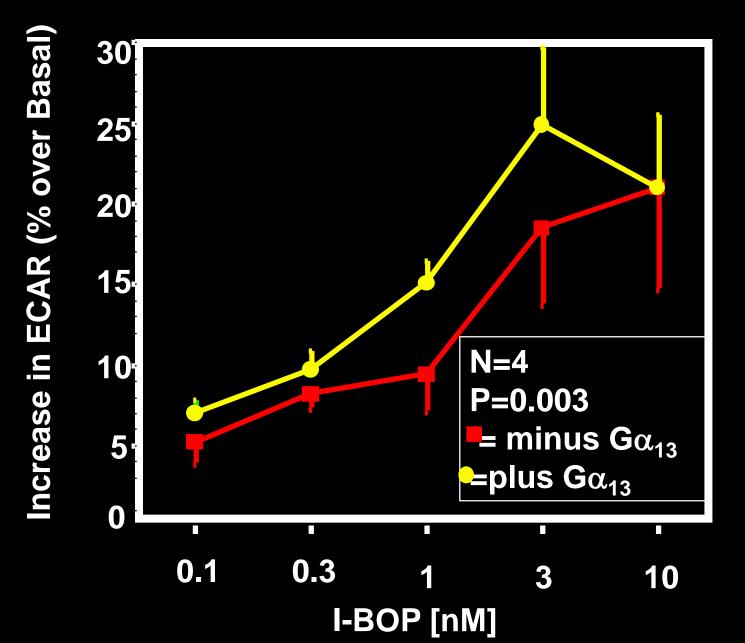
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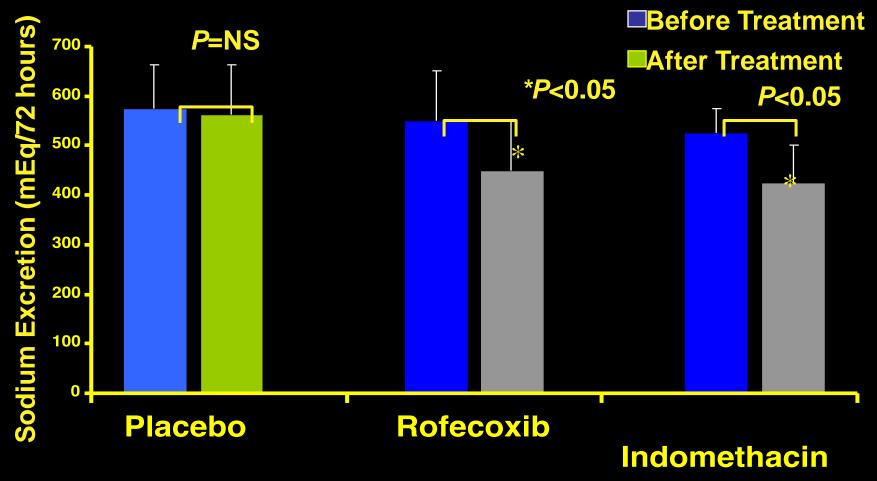
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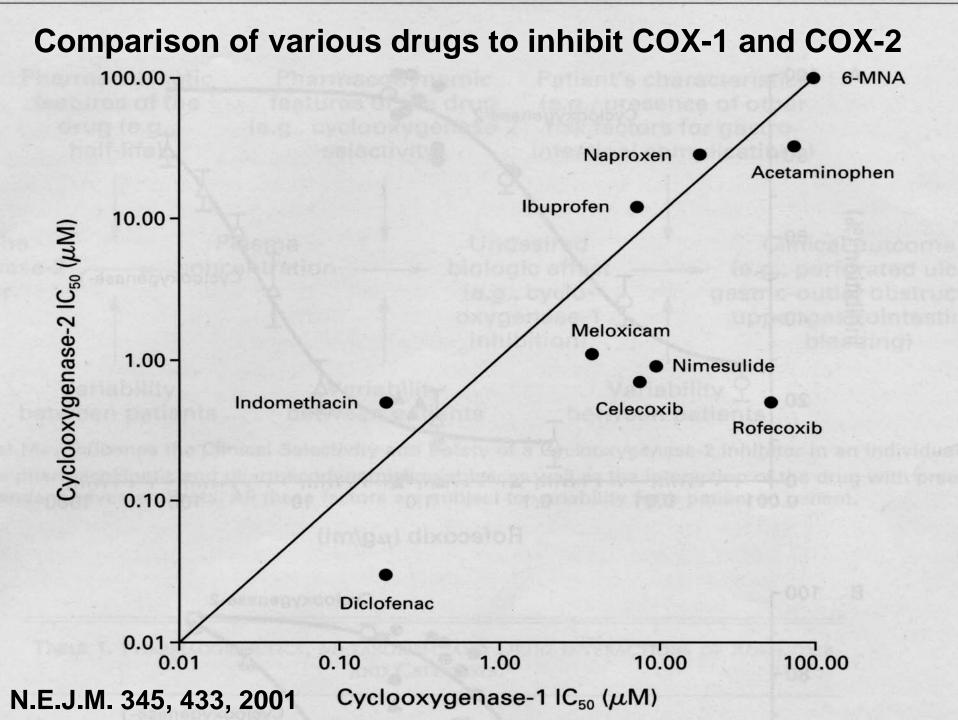
#### **QUOTING OTHER SCIENTISTS' PUBLICATIONS**

#### GIVE THE FULL REFERENCE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SLIDE

## Renal Effects of Rofecoxib: 72 Hour Sodium Excretion



Catella-Lawson et al. J Pharmacol Exp Ther. 1999;289:735-741.



## SUMMARY

LIST THE MOST IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS

## CONCLUSION

#### SPECULATION, SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OBSERVATIONS AND/OR FUTURE DIRECTIONS

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

#### DON'T FORGET TO THANK THE AUDIENCE

#### **ASK IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS**