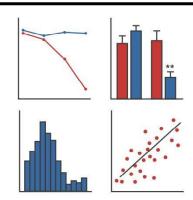
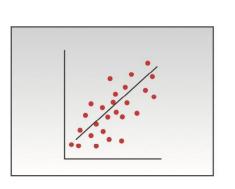


# **Poster Presentations**

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### Scientific Content

Visual Information

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Your ideas, experiments, results, discussion, etc. Anything you want to communicate to an audience. All of the visual aids you use to communicate information. In a paper, these are your figures; in a slide presentation, these are your slides; and in a poster presentation, this is your poster.



Delivery

Your narrative that leads the presentation of your visual information. In a paper, your narrative is written on the page. In a slide and poster presentation, you deliver your narrative orally and with nonverbal communication (body language).

### First step

# The Purpose of Poster Presentations

- Visually present a summary of your research
- Serve as a visual aid that **supports** your oral presentation



# **Balancing Act**

- Detailed and complete AND concise
- Poster should stand on its own
- Poster shouldn't be overwhelming with text



# Design Tips

## Plan

- Results
- Charts
- Bullet Points/Summaries
- Layout

## Flow of sections

• Logical

## Size

- Conferences dictate
  size
- 48" x 60" is typical



# Design Tips

## Text

- Get to the point
- Use bullet points
- Font
  - Use standard font
  - Headings: 32 pt
  - Text: 24 pt
  - Figure Details: 18 pt
- Balance with images
- Word Count
  - ~100 words / section
  - ~1000 words total



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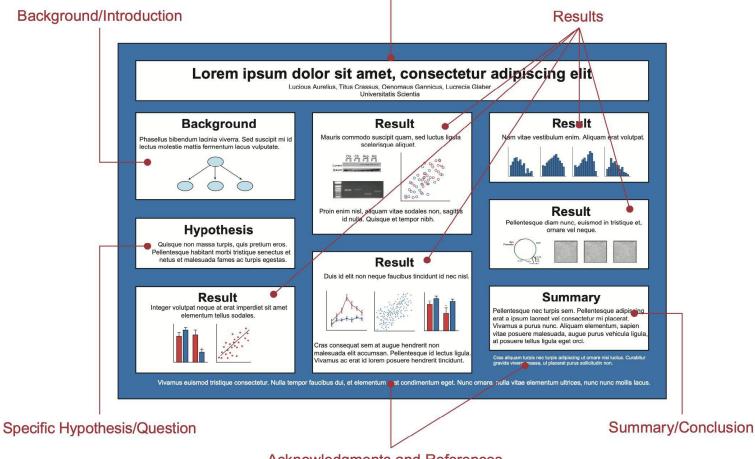
## Images

- Photos/Figures
- Use to tell the story (e.g. models, charts)
- Use with purpose
- Balance with text

## Color

- ~2-3 colors
- Use white space

#### Title with Authors and Affiliations



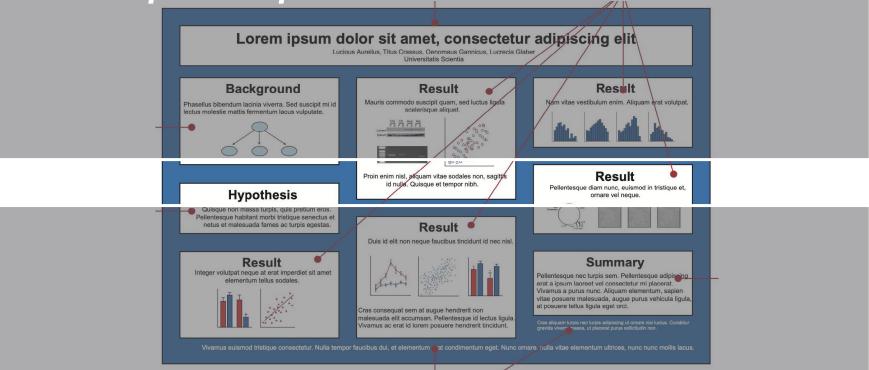
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## **Poster Sections**

- Title, Authors, Logos
- Abstract
- Introduction/Background
- Hypothesis
- Methods
- Results
- Summary
- References
- Acknowledgements



### Title

- Informative
- < 2 lines

## Author(s)

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- Anyone else who contributed significantly
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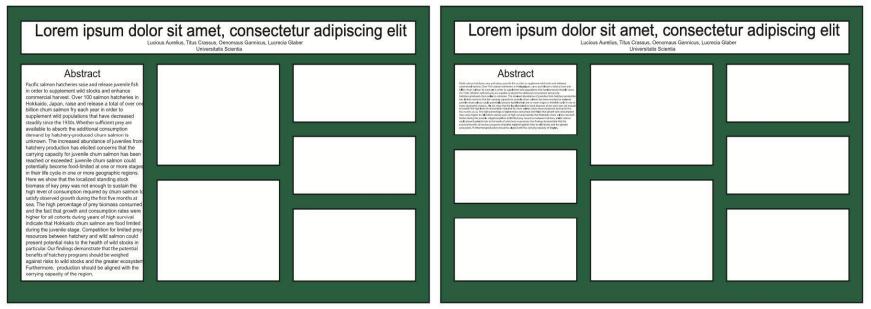
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#### Abstract

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### Introduction/Background

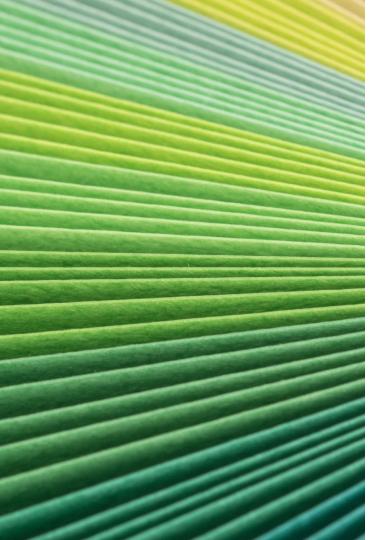
- Brief
- Hook your audience

### Hypothesis

- Brief
- Possibly use diagrams

### Methods

• Details depend on audience, complexity, and importance



### Results/Findings

- 3-4 main findings
- Group/organize logically
- Easily understood figures
  - Simple, clear labels
- Complex figures
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- You will present the findings, don't need to explain via text



#### Summary

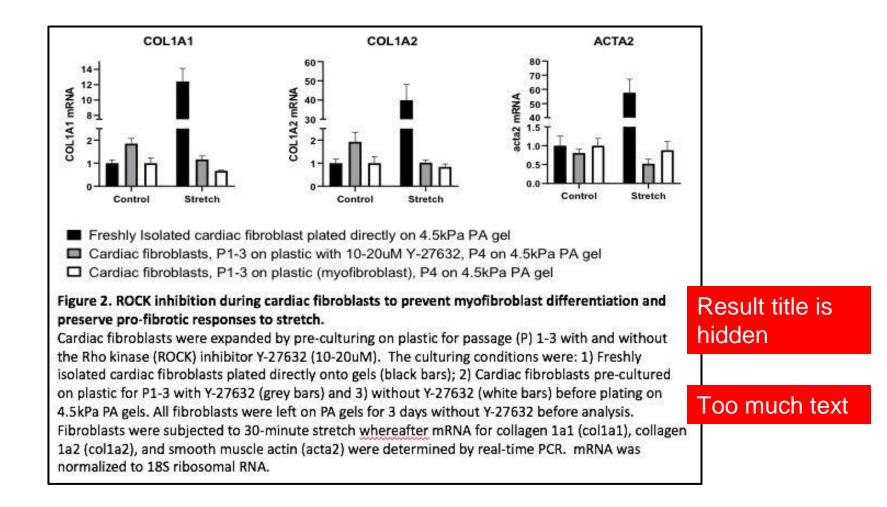
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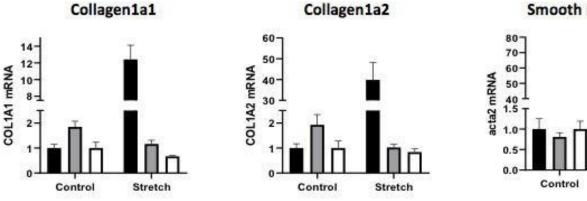
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## ROCK inhibition during cardiac fibroblasts prevents myofibroblast differentiation and preserves pro-fibrotic responses to stretch. Result title



Smooth Muscle Actin

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Freshly Isolated cardiac fibroblast plated directly on 4.5kPa PA gel

Cardiac fibroblasts, P1-3 on plastic with 10-20uM Y-27632, P4 on 4.5kPa PA gel

Cardiac fibroblasts, P1-3 on plastic (myofibroblast), P4 on 4.5kPa PA gel

Cardiac fibroblasts were expanded by pre-culturing on plastic for passage (P) 1-3 with and without the Rho kinase (ROCK) inhibitor Y-27632 (10-20uM). All fibroblasts were left on PA gels for 3 days without Y-27632.



#### O<sup>6</sup>-Benzylguanine Inhibits Tamoxifen Resistant Breast Cancer Cell Growth and Resensitizes Breast Cancer Cells to Anti-Estrogen Therapy

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O6-Benzylguanine Plays a Dual Role in Tamoxifen Resistant MCF-7 Cells: Contrasting with the experiments above, next, we



Abstract

Endocrine therapies using anti-estrozens are least toxic and very effective for breast cancers, however, tumor resistance tamoxifen remains a stumbling block for successful therapy. Based on our recent study on the involvement of the DNA repair protein MGMT in pancreatic cancer (Clin Cancer Res. 15, 6087, 2009), here, we investigated whether MGMT overexpre ediates tamoxifen resistance. Specifically, we determined whether administration of MGMT inhibitor [OP-benzylguanin (BG)] at a non-toxic dose alone or in combination with the anti-estrogens (tamoxifen/fulvestrant) curtails human tamoxifer resistant breast cancer cell growth. Further, we also determined whether BG sensitizes breast cancers to tamoxifen using tamoxifen resistant cells.

MGMT expression was found to be increased in breast cancer cells relative to normal breast epithelial cells. Also, MGMT levels were significantly higher in tamoxifen resistant MCF-7 compared to the parent cells. Silencing of the ER-a expression using a specific siRNA resulted in augmentation of MGMT mRNA and protein levels by 2 fold. We also observed an inverse correlation between MGMT and p53 levels in breast cancer cell lines; moreover, p53 downregulation was accompanied by increased MGMT expression. Other experiments showed that BG alone or BG in combination with tamoxifen or fulvestran decreased ER-a expression, whereas tamoxifen alone and fulvestrant alone increased and decreased the same respectively However, all these treatments increased the patter mRNA and protein expression significantly. BG inhibited tamoxifer resistant breast cancer growth in a dose-dependent manner and it also resensitized resistant breast cancer cells to anti-estrogen therapy (TAM//Cf). These combinations also enhanced the cytochrome C release and the PARP cleavage, indicative of apoptosis. In breast cancer xenografts, BG alone or a combination of BG with tamoxifen or fulvestrant caused significan tumor growth delay and immunohistochemistry revealed that BG inhibited the expression of MGMT, ER- a, ki-67 and increased p2100 staining. These findings suggest that MGMT inhibition may provide a novel and effective approach for overcoming tamoxifen resist.



Recent advances in breast cancer research have identified key pathways involved in the repair of DNA damage induced by chemotherapeutic agents. The ability of cancer cells to recognize DNA damage and initiate DNA repair is an important mechanism for therapeutic resistance and has a negative impact on therapeutic efficacy. A number of DNA-damaging alkylating agents attack the nucleophilic O<sup>4</sup> position on guanine, forming mutagenie and highly cytotoxic interstrand DNA crosslinks. The DNA repair enzyme Ob-alkylguanine DNA alkyltransferase (AGT), encoded by the gene MGMT, repairs alkylation at this site and is responsible for protecting both tumor and normal cells from alkylating agents. MGMT is expressed constitutively in normal cells and tissues. In breast tumors, MGMT gene expression is elevated and levels are up to 4-fold higher than in the normal breast. Interestingly, it has been shown that tamoxifen accelerates proteasomal degradation of MGMT in human cancer cells. In 1991, Pegg, Moschel, and Dolan observed that O<sup>6</sup> benzylguanine (BG) inhibited AGT and potentiated the cytotoxicity of both chloroethylating agents and methylating agents. In a series of important observations, they fully characterized the interaction between BG and AGT and its theraneutic impact. The showed that BG binds AGT, transferring the benzyl moiety to the active-site cysteine [29]. The reaction is very rapid and more potent than any other previously known AGT inhibitor. BG is not incorporated into DNA in living cells and reacts directly with both extoplasmic and nuclear AGT. Because BG is a psuedosubstrate for MGMT which results in the covalent transfer of benzyl group to the active site cysteine, the MGMT protein is degraded after each reaction. This stoichiometrireaction mechanism effectively depletes the AGT content in tumors and the associated repair of alkylation damage. BG is currently undergoing clinical trials in various cancers to increase the efficacy of alkylating agents.

Interestingly, several observations suggest an inverse correlation between the levels of MGMT and p53 tumor suppresse proteins where wild-type p53 suppresses transcription of human MGMT expression. Unfortunately, p53 function is often inactivated or suppressed in human cancers; therefore, restoration of wt-p53 activity is essential for the success of some treatments. However, whether or not this is mediated by suppression of MGMT expression has yet to be determined. To date, the cross-talk between MGMT and ER-alpha (and the link to p53 expression) has not been explored in drug (i.e. tamovifen) resistant breast tumors. The anti-estropen tamovifen is the most commonly used treatment for nationts will estrogen receptor positive breast cancer. Although many patients benefit from tamoxifen in the adjuvant and metastatic settings, resistance to this endocrine therapeutic agent is an important clinical problem. The primary goal of present study was to investigate the mechanisms of anti-estrogen drug resistance and to design new therapeutic strategies for circumventing this resistance. The results show that MGMT expression is increased in TAM-resistant breast cancers and inhibition of MGMT by BG significantly improves TAM-sensitivity.

#### Results

Prolonged Treatment of Tamoxifen Increases MGMT Expression: We developed a tamoxifen resistant MCF-7 cell line by using prolonged treatment of tamoxifen on the parental ER-positive breast cancer cell line, MCF-7, Tamoxifen-resistant MCF-7 cells proliferate at rates similar to the parental MCF-7, Prolonged treatment of tamoxifen onto MCF-7 cells increased MGMT expression compared to parental MCF-7 cells by 2 fold (Fig.t).

Knocking Down ERa Enhances MGMT Expression in Tamoxifen Resistan Breast Cancer Cells: It is not known whether ERg and MGMT transcriptionally regulate each other in tamoxifen resistant breast cancer cells. We therefore investigated whether down regulation of ER $\alpha$  has any effect on endogenous MGMT expression in these cells. As expected, downregulation of ER $\alpha$  using specific siRNA significantly reduced ERG protein levels in these cells. Western blot analysis was performed and the results in the left panel (Fig. 2A) shows that silencing of ER $\alpha$  increases MGMT expression in these cells, and interestingly, the results in the right panel (Fig.2B) show increased MGMT mRNA levels were increased as assessed by qRT-PCR. These data suggest that ERa-mediated signaling functions to repress MGMT gene expression in

Transcriptional Regulation Between MGMT and p53: Previously, it was reported that p53 negatively regulates MGMT in breast cancer cells. Therefore, we addressed whether or not silencing the p53 enhances endogenous MGMT transcription. Tamoxifen resistant MCF-7 cells were transfected with either p53 siRNA (p53-KD) (Fig.2C) or MGMT siRNA (MGMT-KD) (Fig.2D) along with Non-specific siRNA (NS), MGMT expression was consistently increased in p33 knock down cells, with different experiments showing a - for intrasted in FGD shows more teal, includes experiments showing a - fold augmentation (Fig. 2A) and as expected, knocking down MGMT decreased MGMT transcription where as p53 mRNA levels were unaffected in MGMT knocklown cells (Fig. 2D). These results confirm that p53 can regulate MGMT at Figure 1. MCF-7 parental and tan Figure 1. SI(1-7) parential and tansmind resistant MCT<sub>7</sub> cell peliets were prepared, proteins were isolated and MGMT capression was detacted by western blut andysis. Tamosifer resistant MCT<sub>7</sub> proset cancer cells significantly increased MGMT capression compared to MCF<sub>7</sub> parental cells. the transcriptional level.

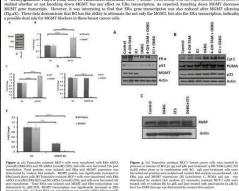
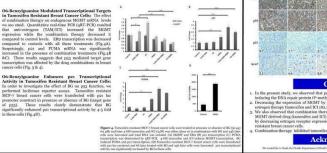


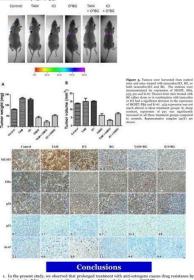
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O6-Benzylguanine Modulates p53 Down-Stream Targeted Protein Expressions: Encouraged by the results reported, w investigated the effect of combination therapy on endogenous MGMT, p53, and ER0 protein expressions. As expected, BG decreases MGMT expression, while combination therapy (4-OH-TAM or ICI combined with BG) significantly decreased both MGMT and ERC spressions. BG alone or in combination with tamoxifen or ICI decreased ER-G expression, whereas tamoxifen alone and ICI alone acreased and decreased the same respectively (Fig.3A), p33 expression was slightly altered after ICI treatment. The reduction in p33 sion by ICI alone was reversed when BG was combined (Fig.3A). We investigated the effect of BG on proteins which are involve spression of relation was reverse when of was considered ( $\eta_{g,S}$ ). The introduced are entered to be in process when are involved in cell cycle regulation, apoptois in tamoxilen resistant breast career cells. All these treatments significantly increased the priv-protein expression (Fig.gB). PUMA expression was also increased with these treatments. Hence, PUMA may have translocated to the nitochondria, cytochrome C is released (Fig.3B), and apoptosis was triggered in these cells in presence of combination therapy. PARF cleavage is seen in BG treated cells in presence of staurosporin as an indicative of apoptosis (Fig. 3C). Therefore, this data suggest that BG promotes cell cycle arrest and can induce apoptosis by modulating p53 function.



O6-Benzylguanine Inhibits Tamoxifen Resistant Breast Cancer Cell Growth and Increase Resistant Breast Cancer Cell Sensitivity to Anti-Estrogen Therapy (TAM/ICI): Detailed necropsy revealed that all he mice had tumors in the breast. The data summarized in Table 1 show the daily BG alone or in combination ith twice weekly tamoxifen/ICI significantly decreased median tumor volume and weight as compared with that seen in tamovifen/ICI treated and control mice. The combination of BG with tamovifen or ICI produced the greatest decrease in median tumor volume as compared with control mice (83.99 mm<sup>3</sup>, 9.33 mm3 (TAM+BG), preases decrease in inclusion control with control in the total of the second s mg (TAM+BG), respectively, p<0.0005); (81.23 mg, 51.57 mg (ICI+BG), respectively, p<0.0005). (Table.1). Body weight was not changed among all treatment groups as compared with control mice. No visible liver metastase were present (enumerated with the aid of a dissecting microscope) in all treatment groups.

Histology and IHC Analysis: We next determined the in vivo effects of BG (alone or in combination) with unoxifen/ICI. Tumors harvested from different treatment groups were processed for routine histological and IHC malysis. Tumors from mice treated with BG alone or in combination with tamoxifen/ICI exhibited a significant lecrease in MGMT, ERa, ki-67 as compared with tumors treated with tamoxifen/ICI alone or control group. p53 sion was not much altered in these treatment groups. In sharp contrast, the expression of p21 was nificantly increased in tumors from mice treated with BG either alone or in combination with tamoxifen/ICL he images were analyzed by ImageJ (NIH) and MGMT, ER0, p53, p21 and ki-67 expressions were quantified by he ImmunoRatio plugin. (Fig.5).



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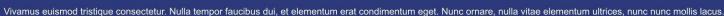
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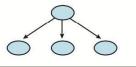


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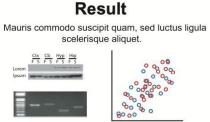
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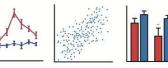




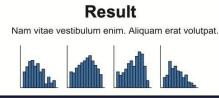
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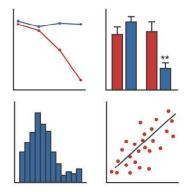
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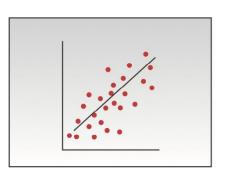
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# Software

- PowerPoint/Google Slides
- Adobe Illustrator
- Open-Source Alternatives
  - OpenOffice
  - Inkscape and Gimp
  - For charts and diagrams try Gliffy or Lovely Charts





### Scientific Content

Visual Information

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Your ideas, experiments, results, discussion, etc. Anything you want to communicate to an audience. All of the visual aids you use to communicate information. In a paper, these are your figures; in a slide presentation, these are your slides; and in a poster presentation, this is your poster.



#### Delivery

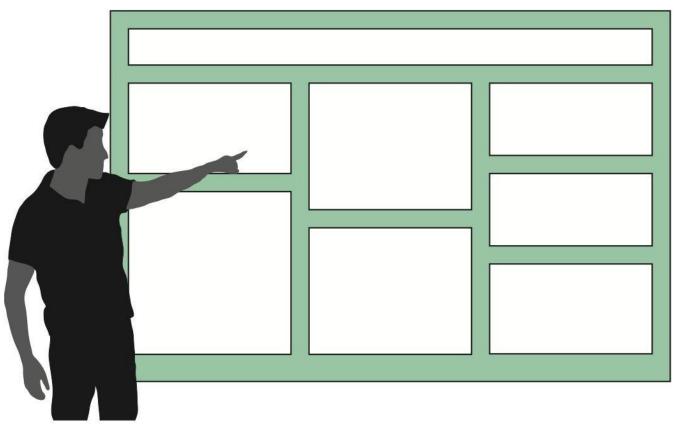
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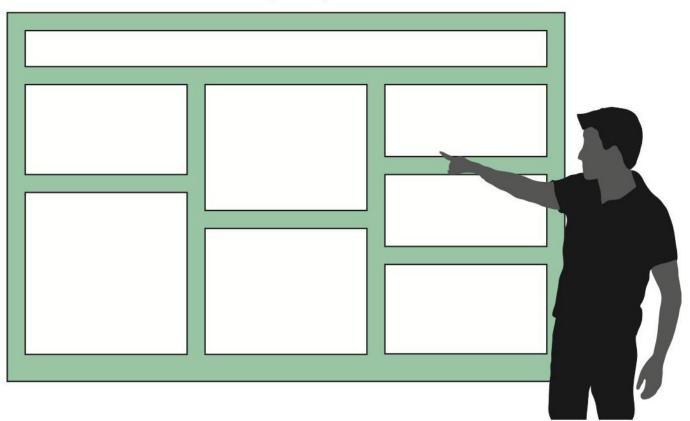
# Presentation Tips

- Be present at your poster!
- Know your audience
- Point out visuals, but not text
- Consider supplementary information (e.g., a handout, tablet)
- Don't block your poster
- Be professional
  - Dress, hygiene, body language

Always start a walkthrough by standing just to the left of your poster.



When you are about halfway through, completely cross to the other side.





Much of the material here from Matt Carter, *Designing Science Presentations* as well as <u>Research Guides: How to Create a Research Poster: Design Tips</u>

<u>Designing conference posters</u> — for advice & templates!

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