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Ed Kesicki is the Director of Small-Molecule Drug Discovery at IDRI. An organic chemist by training, Ed has over 12 years of experience in small-molecule drug discovery. Ed co-founded the nonprofit Afya World Medicines, which was incorporated by IDRI in 2008 to focus on the discovery of new treatments for tuberculosis. Prior to Afya, Ed spent 9 years at Icos Corporation, working on several medicinal chemistry projects where compounds were discovered that are currently undergoing human testing in clinical trials. Ed is an inventor on over 20 patents in 5 target areas, an author on numerous peer-reviewed articles, and has been invited to speak at multiple national meetings.

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