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### Cover Story

The leading story of this issue of *Drug Discovery Today*, by Anthony M. Holmes, Roberto Solari and Stephen T. Holgate discusses the disease modeling framework designed to understand human asthma better. Despite positive preclinical animal data, many novel compounds fail owing to lack of safety and/or efficacy in humans. This has resulted in relatively few drugs making it to the market in the last 50 years. This review discusses the relevant approaches to accelerate the development of safe and efficacious new asthma drugs that go beyond symptomatic relief.

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