### Design and Synthesis of a Piperazinylalkylisoxazole Library for Subtype Selective Dopamine Receptor Ligands

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A piperazinylbutylisoxazole libary was designed, synthesized and screened for the binding affinities to dopamine  $D_2$ ,  $D_3$ , and  $D_4$  receptors. Several ligands were identified to possess high binding affinity and selectivity for the  $D_3$  and  $D_4$  receptors over the  $D_2$  receptor. Compounds **6s** and **6t** showed  $K_i$  values of 2.6 nM and 3.9 nM for the  $D_3$  receptor with 46- and 50-fold selectivity over the  $D_2$  receptor, respectively.

 $K_i = 2.6 \text{ nM}$ 

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#### Structure-Based Optimisation of 2-Aminobenzylstatine Derivatives: Potent and Selective Inhibitors of the Chymotrypsin-Like Activity of the Human 20*S* Proteasome

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The optimisation of 2-aminobenzylstatine derivatives as non-covalent inhibitors of the chymotryspin-like activity of the 20S proteasome is described (e.g., compound 18, IC<sub>50</sub> = 7 nM).

Compound 18

#### Discovery of Phenyl Alanine Derived Ketoamides Carrying Benzoyl Residues as Novel Calpain Inhibitors

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Novel calpain inhibitors derived from phenyl alanine aldehydes or ketoamides carrying a benzoyl residue were prepared and evaluated for their biological potency. A brief structure–activity relationship elucidated the importance of *ortho*-substitutents in the benzoyl moiety. The most potent derivative, the ketoamide 19c, exhibited a  $K_i$  of 6 nM and represents a novel class of reversible, highly potent and non-peptidic calpain inhibitors.

#### A Novel Type of Nonsteroidal Estrone Sulfatase Inhibitors

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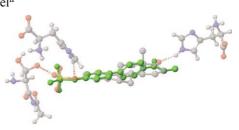
The cyclohexyl thiosemicarbazone of the natural product madurahydroxylactone is a potent nonsteroidal inhibitor of estrone sulfatase. The compound is devoid of estrogenic properties and shows low acute toxicity.

#### Design, Synthesis and Biochemical Evaluation of AC Ring Mimics as Novel Inhibitors of the Enzyme Estrone Sulfatase (ES)

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The synthesis and biochemical evaluation of novel inhibitors (as mimics of the AC rings of the steroid backbone) of estrone sulfatase is reported.



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#### Novel Histone Deacetylase Inhibitors: N-Hydroxycarboxamides Possessing a Terminal Bicyclic Aryl Group

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Synthesis of the promising histone deacetylase inhibitors including 10a and 10e is reported. The terminal bicyclic aryl amide groups of these compounds played an important role in increment of their inhibitory activities.

10a: Ar = 2-Naph

10e: Ar = 6-amino-2-Naph

#### Synthesis and Evaluation of New Antimalarial Analogues of Quinoline Alkaloids Derived from Cinchona ledgeriana Moens ex Trimen

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The in vitro antimalarial activities of a series of synthesized quinoline alkaloids from cinchonidine, cinchonine, quinidine, and quinine are reported.

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#### Bicyclic Piperazinylbenzenesulphonamides are Potent and Selective 5-HT<sub>6</sub> Receptor Antagonists

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The synthesis of novel conformationally restricted bicyclic piperazinylsulphonamides is described. (S)-3-(Hexahydropyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-2-yl)-4-methoxyphenyl-2-

benzo[b]thiophene sulphonamide (S)-4 has been identified as a selective, high affinity 5-HT<sub>6</sub> antagonist.

(S)-4

### Discovery and Initial SAR of Imidazoquinoxalines as Inhibitors of the Src-Family Kinase $P56^{Lck}$

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We have identified a novel series of 1,5-imidazoquinoxalines as inhibitors of Lck with excellent potency (IC  $_{50} s < 5\,\mathrm{nM})$  as well as good cellular activity against T-cell proliferation (IC  $_{50} s < 1\,\mu\mathrm{M})$ . Structure–activity studies demonstrate the requirement for the core heterocycle in addition to an optimal 2,6-disubstituted aniline group.

N N Br

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 $IC_{50}$  (Lck) = 170 nM  $IC_{50}$  (T-cell Prolif) = 17 $\mu$ M  $IC_{50}$  (Lck) = 2 nM  $IC_{50}$  (T-cell Prolif) =  $0.67\mu$ M

# Structure-Based Design of Peptidomimetic Antagonists of P56<sup>lck</sup> SH2 Domain

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The SAR of a novel class of p56<sup>lck</sup> SH2 domain antagonists is described.

# Antifungal Sordarins. Part 3: Synthesis and Structure–Activity Relationships of 2',3'-Fused Oxirane Derivatives

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A number of new 2',3'-fused oxirane and thiirane sordarin derivatives were synthesized. Antifungal activity is reported.

# Shikonin Derivatives: Synthesis and Inhibition of Human Telomerase

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We synthesized DL-shikonin, shikonin, alkanin, and their cyclo-derivatives and acyl-derivatives. These compounds have low cytotoxicity, as well as inhibitory activity against the telomerase enzyme, except cyclo-derivatives.

$$\bigcap_{OH\ O} \bigcap_{\bar{R}_2} R_1$$

**1**. R<sub>1</sub>=OH, R<sub>2</sub>=H **2**. R<sub>1</sub>=H, R<sub>2</sub>=OH

### Synthesis of Highly Potent and Selective Hetaryl Ureas as Integrin $\alpha_V \beta_3$ -Receptor Antagonists

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SAR and solid-phase synthesis of integrin  $\alpha_V \beta_3$ -receptor antagonists are presented. Efficacy for selected compounds in functional cellular assays is demonstrated.

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$$\alpha_V \beta_3 | C_{50} = 0.4 \text{ nM}$$

### Syntheses and Bioactivities of Novel Carbamates Combining

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### Platelet Activating Factor (PAF) Receptor Antagonist with Thromboxane Synthase Inhibitor (TxSI)

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Synthesis of carbamates **3b** which possess dual-acting PAF antagonist/TxSI using unstable esters **1**, diazepines **2**, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and 18-crown-6 is described.

 $\mathbf{3a}: \mathsf{A} = \mathsf{CH}_2$  ,  $\mathsf{R}^2 = \mathsf{H} \text{ or Me}$   $\mathbf{3b}: \mathsf{A} = \mathsf{COOCH}_2$  ,  $\mathsf{R}^2 = \mathsf{H} \text{ or Me}$ 

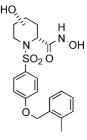
# Synthesis and Biological Activity of Selective Pipecolic Acid-Based TNF- $\alpha$ Converting Enzyme (TACE) Inhibitors

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A series of novel hydroxamic acids with potent TACE activity is described.



### A Unique Unnatural Base Pair Between a C Analogue,

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### Pseudoisocytosine, and an A Analogue, 6-Methoxypurine, in Replication

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The interconversion between the G·C and A·T pairs through the unnatural M·PIC pair.

#### Heterocyclic Nucleoside Analogues: Design and Synthesis of Antiviral, Modified Nucleosides Containing Isoxazole Heterocycles

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Novel antiviral nucleosides analogues, which consist of isoxazole rings as modified sugars and nucleobases with a methylene linker between them, have been designed, synthesized, and bioassayed.

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### **Identification of Potent and Selective Oxytocin Antagonists. Part 1: Indole and Benzofuran Derivatives**

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Studies to discover novel, potent and selective oxytocin antagonists are reported. Combinatorial libraries, identified pyrimidine, thiazole, indole and benzofuran as potential alternatives to the benzoic acid moiety of L-371,257. Additional investigations identified indole and benzofuran derivatives with potent oxytocin antagonist activity.

### **Identification of Potent and Selective Oxytocin Antagonists. Part 2: Further Investigation of Benzofuran Derivatives**

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Further benzofuran derivatives with potent oxytocin antagonist activity and good pharmacokinetic parameters are reported. Efforts to improve the in vivo activity of the series are described.

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# Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of an N10-Psec Substituted Pyrrolo[2,1-c][1,4]benzodiazepine Prodrug

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The first example of an N10-protected (e.g., Psec, **15**) pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]benzodiazepine (PBD) analogue that retains significant cytotoxicity in a number of tumour cell lines is reported. This prototype could lead to a new generation of clinically useful N10-protected PBD prodrugs.

#### **Aromatic Farnesyl Diphosphate Analogues:**

#### Vinyl Triflate-Mediated Synthesis and Preliminary Enzymatic Evaluation

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### Use of Parallel-Synthesis Combinatorial Libraries for Rapid Identification of Potent FKBP12 Inhibitors

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Using simple, inexpensive equipment, we have used solution-phase, parallel synthesis to rapidly prepare hundreds of sulfonamide- and urea-containing FKBP inhibitors, resulting in rapid identification of extremely potent compounds in these series.

### Solid-Phase Synthesis of FKBP12 Inhibitors: *N*-Sulfonyl and *N*-Carbamoylprolyl/pipecolyl Amides

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In parallel with our work on solution-phase parallel synthesis of ligands for the rotamase enzyme FKBP12, we herein report a methodology for the solid-phase synthesis of two classes of inhibitor, *N*-sulfonyl and *N*-carbamoylprolyl and pipecolyl amides along with their in vitro/in vivo biological results.