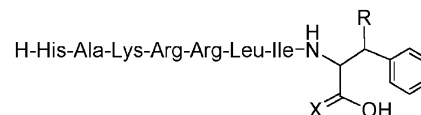


**Peptide Inhibitors of CDK2-cyclin A that Target the Cyclin Recruitment-Site: Structural Variants of the C-Terminal Phe***Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* 12 (2002) 2501

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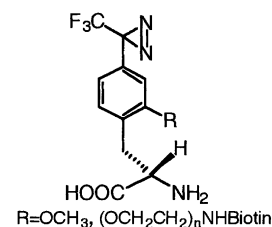
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**Synthesis of Tag Introducible (3-Trifluoromethyl)phenyldiazirine Based Photoreactive Phenylalanine***Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* 12 (2002) 2507

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**Synthesis and Antiaggregant Properties of Stabilized Analogues of Polyunsaturated Fatty Acid Metabolites***Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* 12 (2002) 2511

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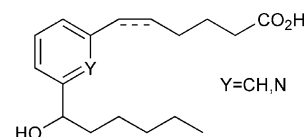
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Synthesis of new structural analogues of 13-HODE and 12-HETE and study of their activity as inhibitors of platelet aggregation.

**Spirocyclic NK<sub>1</sub> Antagonists I: [4.5] and [5.5]-Spiroketal***Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* 12 (2002) 2515

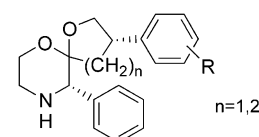
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A series of novel spiroketal-based NK<sub>1</sub> antagonists is described. The effect of modifications to the spiroether ring and aromatic substituents are discussed, leading to the identification of compounds with high affinity and excellent CNS penetration.



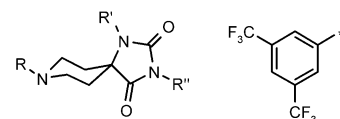
## Parallel Solution- and Solid-Phase Synthesis of Spirohydantoin Derivatives as Neurokinin-1 Receptor Ligands

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The generation of a compound library consisting of spirohydantoin as a privileged GPCR scaffold and the 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl motive as a neurokinin-1 specific needle is described. A series of nanomolar actives are disclosed.



GPCR scaffold

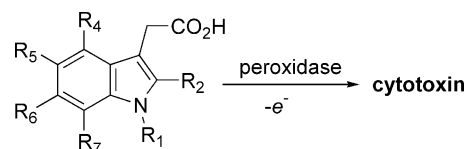
NK-1 needle

## Halogenated Indole-3-acetic Acids as Oxidatively Activated Prodrugs with Potential for Targeted Cancer Therapy

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## Perylene Diimides with Different Side Chains are Selective in Inducing Different G-Quadruplex DNA Structures and in Inhibiting Telomerase

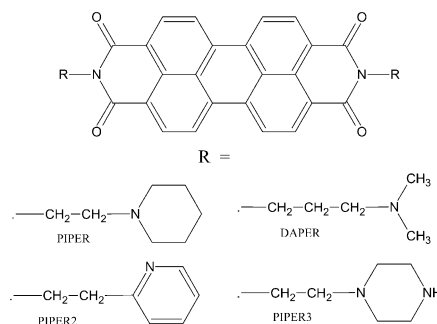
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The electrostatic properties of the side chains of four *N,N'*-disubstituted perylene diimides influence the amount and the topology of the induced G-quadruplex structures, as well as the ability of inhibiting telomerase.



## A New Series of M3 Muscarinic Antagonists Based on the 4-Amino-piperidine Scaffold

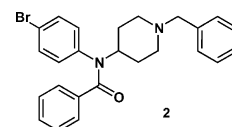
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A series of 4-amino-piperidine containing molecules have been synthesized and structure-affinity relationship toward the M3-muscarinic receptor has been investigated. Chemical modulations provided molecules with *K<sub>i</sub>* for the human M3-R up to 1 nM with variable selectivity (3- to 40-fold) over the human M2-R. Compounds **2** (*pA*<sub>2</sub> = 8.3, 8.6) demonstrates in vitro on guinea pig bladder and ileal strips potent anticholinergic properties and tissue selectivity.



### New *N*-Alkyl-1,2-dihydro-2-thioxo-3-pyridinecarbothioamides as Antituberculous Agents with Improved Pharmacokinetics

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Daniela Ubiali,<sup>a</sup> Giuseppe Pagani,<sup>a</sup> Massimo Pregnotato,<sup>a</sup> Claudio Piersimoni,<sup>b</sup> José L. Pedraz Muñoz,<sup>c</sup> Alicia Rodríguez Gascón<sup>c</sup> and Marco Terreni<sup>a,\*</sup>

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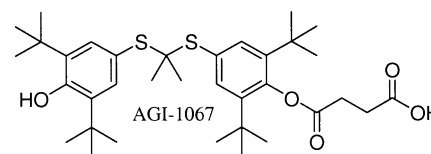
The in vitro antimycobacterial activity and pharmacokinetics of novel *N*-alkyl-1,2-dihydro-2-thioxo-3-pyridinecarbothioamides are reported.

### Novel Phenolic Antioxidants as Multifunctional Inhibitors of Inducible VCAM-1 Expression for Use in Atherosclerosis

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Charles Q. Meng,\* Patricia K. Somers, Carolyn L. Rachita, Lisa A. Holt, Lee K. Hoong, X. Sharon Zheng, Jacob E. Simpson, Russell R. Hill, Lynda K. Olliff, Charles Kunsch, Cynthia L. Sundell, Sampath Parthasarathy, Uday Saxena, James A. Sikorski and Martin A. Wasserman

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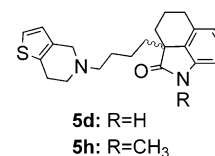
### Tetrahydrothienopyridylbutyl-tetrahydrobenzindoles: New Selective Ligands of the 5-HT<sub>7</sub> Receptor

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Tetrahydrothienopyridylbutyl-tetrahydrobenzindoles **5d** and **5h** were potent ligands for the 5-HT<sub>7</sub> receptor, with high selectivity over the 5-HT<sub>2</sub> receptor and other receptors.



### Glutathione-like Tripeptides as Inhibitors of Glutathionylspermidine Synthetase. Part 1: Substitution of the Glycine Carboxylic Acid Group

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Katie Amssoms,<sup>a</sup> Sandra L. Oza,<sup>b</sup> Esteban Ravaschino,<sup>c</sup> Abdellah Yamani,<sup>a</sup> Anne-Marie Lambeir,<sup>d</sup> Padinchare Rajan,<sup>a</sup> Gunther Bal,<sup>a</sup> Juan Bautista Rodriguez,<sup>c</sup> Alan H. Fairlamb,<sup>b</sup> Koen Augustyns<sup>a</sup> and Achiel Haemers<sup>a,\*</sup>

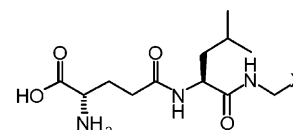
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The structure-activity of a series of glutathione analogues as inhibitors of glutathionylspermidine synthetase is reported.



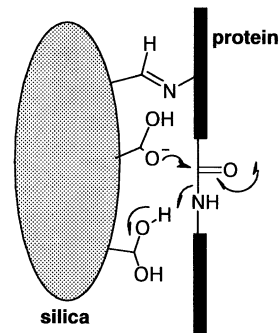
### Silica-Based Artificial Protease Exploiting Aldehyde Groups as Catalytic Elements

Hyunsook Kim, Hyesun Paik, Myoung-soon Kim, Yeon-Sook Chung and Junghun Suh\*

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An artificial protease synthesized by covering the surface of silica gel with aldehyde and indole groups effectively hydrolyzed albumin and  $\gamma$ -globulin.

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### Dihydroquinolines as Novel n-NOS Inhibitors

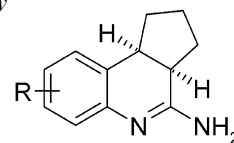
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Dihydroquinolines have been synthesized and have been shown to be potent n-NOS inhibitors. Selectivity versus e-NOS was increased to approximately 100-fold through appropriate substitution at the benzene ring.



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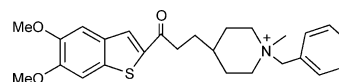
### Quaternary Salts of E2020 Analogues as Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitors for the Reversal of Neuromuscular Block

John K. Clark,<sup>a,\*</sup> Phill Cowley,<sup>a</sup> Alan W. Muir,<sup>b</sup> Ronald Palin,<sup>a</sup> Eleanor Pow,<sup>b</sup> Alan B. Prosser,<sup>a</sup> Robert Taylor<sup>a</sup> and Ming-Qiang Zhang<sup>a</sup>

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A series benzylpiperidinium and benzylpyridinium quaternary salts have been synthesised and tested for inhibition of acetylcholinesterase and reversal of neuromuscular block induced by vecuronium.



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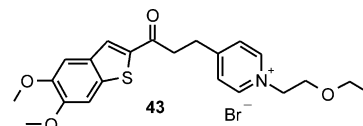
### Novel Piperidinium and Pyridinium Agents as Water-Soluble Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitors for the Reversal of Neuromuscular Blockade

Ronald Palin,<sup>a,\*</sup> John K. Clark,<sup>a</sup> Phill Cowley,<sup>a</sup> Alan Muir,<sup>b</sup> Eleanor Pow,<sup>b</sup> Alan B. Prosser,<sup>a</sup> Robert Taylor<sup>a</sup> and Ming-Qiang Zhang<sup>a</sup>

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The synthesis of novel pyridinium salts as powerful acetylcholinesterase inhibitors with improved water solubility is reported, for example **43** (IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.007  $\mu$ M, 50 mg/mL).



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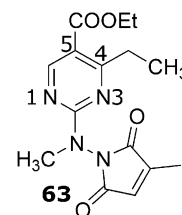
### Structure–Activity Relationship Studies of Ethyl 2-[(3-Methyl-2,5-dioxo(3-pyrrolinyl)amino)-4-(trifluoromethyl)pyrimidine-5-carboxylate: An Inhibitor of AP-1 and NF-κB Mediated Gene Expression

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Several analogues of ethyl 2-(3-methyl-2, 5-dioxo(3-pyrrolinyl)amino)-4-(trifluoromethyl)pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (**1**) were synthesized and tested as inhibitors of AP-1 and NF-κB mediated transcriptional activation in Jurkat T cells. From our SAR work, ethyl 2-(3-methyl-2,5-dioxo(3-pyrrolinyl))-N-methylamino]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (**63**) was identified as a novel and potent inhibitor.



### Comparison of the Prevention of Aflatoxin B<sub>1</sub>-Induced Genotoxicity by Quercetin and Quercetin Pentaacetate

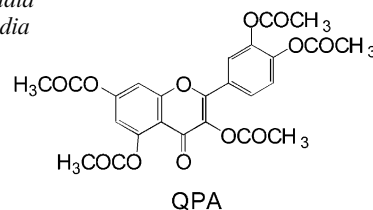
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Ekta Kohli,<sup>a</sup> Hanumantharao G. Raj,<sup>a</sup> Ranju Kumari,<sup>a</sup> Vishwajit Rohil,<sup>a</sup> Narendra K. Kaushik,<sup>b</sup> Ashok K. Prasad<sup>b</sup> and Virinder S. Parmar<sup>b,\*</sup>

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Quercetin penta acetate (QPA) unlike quercetin demonstrated time-dependent inhibition of liver microsome-catalyzed AFB<sub>1</sub> epoxidation as measured by AFB<sub>1</sub> binding to DNA. In the present work, we have demonstrated the transacetylase-mediated action of QPA in the prevention of genotoxicity due to AFB<sub>1</sub>.



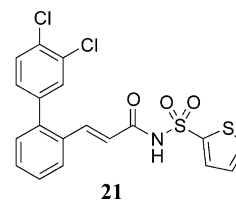
### Structure–Activity Relationship of Biaryl Acylsulfonamide Analogues on the Human EP<sub>3</sub> Prostanoid Receptor

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M. Gallant,\* M. C. Carrière, A. Chateaufneuf, D. Denis, Y. Gareau, C. Godbout, G. Greig, H. Juteau, N. Lachance, P. Lacombe, S. Lamontagne, K. M. Metters, C. Rochette, R. Ruel, D. Slipetz, N. Sawyer, N. Tremblay and M. Labelle

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Potent and selective ligands for the human EP<sub>3</sub> prostanoid receptor are described. Biaryl compounds bearing a tethered *ortho* substituted acidic moiety were identified as potent EP<sub>3</sub> antagonists based on the SAR described herein. The binding affinity of key compounds on all eight human prostanoid receptors is reported.



### 8-Aryl Xanthines Potent Inhibitors of Phosphodiesterase 5

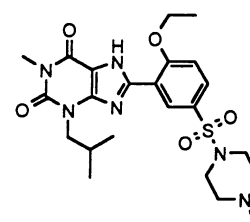
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Ruth Arnold,<sup>a</sup> David Beer,<sup>a</sup> Gurdip Bhalay,<sup>a</sup> Urs Baettig,<sup>a</sup> Stephen P. Collingwood,<sup>a,\*</sup> Sarah Craig,<sup>a</sup> Nicholas Devereux,<sup>a</sup> Andrew Dunstan,<sup>a</sup> Angela Glen,<sup>a</sup> Sylvie Gomez,<sup>a</sup> Sandra Haberthuer,<sup>a</sup> Trevor Howe,<sup>a</sup> Stephen Jelfs,<sup>a</sup> Heinz Moser,<sup>a</sup> Reto Naef,<sup>b</sup> Paul Nicklin,<sup>a</sup> David Sandham,<sup>a</sup> Rowan Stringer,<sup>a</sup> Katharine Turner,<sup>a</sup> Simon Watson<sup>a</sup> and Mauro Zurini<sup>b</sup>

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A series of 8-aryl xanthine derivatives which function as potent PDE5 inhibitors with, in many cases, high levels of selectivity versus other PDE isoforms is described.



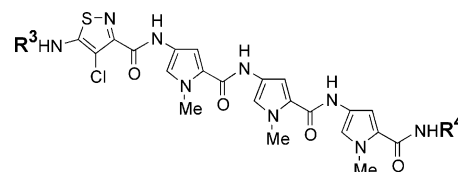
## DNA Binding Ligands with Excellent Antibiotic Potency Against Drug-Resistant Gram-Positive Bacteria

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Roland W. Bürli,\* Yigong Ge, Sarah White, Eldon E. Baird, Sofia M. Touami, Matthew Taylor, Jacob A. Kaizerman and Heinz E. Moser

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An efficient synthesis of DNA binding molecules consisting of four heterocyclic carboxamide units and various substituents at both termini is described. The minor-groove binding ligands showed excellent activity against a broad range of Gram-positive bacteria; no cross-resistance to known antibacterial drugs was observed.



## Parallel Synthesis and Anti-Malarial Activity of a Sulfonamide Library

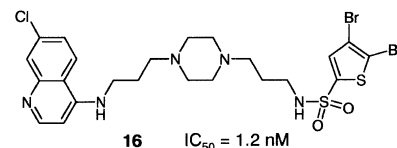
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A. Ryckebusch,<sup>a</sup> R. Déprez-Poulain,<sup>a</sup> M.-A. Debreu-Fontaine,<sup>a</sup> R. Vandaele,<sup>a</sup> E. Mouray,<sup>b</sup> P. Grellier<sup>b</sup> and C. Sergheraert<sup>a,\*</sup>

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<sup>b</sup>Laboratoire de Biologie Parasitaire, FR CNRS 63, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, 61 rue Buffon, 75005 Paris, France

The synthesis and antimalarial evaluation of a library of 31 sulfonamides are described. Compound **16** displayed an activity 100-fold better than chloroquine. Fluorescence experiments suggest an intraparasitological localisation different from that of chloroquine.



## Synthesis and Evaluation of 4-Hydroxyphenylacetic Acid Amides and 4-Hydroxycinnamamides as Antioxidants

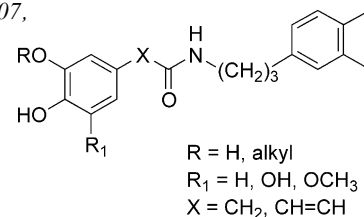
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4-Hydroxyphenylacetic acid amides and 4-hydroxycinnamamides were synthesized and their antioxidant and neuroprotective activities were evaluated.



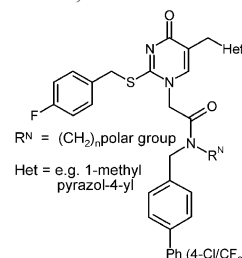
## The Discovery of SB-435495: A Potent, Orally Active Inhibitor of Lipoprotein-Associated Phospholipase A<sub>2</sub> for Evaluation in Man

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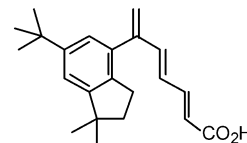
### Synthesis and Characterization of a New RXR Agonist Based on the 6-*tert*-Butyl-1,1-dimethylindanyl Structure

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### Synthesis and Cytotoxic Activity of Pyridazino[1',6':1,2]pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-5-inium Derivatives as Anti-Cancer Agents

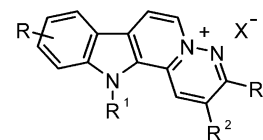
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New pyridazino[1',6':1,2]pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-5-inium derivatives were synthesised and their anti-cancer activity was evaluated against L1210 cancer cells.



### 4-Aminoquinolines as a Novel Class of NR1/2B Subtype Selective NMDA Receptor Antagonists

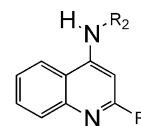
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Screening of the Roche compound library led to the identification of 4-aminoquinolines as structurally novel NR1/2B subtype selective NMDA receptor antagonists. The SAR which was developed in this series resulted in the discovery of highly potent and in vivo active blockers.



### Long-Chain Aminoalcohol and Diamine Derivatives Induce Apoptosis through a Caspase-3 Dependent Pathway

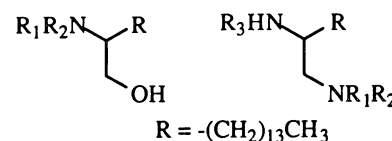
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Some aliphatic diamine and aminoalcohols and their alkyl, acyl and carbamoyl derivatives, have been synthesized and their apoptotic activities evaluated. They induce mitochondrial transmembrane potential disruption and caspase-3 activation, which provokes DNA fragmentation at the G<sub>1</sub>/S phase of the cell cycle.



**Design, Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of Cyclic Angiotensin II Analogues with 3,5 Side-Chain Bridges: Role of C-Terminal Aromatic Residue and Ring Cluster for Activity and Implications in the Drug Design of AT1 Non-peptide Antagonists**

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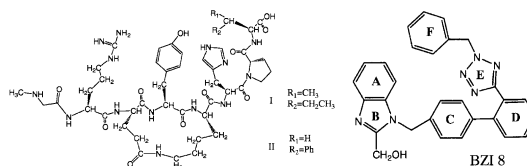
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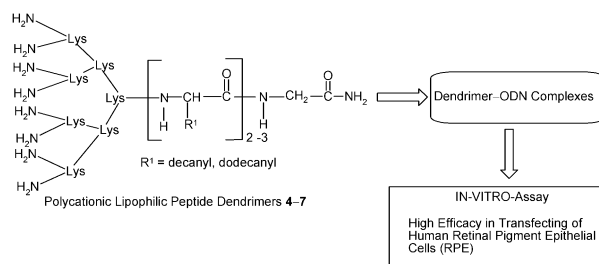
**Syntheses of Polycationic Dendrimers on Lipophilic Peptide Core for Complexation and Transport of Oligonucleotides**

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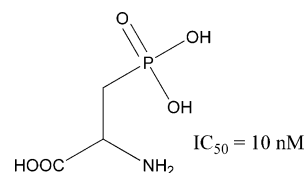
**Multisubstrate Analogue Inhibitors of Glucosamine-6-phosphate Synthase from *Candida albicans***

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2-Amino-3-phosphono propionic acid (AP3) is a potent multisubstrate inhibitor of GFAT.



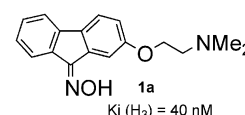
**The Synthesis of Substituted Fluorenes as Novel Non-Imidazole Histamine H<sub>3</sub> Inhibitors**

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A novel non-imidazole fluorene oxine **1a** has been identified as a histamine H<sub>3</sub> inhibitor, and its structure-activity relationship has been evaluated.



## Synthesis and DNA Binding Properties of Saturated Distamycin Analogues

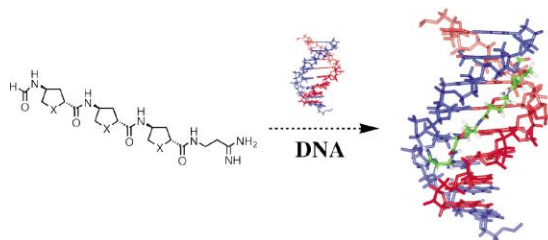
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A series of saturated heterocyclic analogues of distamycin was prepared and DNA binding affinity evaluated with a fluorescent intercalator displacement (FID) assay.



## Oligonucleotides Comprised of Alternating 2'-Deoxy-2'-fluoro-β-D-arabinonucleosides and D-2'-deoxyribonucleosides (2'F-ANA/DNA 'Altimers') Induce Efficient RNA Cleavage Mediated by RNase H

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Oligomers comprising alternating three-nucleotide segments of 2'F-ANA and three-nucleotide segments of DNA ('altimers') are very efficient at eliciting RNase H degradation of target RNA, and were significantly better than oligomers entirely comprised of DNA, or oligomers comprised of 2'-O-methyl RNA wings and a DNA gap ('gapmers'). This suggests that 2'F-ANA/DNA 'altimers' may be potent antisense agents.

