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The synthesis and biological evaluation of a series of tryptamine-based β_3 -adrenergic receptor (AR) agonists are described. The methanesulfonate **54** exhibited strong agonistic activity and excellent subtype selectivity for the β_3 -AR.

Tryptamine-based human β_3 -adrenergic receptor agonists. Part 2: SAR of the methylene derivatives

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In an effort to reduce the cost of production, we conducted further optimization of tryptamine-based β_3 -adrenergic receptor (AR) agonists. Optimization of the left-hand side aryl moiety led to the identification of a series of potent β_3 -agonists without costly chiral methyl group.

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Synthesis and antitrypanosomal profile of new functionalized 1,3,4-thiadiazole-2-arylhydrazone derivatives, designed as non-mutagenic megazol analogues

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The synthesis of the new powerful trypanocidal agent brazilizone A (4k) (IC₅₀/24 h = $5.3 \mu M$) is reported.

Development of a new class of potential antiatherosclerosis agents: NO-donor antioxidants

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A new class of NO-donor phenol derivatives is described. The products were obtained by joining appropriate phenols with either nitrooxy or 3-phenylsulfonylfuroxan-4-yloxy moieties. All the compounds proved to inhibit the ferrous salt/ascorbate induced lipidic peroxidation of membrane lipids of rat hepatocytes. They were also capable of dilating rat aorta strips precontracted with phenylephrine.

Isosteric N-arylpiperazine replacements in a series of dihydropyridine NPY₁ receptor antagonists

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4-Amino-*N*-arylpiperidines serve as effective bioisosteres for *N*-arylpiperazines in the series of dihydropyridine NPY₁ receptor antagonists. These were prepared by a ZnCl₂-mediated reductive amination reaction between elaborated primary amines and 4-arylpiperidones.

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Yusuo Chang, Zhengdong Wang, Robert H. Notter, Zhongyi Wang, Long Qu and Adrian L. Schwan*

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The synthesis and potential of lipids 2 and 3 to act as lung surfactants is reported.

Identification of a novel non-carbohydrate molecule that binds to the ribosomal A-site RNA

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We report the identification of a novel compound that binds to the *Escherichia coli* ribosomal A-site. We observed binding using NMR, mass spectrometry, and docking techniques and demonstrate that the compound binds in the same position as occupied by aminoglycoside antibiotics.

α -1-C-Alkyl-1-deoxynojirimycin derivatives as potent and selective inhibitors of intestinal isomaltase: remarkable effect of the alkyl chain length on glycosidase inhibitory profile

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Patrizia Calí,* Lars Nærum, Seema Mukhija and Anders Hjelmencrantz

The synthesis and initial in vitro evaluation of isoxazole-3-hydroxamic acid derivatives as a new class of PDF inhibitors are reported.

Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors. Inhibition of the prokariotic beta and gamma-class enzymes from *Archaea* with sulfonamides

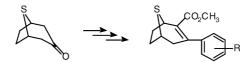
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Design, synthesis and evaluation of bicyclic benzamides as novel 5-HT_{1F} receptor agonists

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The synthesis and evaluation of structurally novel 5-HT_{1F} receptor agonists are reported.

CVT-4325: a potent fatty acid oxidation inhibitor with favorable oral bioavailability

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Elfatih Elzein, Prabha Ibrahim, Dmitry O. Koltun, Ken Rehder, Kevin D. Shenk, Timothy A. Marquart, Bob Jiang, Xiaofen Li, Reina Natero, Yuan Li, Marie Nguyen, Suresh Kerwar, Nancy Chu, Daniel Soohoo, Jia Hao, Victoria Y. Maydanik, David A. Lustig, Dewan Zeng, Kwan Leung and Jeff A. Zablocki*

New inhibitors of palmitoyl-CoA oxidation are based on the introduction of nitrogen heterocycles in the 'Western Portion' of the molecule. SAR studies led to the discovery of CVT-4325, a potent FOXi (IC₅₀ = 380 nM, rat mitochondria) with favorable PK properties (F = 93%, $t_{1/2} = 13.6$ h, dog).



To copherol long chain fatty alcohols decrease the production of TNF- $\!\alpha$ and NO radicals by activated microglial cells

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Thierry Muller, Luc Grandbarbe, Eleonora Morga, Paul Heuschling and Bang Luu*

Tocopherol derivatives were found to strongly modulate microglial activation induced by lipopolysaccharide.

Synthesis, $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - β -D-glucanase-binding ability and phytoalexin-elicitor activity of (R)-2,3-epoxypropyl $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - β -D-pentaglucoside

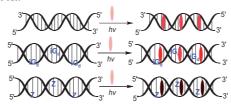
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Fluorescence quenching of parallel-stranded DNA bound ethidium bromide: the effect of 7-deaza-2'-deoxyisoguanosine and 7-halogenated derivatives

pp 6031-6034

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: ethidium bromide, iG_d: 2'-deoxyisoguanosine Z:7-deaza-2'-deoxyisoguanosine and its 7-halogenated derivatives

The fluorescence quenching of ethidium bromide in base-modified parallel-stranded DNA was studied.



Design, synthesis and anti-microbial activity of 1*H*-pyrazole carboxylates

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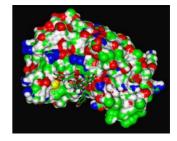
Synthesis of 1*H*-pyrazole carboxylates

Antiviral compounds from traditional Chinese medicines *Galla Chinese* as inhibitors of HCV NS3 protease

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Under the guidance of bioassay, we purified 1,2,6-tri-O-galloyl- β -D-glucose, 1,2,3,6-tetra-O-galloyl-D-glucose, and 1,2,3,4,6-penta-O-galloyl- β -D-glucose from *Galla Chinese*, inhibited HCV NS3 protease with IC₅₀ of 1.89, 0.75, and 1.60 μ M, respectively.

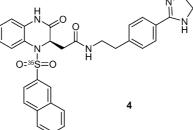


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Development of an efficient and selective radioligand for bradykinin B₁ receptor occupancy studies

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3-(2-Methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)pyrazoles: a novel class of potent, selective cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitors

pp 6049-6052

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The synthesis of a series of novel 3-(2-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)pyrazoles and their in vitro cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitory activity in human whole blood (HWB) are reported.

Design of bivalent ligands using hydrogen bond linkers: synthesis and evaluation of inhibitors for human $\beta\text{-tryptase}$

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Roy J. Vaz, Zhongli Gao, James Pribish, Xin Chen, Julian Levell, Larry Davis, Eva Albert, Maurice Brollo, Antonio Ugolini, Dona M. Cramer, Jennifer Cairns, Keith Sides, Feng Liu, Jennifer Kwong, Jiesheng Kang, Sam Rebello, Michael Elliot, HengKeang Lim, Vinolia Chellaraj, Robert W. Singleton and Yi Li*



Alternative to a covalent linker, hydrogen bonds can be used to link ligands for maintaining simultaneous interactions with multiple binding sites. This is exemplified by the synthesis and evaluation of amide derivatives as potent inhibitors of human β -tryptase.

Synthesis and anticonvulsant activity of new 2-substituted-5-[2-(2-fluorophenoxy)phenyl]-1,3,4-oxadiazoles and 1,2,4-triazoles

pp 6057-6059

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1,3,4-Oxadiazole and 1,2,4-triazole derivatives were prepared as anticonvulsant agents. Pharmacological evaluation was performed on the synthesized compounds.

Discovery of novel 2-(aminoheteroaryl)-thiazole-5-carboxamides as potent and orally active Src-family kinase $p56^{\rm Lck}$ inhibitors

pp 6061-6066

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A series of substituted 2-(aminoheteroaryl)thiazole-5-carboxamide analogs have been synthesized as novel, potent inhibitors of the Src-family kinase $p56^{Lck}$. Among them,

compound 2 displayed superior in vitro potency

and excellent in vivo efficacy.

 $IC_{50 \text{ (Lck)}} = 35 \text{ nM}$ $IC_{50 \text{ (Lck)}} = 1.2 \text{ nM}$ $IC_{50 \text{ (T cell prolif.)}} = 884 \text{ nM}$

(Lck) = 130 pM IC_{50 (T cell prolif.)} = 80 nM

Improving the intein-mediated, site-specific protein biotinylation strategies both in vitro and in vivo Lay-Pheng Tan, Rina Y. P. Lue, Grace Y. J. Chen and Shao Q. Yao*

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Protein Biotinylated Intein-mediated protein protein biotinylation Sce in vitro 10-fold increase in Мхе or biotinvlation!! Mth in vivo

Structure-based virtual screening and biological evaluation of potent and selective ADAM12 inhibitors pp 6071-6074 Myungsok Oh, Isak Im, Yong Jae Lee, Young Hoon Kim, Jeong Hyeok Yoon, Hye Gyeong Park, Shigeki Higashiyama, Yong-Chul Kim* and Woo Jin Park'

The virtual screening for the potent and selective ADAM12 inhibitors (IC₅₀ \leq 50 nm) is reported.

Novel diarylsulfonylurea derivatives as potent antimitotic agents

pp 6075-6078

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Novel diarylsulfonylurea derivatives have been synthesized and identified as potent inhibitors of tubulin polymerization and cancer cell proliferation. Furthermore, these compounds were also efficacious against multidrug-resistant cancer cells.

Alumina supported potassium permanganate: an efficient reagent for chemoselective dehydrogenation of 2-imidazolines under mild conditions

pp 6079-6082

Mohammad Abdollahi-Alibeik, Iraj Mohammadpoor-Baltork* and Mohammad Ali Zolfigol

An efficient method for the oxidation of 2-imidazolines to their corresponding imidazoles using $KMnO_4/Al_2O_3$ under very mild reaction conditions is reported. Selective oxidation of 2-alkylimidazolines was also performed in the presence of 2-arylimidazolines and other functional groups such as sulfide, ether, aldehyde, acetal and THP ether.

Identification of a highly potent and selective DNA-dependent protein kinase (DNA-PK) inhibitor (NU7441) by screening of chromenone libraries

pp 6083-6087

Justin J. J. Leahy, Bernard T. Golding, Roger J. Griffin,* Ian R. Hardcastle, Caroline Richardson, Laurent Rigoreau and Graeme C. M. Smith

A solution-phase multiple-parallel synthesis approach was employed for the preparation of 6-, 7- and 8-aryl-substituted chromenone libraries, which were screened as inhibitors of the DNA repair enzyme DNA-dependent protein kinase (DNA-PK). These studies resulted in the identification of 8-dibenzothiophen-4-yl-2-morpholin-4-yl-chromen-4-one (NU7441) as a highly potent and selective DNA-PK inhibitor ($IC_{50} = 14 \, \text{nM}$), exhibiting ATP-competitive inhibition kinetics.

QSAR modelling of HIV-1 reverse transcriptase inhibition by benzoxazinones using a combination of P_VSA and pharmacophore feature descriptors

pp 6089-6094

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A novel series of HIV-1 reverse transcriptase inhibitors was subjected to quantitative structure–activity relationship analysis (QSAR) employing a novel set of P_VSA descriptors.

Aminoimidazo[1,2-a]pyridines as a new structural class of cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitors. Part 1: Design, synthesis, and biological evaluation

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Synthesis of 2-aminoimidazo[1,2-a]pyridines 1 and their evaluation as CDK2 inhibitors is described.

A comparative binding study of modified Bovine Immunodeficiency Virus TAR RNA against its Tat peptide

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Jeffrey B.-H. Tok,* Lanrong Bi and Shuying Huang

The synthesis and binding studies of a series of both wt and mutant bovine immunodeficiency virus (BIV) TAR RNA constructs against its Tat peptide are reported. Understanding the requirements that enable RNA construct binding properties, especially at its hairpin loop or internal bulge, would afford potential therapeutic approaches to control the BIV life cycle.

The synthesis and evaluation of [2.2.1]-bicycloazahydantoins as androgen receptor antagonists

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A novel series of [2.2.1]-bicycloazahydantoins has been designed and synthesized in an enantiospecific manner. Several of these compounds were found to act as antagonists to the androgen receptor.

Conversion of human-selective PPAR α agonists to human/mouse dual agonists: a molecular modeling analysis

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Minmin Wang,* Leonard L. Winneroski,* Robert J. Ardecky, Robert E. Babine, Dawn A. Brooks, Garret J. Etgen, Darrell R. Hutchison, Raymond F. Kauffman, Aaron Kunkel, Dale E. Mais, Chahrzad Montrose-Rafizadeh, Kathleen M. Ogilvie, Brian A. Oldham, Mary K. Peters, Christopher J. Rito, Deepa K. Rungta, Allie E. Tripp, Sarah B. Wilson, Yanping Xu, Richard W. Zink and James R. McCarthy*

9-cis-Retinoic acid analogues with bulky hydrophobic rings: new RXR-selective agonists

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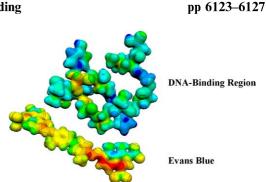
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Evans Blue is an inhibitor of nuclear factor-kappa B (NF-κB)-DNA binding

Rakesh K. Sharma, Masami Otsuka, Vineet Pande, Jun-ichiro Inoue and Maria João Ramos*

Evans Blue is reported as an inhibitor of NF- κ B-DNA binding, at a low concentration of 100 μ M. Molecular modeling studies suggest a possible binding mode consistent with the experimental results.



Chimeric cyclodepsipeptides as mimetics for the anthelmintic PF1022A

Hubert Dyker, Achim Harder and Jürgen Scherkenbeck*

In the anthelmintic cyclooctadepsipeptide PF1022A didepsipeptide units have been exchanged for the β -turn mimetics (D)-Pro-(L)-Pro and BTD in order to elucidate the functional role of the depsipeptide backbone. Analogues have been identified, which show an improved anthelmintical activity compared to the natural product. Preliminary structure–activity relationships suggest a symmetrical conformation to be the biological active one.

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