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DNA binding specificity and cytotoxicity of novel antitumor agent Ge132 derivatives

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Two newly synthesized Ge132 derivatives can greatly enhance their DNA binding. Unexpected methyl substitution effect on DNA sequence selectivity and cytotoxicity was observed.



Synthetic lanostane-type triterpenoids as inhibitors of DNA topoisomerase II Shun-ichi $Wada^*$ and $Reiko\ Tanaka$

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Lanostane-type triterpenoids with various functional groups (-Cl, -Br, -OMe, -CHO, -CN, -COOH, and -COOMe) at C-2 were synthesized from 3-oxolanost-9(11)-en-24*S*,25-diol isolated from *Pinus luchuensis* and their inhibitory effects on Topo II activity and cytotoxic activities against A549 cells were examined.

Non-hydroxamate 5-phenylpyrimidine-2,4,6-trione derivatives as selective inhibitors of tumor necrosis factor- α converting enzyme

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Design, synthesis, and biological evaluation of novel 4-hydro-quinoline-3-carboxamide derivatives as an immunomodulator

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$$R^1$$
 R^2 R^3

A series of novel quinoline-3-carboxamide derivatives were synthesized and evaluated for their immunomodulatory activity.

Structure–activity relationships of novel endomorphin-2 analogues with N–O turns induced by α -aminoxy acids

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New piperidinyl- and 1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridinyl-pyrimidine derivatives as selective 5-HT $_{1A}$ receptor agonists with highly potent anti-ischemic effects

pp 2990-2993

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4-Methyl-2-(1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridin-4-yl)pyrimidine derivative **23** (SUN N5147) exhibited sub-nanomolar affinity for 5-HT_{1A} receptor with 1000-fold selectivity over both dopamine D_2 and α_1 -adrenergic receptors and remarkable neuroprotective activity in a transient middle cerebral artery occlusion model.

Three-dimensional structure of *Plasmodium falciparum* Ca²⁺-ATPase(PfATP6) and docking of artemisinin derivatives to PfATP6

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Mankil Jung,* Hanjo Kim, Ki Youp Nam and Kyoung Tai No



The structure of PfATP6 and docking of artemisinins to PfATP6 are reported.

4-Substituted (benzo[b]thiophene-2-carbonyl)guanidines as novel Na⁺/H⁺ exchanger isoform-1 (NHE-1) inhibitors

pp 2998-3001

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$$\begin{array}{c} X \\ N = \begin{array}{c} NH_2 \\ NH_2 \end{array} \cdot \begin{array}{c} O \\ -S \\ O \end{array} - OH \end{array}$$

Synthesis and biological evaluation of 4-substituted (benzo[b]thiophene-2-carbonyl)guanidines as NHE-1 inhibitors are reported.

Synthesis and antibacterial activity of novel (un)substituted benzotriazolyl oxazolidinone derivatives

pp 3002-3005

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 $R = H; R_1 = NH_2, NHCH_2CH_2OH, NHCH_2CH_2OH, NHCH_2CH_2NEt_2, OMe, OCH_2CF_3, OCH_2CF_2CHF_2, OCH_2CH_2OH, OCH_2CH_2NMe_2 R = CO_2Me; R_1 = NH_2, OMe$

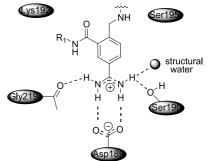
Oxazolidinone derivatives containing (un)substituted-benzotriazole ring were synthesized and exhibited potent in vitro antibacterial activity against many antibiotic-resistant microbial strains. Several analogues from this series were comparable or more potent than linezolid in vitro.

Structure-based design and synthesis of pyrazinones containing novel P_1 'side pocket' moieties as inhibitors of TF/VIIa

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We used structure-based design to develop novel TF/VIIa inhibitors containing a P_1 side pocket moiety that engages Lys192 and Gly216 as demonstrated in an enzyme/inhibitor X-ray crystal structure.



Nitrone derivatives of trolox as neuroprotective agents

pp 3012-3015

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Synthesis of nitrone derivatives of trolox 2 is described. Their biological evaluation was performed in vitro for scavenging different free radicals, inhibiting Fe^{2+} -induced lipid peroxidation, and in vivo in a permanent middle cerebral artery occlusion model in mice. New compounds 2 exert pharmacological activities comparable to or better than those of trolox or nitrone-type reference compounds.

Total synthesis and bioactivity of unique flavone desmosdumotin B and its analogs

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The synthesis of substituted bipiperidine amide compounds as CCR3 ligands: Antagonists versus agonists

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The structure-activity relationship of 3-substituted bipiperidine 4a as a CCR3 antagonist has been investigated.

Exploiting a basic chemosensitizing pharmacophore hypothesis. Part 1: Synthesis and biological evaluation of novel arylbromide and bicyclic chemosensitizers against drug-resistant malaria parasites

pp 3024-3028

Franck Chouteau, David Ramanitrahasimbola, Philippe Rasoanaivo* and Kelly Chibale*

A new series of chemosensitizers against drug resistant and sensitive strains of *P. falciparum* were designed on the basis of a basic chemosensitizing pharmacophore hypothesis.

Stereospecific synthesis and mass spectrometry of 5,6-trans-epoxy-8Z,11Z,14Z-eicosatrienoic acid Uzzal Roy, Russell L. Stark, Robert Joshua and Michael Balazy*

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Synthesis of a small library of diketopiperazines as potential inhibitors of calpain

Yibin Zeng, Qingshan Li, Robert P. Hanzlik and Jeffrey Aubé*

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$$R = H, Me$$
 $X = Aryl, alkyl$
 $R = H, Me$
 $X = Aryl, alkyl$
 $Y = Aryl, alkyl$

Acyclic cyanamide-based inhibitors of cathepsin K

pp 3039-3043

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Conversion of the proline-derived cyanamide lead into an acyclic cyanamide capable of forming an additional hydrogen bond with cathepsin K resulted in a large increase in inhibitory activity. An X-ray structure of a co-crystal of a cyanamide with cathepsin K confirmed the enzyme interaction. Furthermore, a representative acyclic cyanamide inhibitor **6r** was able to attenuate bone resorption in the rat calvarial model.

Vinylogous amide analogs of methylphenidate

pp 3044-3047

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$$\bigcap_{\substack{N\\ \text{methylphenidate}}} \bigcap_{\substack{R\\ \text{methyl, ethyl, isopropyl}}} \bigcap_{\substack{CI}}$$



Discovery of potent and selective orally bioavailable β -substituted phenylalanine derived dipeptidyl peptidase IV inhibitors

pp 3048-3052

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anti-Substituted biaryl β -methylphenylalanine derived amides have been shown to be potent DPP-IV inhibitors that suffer from suboptimal selectivity and pharmacokinetics. This letter describes the substitution of the β -methyl substituent with β -polar substituents, culminating in the discovery of **22**, a β -dimethylamide substituted phenylalanine derivative with an excellent potency, selectivity, and pharmacokinetic profile.

22, DPP-IV IC₅₀ = 12 nM

4,5-Disubstituted \emph{cis} -pyrrolidinones as inhibitors of type II 17 β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase. Part 2. SAR

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David Gunn,* Christiana Akuche, Jeremy Baryza, Marie-Louise Blue, Catherine Brennan, Ann-Marie Campbell, Soongyu Choi, James Cook, Patricia Conrad, Brian Dixon, Jacques Dumas, Paul Ehrlich, Todd Gane, Ted Joe, Jeffrey Johnson, Jerold Jordan, Richard Kramss, Peying Liu, Joan Levy, Derek Lowe, Ian McAlexander, Reina Natero, Anikó M. Redman, William Scott, Thomas Seng, Robert Sibley, Ming Wang, Yamin Wang, Jill Wood and Zhonghua Zhang

Synthesis and evaluation of isatin derivatives as effective SARS coronavirus 3CL protease inhibitors Li-Rung Chen, Yu-Chin Wang, Yi Wen Lin, Shan-Yen Chou, Shyh-Fong Chen,* Lee Tai Liu,* Ying-Ta Wu, Chih-Jung Kuo, Tom Shieh-Shung Chen and Shin-Hun Juang*

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N-Substituted isatin derivatives have been prepared and their inhibition activities against SARS viral protease were evaluated.

Synthesis and binding affinity of novel 3-aminoethyl-1-tetralones, potential atypical antipsychotics Mario Alvarado, Alberto Coelho, Christian F. Masaguer, Enrique Raviña, * José Brea,

pp 3063-3066

J. Fernando Padín and María I. Loza

The preparation and binding affinities of new 3-aminoethyl-1-tetralones are reported. Some of these compounds (e.g., 6) showed potential atypical antipsychotic profiles.

Synthesis and characterization of the monomer ruthenium complex of hypocrellin B

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Jiahong Zhou, * Jihua Liu, Yuying Feng, Shaohua Wei, Xiaotian Gu, Xuesong Wang * and Baowen Zhang *

We first synthesized and characterized the monomer ruthenium complex of hypocrellin B (HB) by chelation with Ru(bpy)₂Cl₂.

Total asymmetric synthesis of (–)-conduramine B-1 and of its enantiomer. N-Benzyl derivatives of conduramine B-1 are β-glucosidase inhibitors Robert Łysek, Catherine Schütz and Pierre Vogel*

pp 3071-3075

Although conduramine B-1 is not an inhibitor of β-glucosidases, N-benzyl derivatives inhibit these enzymes with K_i in low micromolar range. For 4i: K_i (β-glucosidase from almond) = 8 μM (competitive).

Quaternary salts of 4,3' and 4,4' bis-pyridinium monooximes: Synthesis and biological activity Srinivas Rao Chennamaneni, Venkateswarlu Vobalaboina* and Achaiah Garlapati

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+ C₂H₅OH

A new orally bioavailable dual adenosine A_{2B}/A_3 receptor antagonist with the apeutic potential

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The synthesis and SAR of novel aminothiazoles as adenosine receptor antagonists is described, culminating in the synthesis of a potent and orally bioavailable dual A_{2B}/A_3 receptor antagonist.

Beta-lactam compounds as apparently uncompetitive inhibitors of HIV-1 protease

pp 3086-3090

Tamás Sperka, János Pitlik, Péter Bagossi and József Tözsér*

Compounds of a combinatorial monocyclic beta-lactam library were found to be apparently uncompetitive inhibitors of HIV-1 protease, providing lead compounds for a new class of HIV protease inhibitors.

Discovery of diphenylcarbamate derivatives as highly potent and selective IP receptor agonists: Orally active prostacyclin mimetics. Part 3

pp 3091-3095

Kouji Hattori,* Akira Tanaka, Osamu Okitsu, Seiichiro Tabuchi, Kiyoshi Taniguchi, Mie Nishio, Satoshi Koyama, Masahide Higaki, Jiro Seki and Kazuo Sakane

Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors. Inhibition of cytosolic/tumor-associated carbonic anhydrase isozymes I, II, IX, and XII with Schiff's bases incorporating chromone and aromatic sulfonamide moieties, and their zinc complexes

pp 3096-3101

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R = H, Me

Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors: Novel sulfonamides incorporating 1,3,5-triazine moieties as inhibitors of the cytosolic and tumour-associated carbonic anhydrase isozymes I, II and IX

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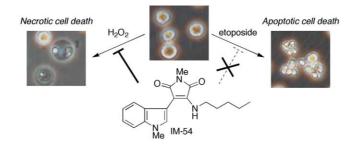
$$X = NHR, NRR', OPh$$
 $X = 0, 1, 2$

Structure-activity relationship of N-methyl-bisindolylmaleimide derivatives as cell death inhibitors Miho Katoh, Kosuke Dodo, Mikako Fujita and Mikiko Sodeoka*

pp 3109-3113

A series of N-methyl-bisindolylmaleimide derivatives was synthesized and evaluated as cell death inhibitors.

Inhibition of hydrogen peroxide-induced necrotic cell death with 3-amino-2-indolylmaleimide derivatives pp 3114–3118 Kosuke Dodo, Miho Katoh, Tadashi Shimizu, Masahiro Takahashi and Mikiko Sodeoka*



Hologram quantitative structure–activity relationships for a series of farnesoid X receptor activators

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Kathia M. Honorio, Richard C. Garratt and Adriano D. Andricopulo*

Design and synthesis of new 2-substituted-5-(2-benzylthiophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazoles as benzodiazepine receptor agonists

pp 3126-3129

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1,3,4-Oxadiazole derivatives were designed and synthesized as benzodiazepine receptor agonists. The pharmacological effect of the synthesized compounds was determined through PTZ and MES tests.

Antimalarial activity and synthesis of new trisubstituted pyrimidines

pp 3130-3132

Anu Agarwal, Kumkum Srivastava, S. K. Puri and Prem M. S. Chauhan*

A series of 2,4,6-trisubstituted-pyrimidines was synthesized and evaluated for their in vitro antimalarial activity. Out of the 30 compounds synthesized 21 compounds showed MIC in the range of $0.5-2 \mu g/mL$.

Synthesis of substituted indole derivatives as a new class of antimalarial agents

pp 3133-3136

Anu Agarwal, Kumkum Srivastava, S. K. Puri and Prem M. S. Chauhan*

A series of substituted indole derivatives were synthesized and evaluated for their in vitro antimalarial activity against *P. falciparum*. Out of the 24 compounds synthesized six compounds have shown MIC of 1 µg/mL.

Estrogen receptor ligands: design and synthesis of new 2-arylindene-1-ones

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Robert E. McDevitt,* Michael S. Malamas, Eric S. Manas, Rayomand J. Unwalla, Zhang B. Xu, Chris P. Miller and Heather A. Harris

Synthesis, antitumor evaluation and DNA photocleaving activity of novel methylthiazonaphthalimides pp 3143–3146 with aminoalkyl side chains

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Synthesis of carbamate-linked lipids for gene delivery

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Dongliang Liu,* Jianjun Hu, Weihong Qiao, Zongshi Li, Shubiao Zhang and Lvbo Cheng

Cationic lipids 1a-d and neutral lipids 2a,b, with carbamate linkages between hydrocarbon chains and ammonium or tertiary amine head, which were pH sensitive, were synthesized for liposome-mediated gene delivery.

Sequence specific recognition of DNA by tailor-made hairpin conjugates of achiral *seco*-cyclopropaneindoline-2-benzofurancarboxamide and pyrrole-imidazole polyamides

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Carly A. Price, Brian M. Lingerfelt, Heather L. Handl, Konstantinos Kiakos, John A. Hartley and Moses Lee*

$$\begin{array}{c} CI \\ HN \\ OH \\ HN \\ OH \\ HN \\ OCH_3 \\ H_2N \\ OCH_3 \\ 1, X=N, Y=CH \\ 2, X=CH, Y=N \\ 3, X=Y=CH \\ 3, X=Y=CH \\ \end{array}$$

Tethered phytic acid as a probe for measuring phytase activity

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Duane F. Berry* and David A. Berry



A strategy to profile prime and non-prime proteolytic substrate specificity

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H. Michael Petrassi, Jennifer A. Williams, Jun Li, Christine Tumanut, Jared Ek, Takashi Nakai, Brian Masick, Bradley J. Backes* and Jennifer L. Harris*

Step 1. Determine non-prime site substrate specificity with 7-amino coumarin-based PSSCLs

Step 2. Bias archived prime site substrate specificity with FRET-based PSSCLs



QSAR analysis of thiazole benzenesulfonamide substituted 3-pyridylethanolamines as β_3 -adrenergic receptor agonist

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P. Hanumantharao, S. V. Sambasivarao, Love K. Soni, A. K. Gupta and S. G. Kaskhedikar*

Quantitative structure–activity relationship study on a series of substituted benzene sulfonamide-3-pyridylethanolamines revealed that high electrostatic potential energy and the lipophilic nature of the molecule are favorable for β_3 -adrenergic receptor agonist activity.

Synthesis, X-ray crystallographic analysis, and antitumor activity of 1-acyl-3,6-disubstituted phenyl-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4,5-tetrazines

pp 3174-3176

Guo-Wu Rao and Wei-Xiao Hu*

$$R \xrightarrow{R^{1}} C = 0$$

$$R \xrightarrow{N-N} F$$

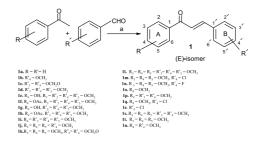
Eleven compounds were prepared by the new reactions and their structures were determined by X-ray analysis. Their antitumor activities in vitro were evaluated. The results show 1-acyl-3,6-disubstituted phenyl-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4,5-tetrazine possesses potential antitumor activities and warrants further investigation.



Synthesis and biological evaluation of chalcones and their derived pyrazoles as potential cytotoxic agents

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2005: The proteolytic enzyme memapsin 2 (β-secretase, BACE-1) is the protease that cleaves the β-amyloid precursor protein (APP) to produce the 40-42 residue amyloid-β peptide (Aβ) in the human brain, a key event in the progression of Alzheimer's disease (AD). The X-ray crystal structure of memapsin 2 complexed with a peptidomimetic cyclic inhibitor is depicted. Inhibitor (green) is in the binding cleft of memapsin 2 shown as a ribbon diagram for the polypeptide backbone [Ghosh, A. K.; Devasamudram, T.; Hong, L.; DeZutter, C.; Xu, X.; Weerasena, V.; Koelsch, G.; Bilcer, G.; Tang, J. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2005**, *15*, 15].



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