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## Aminopyridine carboxamides as c-Jun N-terminal kinase inhibitors: Targeting the gatekeeper residue and beyond

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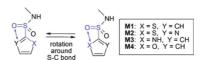
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$$(RO)_{n} \xrightarrow{O} OAc \xrightarrow{BF_{3} \cdot Et_{2}O} (RO)_{n} \xrightarrow{O} S \xrightarrow{O} OC_{8}H_{17} \xrightarrow{HO} OC_{8}H_{17} \xrightarrow{HO} OC_{8}H_{17} \xrightarrow{O} OC_$$

**Under Odorless Conditions** 

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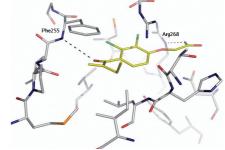
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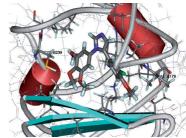
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Novel imidazole-based combretastatin A-4 analogues: Evaluation of their in vitro antitumor activity and molecular modeling study of their binding to the colchicine site of tubulin

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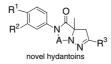
The results of docking experiments aimed at calculating the interaction energies of a variety of 1,5- and 1,2-diaryl-1*H*-imidazoles with the colchicine binding site of tubulin are reported along with their in vitro antitumor activity data.





Synthesis and SAR of novel hydantoin derivatives as selective androgen receptor modulators Xuqing Zhang,\* George F. Allan, Tifanie Sbriscia, Olivia Linton, Scott G. Lundeen and Zhihua Sui

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A novel series of hydantoin derivatives were identified by in vivo studies as tissue selective androgen receptor modulators. SAR around this series revealed that the function of the ligand could be altered by minor structural modification.



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Mingzhang Gao, Min Wang, Kathy D. Miller, George W. Sledge, Gary D. Hutchins and Qi-Huang Zheng\*

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_{3}\text{O} \\ \text{CH}_{3} \\ \text{OCH}_{3} \\ \text$$

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The synthesis of a potent Aurora-A inhibitor 32 (IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.8 nm) is reported.

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Makoto Sasaki,\* Koichi Tsubone, Muneo Shoji, Masato Oikawa,
Keiko Shimamoto and Ryuichi Sakai

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$$HO_2C$$
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The total synthesis and biological evaluation of neodysiherbaine A analogue are described.

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Tapas Das, Sharmila Banerjee,\* Grace Samuel, Ketaki Bapat, Suresh Subramanian, Maroor R. A. Pillai and Meera Venkatesh

A novel testosterone–BFCA conjugate is prepared and radiolabeled with <sup>99m</sup>Tc, an ideal diagnostic radioisotope, in an attempt to prepare an agent for targeting androgen receptors. The bio-efficacy studies of the radiolabeled agent toward suitable cell line expressing androgen receptors showed retention of biological activity.

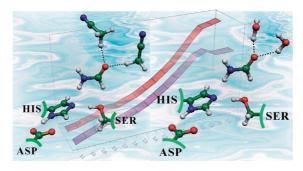
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Jianyong Chen, Zaneta Nikolovska-Coleska, Guoping Wang, Su Qiu and Shaomeng Wang\*

1, Embelin (initial lead)

6g

 $K_i = 0.40 \pm 0.13 \,\mu\text{M}$  to XIAP BIR3

 $K_i = 0.18 \pm 0.09 \mu M$  to XIAP BIR3

#### p38 MAP kinase inhibitors. Part 6: 2-Arylpyridazin-3-ones as templates for inhibitor design

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Swaminathan R. Natarajan,\* Stephen T. Heller, Kiyean Nam, Suresh B. Singh, Giovanna Scapin, Sangita Patel, James E. Thompson, Catherine E. Fitzgerald and Stephen J. O'Keefe

#### Separation of anti-angiogenic and cytotoxic activities of borrelidin by modification at the C17 side chain

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Michael A. Walker,\* Timothy Johnson, Zhuping Ma, Yunhui Zhang, Jacques Banville,\* Roger Remillard, Serge Plamondon, Annapurna Pendri, Henry Wong, Daniel Smith, Albert Torri, Himadri Samanta, Zeyu Lin, Carol Deminie, Brian Terry, Mark Krystal and Nicholas Meanwell

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Ange Polidori,\* Marc Presset, Florence Lebaupain, Bruno Ameduri, Jean-Luc Popot, Cécile Breyton and Bernard Pucci\*

#### Interaction of $N_1$ -unsubstituted and $N_1$ -benzenesulfonyltryptamines at h5-HT<sub>6</sub> receptors

pp 5832-5835

Renata Kolanos, Małgorzata Dukat, Bryan L. Roth and Richard A. Glennon\*

Comparative analysis indicates that  $N_1$ -unsubstituted- and  $N_1$ -benzenesulfonyltryptamines bind differently at 5-HT<sub>6</sub> receptors. Additionally, evaluation of conformationally constrained analogs suggests that a non-coplanar benzenesulfonyl moiety may be optimal for binding.

## Synthesis and free radical scavenging activity of a novel metabolite from the fungus *Colletotrichum gloeosporioides*

pp 5836-5839

Marienca Femenía-Ríos, Carlos M. García-Pajón, Rosario Hernández-Galán, Antonio J. Macías-Sánchez and Isidro G. Collado\*

Stereoselective synthesis of a novel metabolite from a strain of the phytopathogenic fungus *Colletotrichum gloeosporioides* was carried out. The tetraol (–)-1 showed free radical scavenging activity comparable to that of protocatechuic acid.

#### 6-Hydroxy- and 6-methoxy-β-carbolines as acetyl- and butyrylcholinesterase inhibitors

pp 5840-5843

Yvonne Schott, Michael Decker,\* Hans Rommelspacher and Jochen Lehmann\*

A series of  $\beta$ -carbolines and  $\beta$ -carbolinium salts were synthesized and their inhibitory activities towards AChE and BChE measured. Micromolar inhibitors with some selectivity toward AChE were identified.

#### Effects of $\alpha$ -substitutions on structure and biological activity of anticancer chalcones

pp 5844-5848

Nicholas J. Lawrence,\* Richard P. Patterson, Li-Ling Ooi, Darren Cook and Sylvie Ducki

#### A novel oxazine ring closure reaction affording (Z)-((E)-2-styrylbenzo[b]furo[3,2-d]-[1,3]oxazin-4-ylideno)acetaldehydes and their anti-osteoclastic bone resorption activity Yuko Ando, Kumiko Ando, Mami Yamaguchi, Jun-ichi Kunitomo, Masao Koida,

Ryo Fukuyama, Hiromichi Nakamuta, Masayuki Yamashita, Shunsaku Ohta and

Yoshitaka Ohishi\*

CH=CHC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>R<sup>2</sup> (C2H5O)2POCH2R3

A novel ring closure reaction using the Vilsmeier reagent afforded (Z)-((E)-2-styrylbenzo[b]furo[3,2-d][1,3]oxazin-4-ylideno)acetaldehydes which gave butadiene compounds having potent anti-osteoclastic bone resorption activity.

#### Discovery and synthesis of tetrahydroindolone-derived carbamates as Kv1.5 blockers

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Andrew Fluxe, \* Shengde Wu, James B. Sheffer, John M. Janusz, Michael Murawsky, Gina M. Fadayel, Bin Fang, Michelle Hare and Laurent Djandjighian

A novel class of tetrahydroindolone-derived carbamates has been discovered whose members are potent Kv1.5 blockers. The in vitro data show that compounds 6 and 29 are quite potent. They are also very selective over hERG (>450-fold) and L-type calcium channels (>450-fold).

#### Discovery and synthesis of tetrahydroindolone derived semicarbazones as selective Kv1.5 blockers

pp 5859-5863

Shengde Wu,\* Andrew Fluxe, John M. Janusz, James B. Sheffer, Greg Browning, Benjamin Blass, Keith Cobum, Richard Hedges, Michael Murawsky, Bin Fang, Gina M. Fadayel, Michelle Hare and Laurent Djandjighian

A novel class of tetrahydroindolone-derived semicarbazones has been discovered as potent Kv1.5 blockers. In in vitro studies, several compounds exhibited very good potency for blockade of Kv1.5. Compound 8i showed good selectivity for blockade of Kv1.5 vs hERG and L-type calcium channels. In an anesthetized pig model, compounds 8i and 10c increased atrial ERP by 17–26% in the right atrium without affecting ventricular ERP.

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# 4'-Alkoxyl substitution enhancing the anti-mitotic effect of 5-(3',4',5'-substituted) anilino-4-hydroxy-8-nitroquinazolines as a novel class of anti-microtubule agents Yi Jin, Zu-Yu Zhou, Wei Tian, Qiang Yu and Ya-Qiu Long\*

pp 5864-5869

The design and synthesis of 5-(3',4',5'-substituted)anilino-4-hydroxy-8-nitroquinazolines as a new class of mitosis inhibitors was reported. The alkoxyl substitution on 3',4'-positions of 5-anilino portion was found favorable for the potency. So, the best activity was exhibited by the 5-(3',4',5'-trimethoxy)anilino-8-nitroquinazoline (1h) in arresting 81% of the tumor cells at the G2/M phase at the concentration of  $50 \mu M$ .

## Solid-phase synthesis and antibacterial activity of hydroxycinnamic acid amides and analogues against methicillin-resistant S and S are S and S are S and S are S and S are S are S and S are S are S and S are S are S are S are S and S are S and S are S are S and S are S and S are S are S and S are S are S and S are

pp 5870-5873

Boon-ek Yingyongnarongkul,\* Nuttapon Apiratikul, Nuntana Aroonrerk and Apichart Suksamrarn

A library of hydroxycinnamic acid amides and analogues were synthesized and evaluated as antimicrobial activity against MRSA and VRSA. The biological assay showed that dihydrocaffeoyl analogues were active against MRSA and VRSA.

Exploring a possible way to synthesize novel better antioxidants based on vitamin E: A DFT study Weijun Chen, Jirong Song,\* Ping Guo, Wei Cao and Jiang Bian

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$$X=S$$
, Se

Discovery of small molecule inhibitors of integrin ανβ3 through structure-based virtual screening Yuan Zhou, Hui Peng, Qing Ji, Jing Qi, Zhenping Zhu and Chunzheng Yang\*

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Structure type of the best hit that targets integrin  $\alpha v \beta 3$  via structure-based virtual screening.

# Naphtho[2,3-b][1,4]-thiazine-5,10-diones and 3-substituted-1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl-thioalkanoate derivatives: Synthesis and biological evaluation as potential antibacterial and antifungal agents

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Vishnu K. Tandon,\* Hardesh K. Maurya, Dharmendra B. Yadav, Ashutosh Tripathi, Manish Kumar and Praveen K. Shukla

The synthesis, antibacterial and antifungal activities of 2-24 are described.

Structure-based design of a novel thiazolone scaffold as HCV NS5B polymerase allosteric inhibitors pp 5888–5891 Shunqi Yan,\* Todd Appleby, Gary Larson, Jim Z. Wu, Robert Hamatake, Zhi Hong and Nanhua Yao\*

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Yue H. Li, Frank T. Coppo, Karen A. Evans,\* Todd L. Graybill, Mehul Patel, Jennifer Gale, Hu Li, Francis Tavares and Stephen A. Thomson

## Potent antagonists of the Kv1.5 potassium channel: Synthesis and evaluation of analogous N,N-diisopropyl-2-(pyridine-3-yl)acetamides

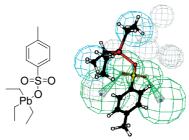
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Kausik K. Nanda, M. Brad Nolt,\* Matthew J. Cato, Stefanie A. Kane, Laszlo Kiss, Robert H. Spencer, Jixin Wang, Joseph J. Lynch, Christopher P. Regan, Gary L. Stump, Bing Li, Rebecca White, Suzie Yeh, Michael J. Bogusky, Mark T. Bilodeau, Christopher J. Dinsmore, Craig W. Lindsley, George D. Hartman, Scott E. Wolkenberg and B. Wesley Trotter

## Discovery of potent inhibitors of pseudomonal quorum sensing via pharmacophore modeling and in silico screening

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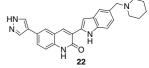
In silico-based discovery of new potent pseudomonal quorum sensing inhibitors is reported.

#### Development of 6-substituted indolylquinolinones as potent Chek1 kinase inhibitors

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Shaei Huang,\* Robert M. Garbaccio, Mark E. Fraley, Justin Steen, Constantine Kreatsoulas, George Hartman, Steve Stirdivant, Bob Drakas, Keith Rickert, Eileen Walsh, Kelly Hamilton, Carolyn A. Buser, James Hardwick, Xianzhi Mao, Marc Abrams, Steve Beck, Weikang Tao, Rob Lobell, Laura Sepp-Lorenzino, Youwei Yan, Mari Ikuta, Joan Zugay Murphy, Vinod Sardana, Sanjeev Munshi, Lawrence Kuo, Michael Reilly and Elizabeth Mahan

6-Substituted 3-(indol-2-yl)quinolinones are reported as potent Chek1 inhibitors.



Chek1  $IC_{50} = 0.65 \text{ nM}$ Cell  $EC_{50} = 97 \text{ nM}$ 

## Structure-based de novo design, synthesis, and biological evaluation of the indole-based $PPAR\gamma$ ligands (I)

pp 5913-5916

Xiaochun Dong, Zhenshan Zhang, Ren Wen,\* Jianhua Shen, Xu Shen and Hualiang Jiang

A series of 3-(6-benzyloxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-acylaminopropionic acid derivatives were designed, synthesized, and tested for the PPAR $\gamma$  protein binding activities. Compounds **7d** possessed potent binding activity ( $K_D = 6.86 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol/L}$ ) close to marketed drug rosiglitazone ( $K_D = 4.98 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol/L}$ ) in vitro.

## Three-dimensional quantitative structure–activity relationship (3 D-QSAR) and docking studies on (benzothiazole-2-yl) acetonitrile derivatives as c-Jun N-terminal kinase-3 (JNK3) inhibitors

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Abdul Rajjak Shaikh, Mohamed Ismael, Carlos A. Del Carpio,\* Hideyuki Tsuboi, Michihisa Koyama, Akira Endou, Momoji Kubo, Ewa Broclawik and Akira Miyamoto\*

We have developed a 3D-QSAR model and performed a series of structural studies on a series of benzothiazole-2yl acetonitrile derivatives with high inhibition activity towards c-Jun N-terminal kinase-3. The results were compared with experimental structure-based studies using JNK3 crystal structure to gain insight into the structural requirements for inhibitory activity of this class.



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View of the crystal structure of the DB819-d(CGCGAATTCGCG)<sub>2</sub> complex, looking down the minor groove of the DNA (see Campbell, N.H.; Evans, D.A.; Lee, M.P.H.; Parkinson, G.N.; Neidle, S. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2006**, *16*, 15). The DB819 molecule is shown in space-filling mode. Visualisation produced with the VMD program. [Humphrey, W.; Dalke, A.; Schulten, K. *J. Mol. Graphics* **1996**, *14*, 33.]

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