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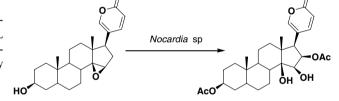
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Microbial transformation of three bufadienolides by *Nocardia* sp. and some insight for the cytotoxic structure–activity relationship (SAR)

pp 6062-6065

Jian Zhang, Yang Sun, Ji-Hua Liu, Bo-Yang Yu\* and Qiang Xu

Resibufogenin (1) was converted to a bufotalin derivate, 3-acetyl 15 $\beta$ -hydroxyl bufotalin (3), by *Nocardia* sp. NRRL 5646 through a selective epoxy ring cleavage and a regioselective acetoxylation, the product showed significantly increased cytotoxicities.



Resibufogenin (1)

3-Acetyl, 15β-hydroxyl bufotalin (3)



### Discovery of novel 8-azoniabicyclo[3.2.1]octane carbamates as muscarinic acetylcholine receptor antagonists

pp 6066-6069

Dramane I. Lainé,\* Haibo Xie, Noémie Buffet, James J. Foley, Peter Buckley, Edward F. Webb, Katherine L. Widdowson, Michael R. Palovich and Kristen E. Belmonte

In the course of our research program to develop novel muscarinic receptor antagonists for the treatment of COPD, new tropane carbamate derivatives were identified as potent antimuscarinic agents. The synthesis, structure–activity relationships, and pharmacological evaluation that led to the identification of compound **50** are described.

#### Potent 2'-aminoanilide inhibitors of cFMS as potential anti-inflammatory agents

pp 6070-6074

Raymond J. Patch, Benjamin M. Brandt, Davoud Asgari, Nand Baindur,

Naresh K. Chadha, Taxiarchis Georgiadis, Wing S. Cheung, Ioanna P. Petrounia,

Robert R. Donatelli, Margery A. Chaikin and Mark R. Player\*

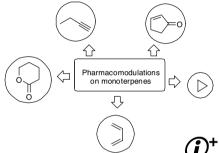
A series of 2'-aminoanilides have been identified which exhibit potent and selective inhibitory activity against the cFMS tyrosine kinase. Initial SAR studies within this series are described which examine aroyl and amino group substitutions, as well as the introduction of hydrophilic substituents on the benzene core. Compound 47 inhibits the isolated enzyme ( $IC_{50} = 0.027 \,\mu\text{M}$ ) and blocks CSF-1-induced proliferation of bone marrow-derived macrophages ( $IC_{50} = 0.11 \,\mu\text{M}$ ) and as such, serves as a lead candidate for further optimization studies.

#### Modifications of the chemical structure of terpenes in antiplasmodial and antifungal drug research

pp 6075-6078

David Olagnier, Philippe Costes, Antoine Berry, Marie-Denise Linas, Martine Urrutigoity, Odile Dechy-Cabaret and Françoise Benoit-Vical\*

Various natural monoterpenes and new monoterpene derivatives, obtained through selective chemical reactions, present specific and promising antimalarial activity on *Plasmodium falciparum* but no activity against *Candida albicans*.



pp 6079–6085

Synthesis of aromatic compounds containing a 1,1-dialkyl-2-trifluoromethyl group, a bioisostere of the *tert*-alkyl moiety

Hirotaka Tanaka and Yuji Shishido\*

metabolically stable bioisostere

# Synthesis and evaluation of a $^{99m}$ Tc-BAT-phenylbenzothiazole conjugate as a potential in vivo tracer for visualization of amyloid $\beta$

pp 6086-6090

K. Serdons,\* T. Verduyckt, J. Cleynhens, C. Terwinghe, L. Mortelmans, G. Bormans and A. Verbruggen

A protected bis-amino-bis-thiol (BAT) tetraligand was conjugated with 2-(4'-aminophenyl)-1,3-benzothiazole, a derivative of thioflavin-T with known affinity for amyloid. The conjugate was efficiently labelled with <sup>99m</sup>Tc and biologically evaluated.

#### Synthesis and biological evaluation of novel cytotoxic azanaphthoquinone annelated pyrrolo oximes

pp 6091-6095

Karem Shanab, Nipawan Pongprom, Eva Wulz, Wolfgang Holzer, Helmut Spreitzer,\* Peter Schmidt, Babette Aicher, Gilbert Müller and Eckhard Günther

Two novel series of azanaphthoquinone annelated pyrrolo oximes were synthesized by aza-condensation. The cytotoxic evaluation on different cancer cell lines is reported and discussed comparing these two isomers.

#### Novel scaffold for cathepsin K inhibitors

pp 6096-6100

Naoki Teno,\* Takahiro Miyake, Takeru Ehara, Osamu Irie, Junichi Sakaki, Osamu Ohmori, Hiroki Gunji, Naoko Matsuura, Keiichi Masuya, Yuko Hitomi, Kazuhiko Nonomura, Miyuki Horiuchi, Keigo Gohda, Atsuko Iwasaki, Ichiro Umemura, Sachiyo Tada, Motohiko Kometani, Genji Iwasaki, Sandra W. Cowan-Jacob, Martin Missbach, René Lattmann and Claudia Betschart

Pyrrolopyrimidine, a novel scaffold, allows to adjust interactions within the S3 subsite of cathepsin K. The core intermediate 10 facilitated the P3 optimization and identified highly potent and selective cathepsin K inhibitors.

#### Synthesis and evaluation of naphthyridine compounds as antimalarial agents

pp 6101-6106

Shuren Zhu,\* Quan Zhang, Chandrashekar Gudise, Li Meng, Lai Wei, Erika Smith and Yuliang Kong

#### Novel synthetic ligands for targeted PET imaging and radiotherapy of copper

pp 6107-6110

Hyun-Soon Chong,\* Santosh Mhaske, Mai Lin, Sankar Bhuniya, Hyun A. Song, Martin W. Brechbiel and Xiankai Sun

#### Synthetic studies of neoclerodane diterpenes from Salvia divinorum: Exploration of the 1-position

pp 6111-6115

Kenneth G. Holden, Kevin Tidgewell, Alfred Marquam, Richard B. Rothman, Hernán Navarro and Thomas E. Prisinzano\*

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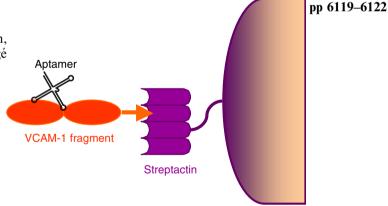
#### DNA cleavage by photolysis of aryl sulfoxides

Daniel J. Mayo, David P. Turner, Beth E. Zucconi and Allison H. Predecki\*

supercoiled plasmid DNA 
$$\frac{O}{Ph} \stackrel{S}{\searrow} R$$
 relaxed circular DNA 
$$\frac{D}{UV \text{ light}}$$
 
$$R = CH_3 \text{ or Ph}$$

### Binding of an aptamer to the N-terminal fragment of VCAM-1

Fabien Chauveau, Youssef Aissouni, Jorg Hamm, Hervé Boutin, Domenico Libri, Frédéric Ducongé and Bertrand Tavitian\*



pp 6123-6128

# Aminocyclohexylsulfonamides: Discovery of metabolically stable $\alpha_{1a/1d}$ -selective adrenergic receptor antagonists for the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia/lower urinary tract symptoms (BPH/LUTS)

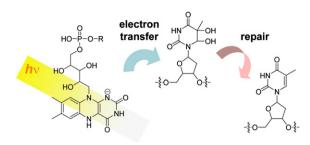
George Chiu,\* Shengjian Li, Hong Cai, Peter J. Connolly, Sean Peng, Kathe Stauber, Virginia Pulito, Jingchun Liu and Steven A. Middleton

A series of aminocyclohexylsulfonamides that show selectivity to human  $\alpha_{1a/1d}$  adrenergic receptors and are stable against human liver microsomal metabolism were developed. These compounds have potential for the treatment of BPH/LUTS.

#### Flavin-sensitized photoreduction of thymidine glycol

pp 6129-6133

Takeo Ito.\* Akiko Kondo, Satoru Terada and Sei-ichi Nishimoto\*





### 3,5-Bis(3'-indolyl)pyrazoles, analogues of marine alkaloid nortopsentin: Synthesis and antitumor properties

pp 6134-6137

Patrizia Diana,\* Anna Carbone, Paola Barraja, Annamaria Martorana, Ornella Gia, Lisa DallaVia and Girolamo Cirrincione

The synthesis and antitumor activity of novel 3,5-bis(3'-indolyl)pyrazole derivatives are reported.



### Investigating the antiproliferative activity of quinoline-5,8-diones and styrylquinolinecarboxylic acids on tumor cell lines

pp 6138-6141

- B. Podeszwa, H. Niedbala, J. Polanski,\* R. Musiol, D. Tabak, J. Finster, K. Serafin, M. Milczarek,
- J. Wietrzyk, S. Boryczka, W. Mol, J. Jampilek, J. Dohnal, D. S. Kalinowski and D. R. Richardson

The structure-activity relationships of new quinoline-5,8-diones and quinolinecarboxylic acids exhibiting antiproliferative activity were investigated.

### Antiproliferative activities of a library of hybrids between indanones and HDAC inhibitor SAHA and MS-275 analogues

pp 6142-6146

Cédric Charrier, Joëlle Roche, Jean-Pierre Gesson and Philippe Bertrand\*

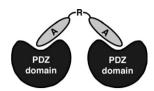
Hybrids of known histone deacetylases inhibitors (HDI) based on indanones were synthesized. Several alkylated indanones were obtained as hydroxamic acid and aminobenzamides derivatives and evaluated for their antiproliferative activity towards non small lung cancer cell line H661.



#### Bivalent peptides as PDZ domain ligands

pp 6147-6150

Edvin Klosi, Dorina Saro and Mark R. Spaller\*



The design, synthesis, and thermodynamic binding evaluation of homobivalent peptides capable of binding two PDZ domain proteins is presented.



#### Biphenyls as potent vitronectin receptor antagonists. Part 3: Squaric acid amides

pp 6151-6154

Klaus Urbahns,\* Michael Härter, Markus Albers, Delf Schmidt, Beatrix Stelte-Ludwig, Ulf Brüggemeier, Andrea Vaupel, Jörg Keldenich, Klemens Lustig, Hideki Tsujishita and Christoph Gerdes

Vitronectin receptor ( $\alpha_V \beta_3$ ) antagonists have been implicated as a possible new treatment of restenosis following balloon angioplasty. In this work we investigate a series of novel arginine mimetic scaffolds leading to new insight of the  $\alpha_V \beta_3$ /ligand interaction. Squaric acid amide 10 is a subnanomolar  $\alpha_V \beta_3$  antagonist with improved potency on human smooth muscle cell migration.

**10:**  $\alpha_{V}\beta_{3}$ : 0,5 nM; SMC: 10 nM

#### Substituted 2-pyrrolinone inhibitors of HIV-1 integrase

pp 6155–6159

Raveendra Dayam, Laith Q. Al-Mawsawi and Nouri Neamati\*

#### Heteroaryl \( \beta\)-tetralin ureas as novel antagonists of human TRPV1

pp 6160-6163

Michele C. Jetter,\* Mark A. Youngman, James J. McNally, Mark E. McDonnell, Sui-Po Zhang, Adrienne E. Dubin, Nadia Nasser, Ellen E. Codd, Christopher M. Flores and Scott L. Dax

Aryl = 5-isoquinolinyl or 2-hydroxy-8-naphthyl

The synthesis and biological activity of a series of aminotetralin-derived heteroaryl urea TRPV1 antagonists is reported.

#### Mutation and inhibition studies of mevalonate 5-diphosphate decarboxylase

pp 6164-6168

Yongge Oiu, Jinbo Gao, Fei Guo, Yuqin Oiao and Ding Li\*

Mevalonate 5-diphosphate decarboxylase plays an important role in regulating cholesterol biosynthesis, which was studied through incubation with various synthetic substrate analogs and characterization of mutated enzymes.

### Acetylene functionalized BODIPY dyes and their application in the synthesis of activity based proteasome probes

pp 6169-6171

Martijn Verdoes, Ulrik Hillaert, Bogdan I. Florea, Myra Sae-Heng, Martijn D. P. Risseeuw, Dmitri V. Filippov, Gijsbert A. van der Marel and Herman S. Overkleeft\*

The synthesis of three acetylene functionalized BODIPY dyes is described. These dyes are used to synthesize a panel of fluorescent epoxomic derived proteasome probes.

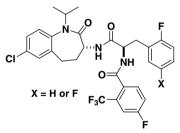
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#### Benzazepinone Na<sub>v</sub>1.7 blockers: Potential treatments for neuropathic pain

pp 6172-6177

Scott B. Hoyt,\* Clare London, Hyun Ok, Edward Gonzalez, Joseph L. Duffy, Catherine Abbadie, Brian Dean, John P. Felix, Maria L. Garcia, Nina Jochnowitz, Bindhu V. Karanam, Xiaohua Li, Kathryn A. Lyons, Erin McGowan, D. Euan MacIntyre, William J. Martin, Birgit T. Priest, McHardy M. Smith, Richard Tschirret-Guth, Vivien A. Warren, Brande S. Williams, Gregory J. Kaczorowski and William H. Parsons

A series of benzazepinones were synthesized and evaluated as hNa<sub>v</sub>1.7 sodium channel blockers. Several compounds from this series displayed good oral bioavailability and exposure and were efficacious in a rat model of neuropathic pain.



### Dipeptidyl aspartyl fluoromethylketones as potent caspase inhibitors: Peptidomimetic replacement of the $P_2$ amino acid by 2-aminoaryl acids and other non-natural amino acids

pp 6178-6182

Yan Wang, Shaojuan Jia, Ben Tseng, John Drewe and Sui Xiong Cai\*

The synthesis and biological evaluation of a group of peptidomimetic 2-(Z-amino)benzamide-aspartyl fluoromethylketones and related compounds as caspase inhibitors are reported.



#### New 1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrrolo[3,4-b]indole derivatives as selective CB2 receptor agonists

pp 6183-6187

Daniel Pagé,\* Hua Yang, William Brown, Christopher Walpole, Manon Fleurent, Meredith Fyfe, François Gaudreault and Stéphane St-Onge

$$R^1$$
 $N$ 
 $R^2$ 

The preparation and evaluation of a novel class of CB2 agonists based on a 1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrrolo[3,4-b]indole moiety are reported.



### The discovery of indole-derived long acting $\beta_2$ -adrenoceptor agonists for the treatment of asthma and COPD

pp 6188-6191

Alan D. Brown, Mark E. Bunnage, Paul A. Glossop,\* Mark Holbrook, Rhys D. Jones, Charlotte A. L. Lane, Russell A. Lewthwaite, Simon Mantell, Christelle Perros-Huguet, David A. Price\* and Rob Webster

The design and profile of a series of indole containing long acting  $\beta_2$ -adrenoceptor agonists is described. Evaluation of these analogues using an in vitro guinea pig trachea tissue model demonstrates that analogues within this series have salmeterol-like duration of action with potential for long duration of action in humans.

### Peptidomimetic inhibitors of farnesyltransferase with high in vitro activity and significant cellular potency

pp 6192-6196

Cristiano Bolchi, Marco Pallavicini, Chiara Rusconi, Luisa Diomede, Nicola Ferri, Alberto Corsini, Laura Fumagalli, Alessandro Pedretti, Giulio Vistoli and Ermanno Valoti\*



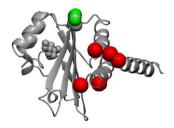
#### Convenient method for the addition of disulfides to alkenes

pp 6197-6201

Noriyuki Yamagiwa,\* Yutaka Suto and Yasuhiro Torisawa\*

### NMR detection of adventitious xylose binding to the quorum-sensing protein SdiA of *Escherichia coli* Yong Yao, Tobin J. Dickerson.\* Mark S. Hixon and H. Jane Dyson\*

pp 6202-6205



The anomalous ability of xylose to bind to the Escherichia coli quorum-sensing receptor protein SdiA is reported.

### Syntheses and optimization of new GS39783 analogues as positive allosteric modulators of $GABA_{\rm B}$ receptors

pp 6206-6211

Sébastien Guery,\* Philipp Floersheim, Klemens Kaupmann\* and Wolfgang Froestl\*

### Geometry of GPPE binding to picrate and to the urokinase type plasminogen activator Ewa Żesławska, Jörg Stürzebecher and Barbara J. Oleksyn\*

pp 6212-6214

NH

We have investigated the conformation of a uPA inhibitor in different crystalline environments. The crystal structures of the urokinase-type plasminogen activator in complex with GPPE and GPPE-picrate were determined.



#### Versatile templates for the development of novel kinase inhibitors: Discovery of novel CDK inhibitors

pp 6216-6219

Michael P. Dwyer,\* Kamil Paruch,\* Carmen Alvarez, Ronald J. Doll, Kerry Keertikar, Jose Duca, Thierry O. Fischmann, Alan Hruza, Vincent Madison, Emma Lees, David Parry, Wolfgang Seghezzi, Nicole Sgambellone, Frances Shanahan, Derek Wiswell and Timothy J. Guzi

Pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine 9 emerged as a key template for further optimization toward the identification of CDK inhibitors.

**9** CDK2  $IC_{50} = 0.029 \text{ uM}$ 

#### Pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidines as orally available inhibitors of cyclin-dependent kinase 2

pp 6220-6223

Kamil Paruch,\* Michael P. Dwyer,\* Carmen Alvarez, Courtney Brown, Tin-Yau Chan, Ronald J. Doll, Kerry Keertikar, Chad Knutson, Brian McKittrick, Jocelyn Rivera, Randall Rossman, Greg Tucker, Thierry O. Fischmann, Alan Hruza, Vincent Madison, Amin A. Nomeir, Yaolin Wang, Emma Lees, David Parry, Nicole Sgambellone, Wolfgang Seghezzi, Lesley Schultz, Fran Shanahan, Derek Wiswell, Xiaoying Xu, Quiao Zhou, Ray A. James, Vidyadhar M. Paradkar, Haengsoon Park, Laura R. Rokosz, Tara M. Stauffer and Timothy J. Guzi

Properly substituted pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidines are potent and selective CDK2 inhibitors. Compound **15j** is orally available and showed efficacy in mouse A2780 xenograft model.

#### Discovery of 5-HT<sub>6</sub> receptor ligands based on virtual HTS

pp 6224-6229

Stefan Tasler,\* Jürgen Kraus, Andreas Wuzik, Oliver Müller, Andrea Aschenbrenner, Elena Cubero,\* Rosalia Pascual, Jordi-Ramon Quintana-Ruiz, Alberto Dordal, Ramon Mercè and Xavier Codony

$$R = NO_2$$
,  $CN$ ,  $PhSO_2NF$ 

The discovery and SAR studies of 5-HT<sub>6</sub> ligands are described.

In vitro characterization of the Gd complex of [2,6-pyridinediylbis(methylene nitrilo)] tetraacetic acid (PMN-tetraacetic acid) and of its Eu analogue, suitable bimodal contrast agents for MRI and optical imaging

pp 6230–6233

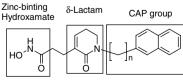
S. Laurent,\* L. Vander Elst, M. Wautier, C. Galaup, R. N. Muller and C. Picard

Gd and Eu complexes of PMN-tetraacetic acid show interesting properties for MRI and optical imaging.

#### Modification of cap group in $\delta$ -lactam-based histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitors

pp 6234-6238

Hwan Mook Kim, Sung Hee Hong, Myung Sook Kim, Chang Woo Lee, Jong Soon Kang, Kiho Lee, Song-Kyu Park, Jeung Whan Han, Hee Yoon Lee, Yongseok Choi, Ho Jeung Kwon and Gyoonhee Han\*



δ-Lactam base HDAC inhibitor

Novel δ-lactam-based HDAC inhibitors with various substituted benzyl or bi-aromatic CAP groups were prepared using ring closure metathesis reaction, and their HDAC inhibitory activities and anti-proliferative effects evaluated.

### Synthesis and antimicrobial activity of some novel nucleoside analogues of adenosine and 1,3-dideazaadenosine

pp 6239-6244

Richa Srivastava, Anudita Bhargava and Ramendra K. Singh\*

All the newly synthesized compounds are structurally analogous to SAH molecule and have shown good antifungal and antibacterial activity.

### Unique spirocyclopiperazinium salt III: Further investigation of monospirocyclopiperazinium (MSPZ) salts as potential analgesics

pp 6245-6249

Qi Sun, Cai-Qin Yue, Jia Ye, Chang-Ling Li, Tie-Ming Cheng and Run-Tao Li\*

65% inhibition in acetic acid writhing test at dose of 31  $\mu$ mol/kg; LD<sub>50</sub> = 1.55 mmol/kg, ip.



#### Heteroatom-linked indanylpyrazines are corticotropin releasing factor type-1 receptor antagonists

pp 6250-6256

Jeffrey W. Corbett,\* Mark R. Rauckhorst, Fang Qian, Robert L. Hoffman, Christopher S. Knauer and Lawrence W. Fitzgerald

hCRF1 Ki = 11 ± 1 nM

#### Synthesis of novel anilinoquinolines as *c-fms* inhibitors

pp 6257-6260

Terrence L. Smalley, Jr.,\* Stanley D. Chamberlain, Wendy Y. Mills, David L. Musso, Sab A. Randhawa, John A. Ray, Vicente Samano and Lloyd Frick

### ω-Alkoxy analogues of SAHA (vorinostat) as inhibitors of HDAC: A study of chain-length and stereochemical dependence

pp 6261-6265

Stephen Hanessian,\* Luciana Auzzas, Giuseppe Giannini, Mauro Marzi, Walter Cabri, Marcella Barbarino, Loredana Vesci and Claudio Pisano

The synthesis of a series of  $\omega$ -alkoxy ethers analogues of suberoylanilide hydroxamic acid, and their HDAC inhibitory and antiproliferative activity on human cell lines are reported.



#### 2-(2-Chloro-6-fluorophenyl)acetamides as potent thrombin inhibitors

pp 6266-6269

Lily Lee, Kevin D. Kreutter, Wenxi Pan, Carl Crysler, John Spurlino, Mark R. Player,\* Bruce Tomczuk and Tianbao Lu

Ki (thrombin) = 1.8 nM

2-(2-Chloro-6-fluorophenyl)acetamides having 2,2-difluoro-2-aryl/heteroaryl-ethylamine P3 and oxyguanidine P1 substituents are potent thrombin inhibitors ( $K_i = 0.9$ –33.9 nM). 2-(5-Chloro-pyridin-2-yl)-2,2-difluoroethylamine was the best P3 substituent, yielding the most potent inhibitor ( $K_i = 0.7$  nM). Replacing the P3 heteroaryl group with a phenyl ring or replacing the difluoro substitution with dimethyl or cyclopropyl groups in the linker reduced the affinity for thrombin significantly. The aminopyridine P1s also provided an increase in potency.

#### Potent oxindole based human β<sub>3</sub> adrenergic receptor agonists

pp 6270-6273

F. Craig Stevens, William E. Bloomquist, Anthony G. Borel, Marlene L. Cohen, Christine A. Droste, Mark L. Heiman, Aidas Kriauciunas, Daniel J. Sall, Frank C. Tinsley and Cynthia D. Jesudason\*

The synthesis and biological evaluation of a series of oxindole  $\beta_3$  adrenergic receptor agonists is described. A modulation of rat atrial tachycardia was observed with substitution at the 3-position of the oxindole moiety.

### Rynaxypyr™: A new insecticidal anthranilic diamide that acts as a potent and selective ryanodine receptor activator

pp 6274–6279

George P. Lahm,\* Thomas M. Stevenson, Thomas P. Selby, John H. Freudenberger, Daniel Cordova, Lindsey Flexner, Cheryl A. Bellin, Christine M. Dubas, Ben K. Smith, Kenneth A. Hughes, J. Gary Hollingshaus, Christopher E. Clark and Eric A. Benner

This paper describes the discovery of Rynaxypyr<sup>TM</sup>, the first member from a novel class of anthranilic diamides, with exceptional activity against insects of the order Lepidoptera. Rynaxypyr<sup>TM</sup> has been found to exhibit its action by release of intracellular  $Ca^{2+}$  stores mediated by the ryanodine receptor. A comparison of *Heliothis virescens* (Hv) ryanodine receptor activity is made versus insecticidal potency on a series of Lepidoptera, including Hv. Remarkably high differential receptor selectivity is also demonstrated between insect and mammalian cell lines in support of the low mammalian toxicity.

#### Synthesis and evaluation of substituted benzoisoquinolinones as potent inhibitors of Chk1 kinase

pp 6280-6285

Robert M. Garbaccio,\* Shaei Huang, Edward S. Tasber, Mark E. Fraley, Youwei Yan, Sanjeev Munshi, Mari Ikuta, Lawrence Kuo, Constanine Kreatsoulas, Steve Stirdivant, Bob Drakas, Keith Rickert, Eileen S. Walsh, Kelly A. Hamilton, Carolyn A. Buser, James Hardwick, Xianzhi Mao, Stephen C. Beck, Marc T. Abrams, Weikang Tao, Rob Lobell, Laura Sepp-Lorenzino and George D. Hartman

Benzoisoquinolinones (i.e., 55) are reported as potent inhibitors of Chk1 kinase.

Chk1 IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.3 nM Cell EC<sub>50</sub> = 47 nM



pp 6286-6289

#### Catalysis of imido group hydrolysis in a maleimide conjugate

Jeet Kalia and Ronald T. Raines\*

#### Discovery of 2,4,6-trisubstituted N-arylsulfonyl piperidines as $\gamma$ -secretase inhibitors

pp 6290-6294

Hongmei Li,\* Theodros Asberom, Thomas A. Bara, John W. Clader, William J. Greenlee, Hubert B. Josien, Mark D. McBriar, Amin Nomeir, Dmitri A. Pissarnitski, Murali Rajagopalan, Ruo Xu, Zhiqiang Zhao, Lixin Song and Lili Zhang

#### Androstene-3,5-dienes as ER-β selective SERMs

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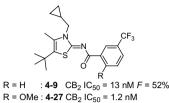
Timothy A. Blizzard,\* Candido Gude, Jerry D. Morgan, Wanda Chan, Elizabeth T. Birzin, Marina Mojena, Consuelo Tudela, Fang Chen, Kristin Knecht, Qin Su, Bryan Kraker, Ralph T. Mosley, Mark A. Holmes, Susan P. Rohrer and Milton L. Hammond

A series of androstene-3,5-dienes (e.g., 4 and 13) is reported. Compound 4 exhibits excellent binding affinity and selectivity for ER- $\beta$  over ER- $\alpha$  and AR and is a potent ER- $\beta$  agonist despite lacking the traditional hydroxyl substitution at C-3.

### N-Alkylidenearylcarboxamides as new potent and selective CB<sub>2</sub> cannabinoid receptor agonists with good oral bioavailability

pp 6299-6304

Hiroshi Ohta,\* Tomoko Ishizaka, Makoto Tatsuzuki, Mitsukane Yoshinaga, Izumi Iida, Yasumitsu Tomishima, Yoshihisa Toda and Shuji Saito



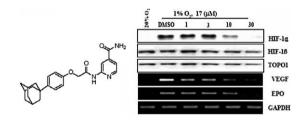
Compounds **4-9** and **4-27** had high affinities for the human  $CB_2$  receptor ( $CB_2$  IC<sub>50</sub> = 13 nM and 1.2 nM) and a high selectivity for  $CB_2$  ( $CB_1$  IC<sub>50</sub>/ $CB_2$  IC<sub>50</sub> = 270 and 1600). Furthermore, compound **4-9** had good oral bioavailability (F = 52%, 3 mg/kg).



### Synthesis of (aryloxyacetylamino)-isonicotinic/nicotinic acid analogues as potent hypoxia-inducible factor (HIF)- $1\alpha$ inhibitors

pp 6305-6310

Shanthaveerappa K. Boovanahalli, Xuejun Jin, Yinglan Jin, Jin Hwan Kim, Nguyen Tien Dat, Young-Soo Hong, Jeong Hyung Lee, Sang-Hun Jung, Kyeong Lee\* and Jung Joon Lee\*





### A novel flavonoid from Lespedeza virgata (Thunb.) DC.: Structural elucidation and antioxidative activity

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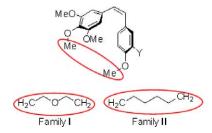
Li Tan, Xiu-Feng Zhang, Bao-Zhen Yan, Hai-Ming Shi, Li-Bo Du, Ya-Zhou Zhang, Lan-Fen Wang, Ya-Lin Tang and Yang Liu\*

From Lespedeza virgata (Thunb.) DC. five known and one new (1) flavonoids were isolated. This new compound when tested in superoxide anion scavenging assay exerted the highest antioxidant activity ( $IC_{50} = 0.14 \text{ mg/ml}$ ).

#### Conformationally restricted macrocyclic analogues of combretastatins

pp 6316-6320

Carmen Mateo, Raquel Álvarez, Concepción Pérez-Melero, Rafael Peláez\* and Manuel Medarde\*



The activity as inhibitors of tubulin polymerization of macrocyclic analogues of combretastatins is reported.

#### Novel heparin/heparan sulfate mimics as inhibitors of HGF/SF-induced MET activation

pp 6321-6325

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The synthesis of simple, non-sugar glycosaminoglycan (GAG) mimics has been achieved and the analogues evaluated for their ability to inhibit the activation of the MET receptor by hepatocyte growth factor/scatter factor (HGF/SF).

### Neutral 5-substituted 4-anilinoquinazolines as potent, orally active inhibitors of erbB2 receptor tyrosine kinase

pp 6326-6329

Peter Ballard, Bernard C. Barlaam, Robert H. Bradbury,\* Allan Dishington, Laurent F. A. Hennequin, D. Mark Hickinson, Ian M. Hollingsworth, Jason G. Kettle, Teresa Klinowska, Donald J. Ogilvie, Stuart E. Pearson, James S. Scott, Abid Suleman, Robin Whittaker, Emma J. Williams, Robin Wood and Lindsay Wright

Neutral 5-substituted 4-anilinoquinazolines addressed high in vivo clearance and phospholipidosis associated with previous basic compounds such as 3, and a representative compound 8a inhibited tumor growth in a mouse xenograft model when co-administered with the cytochrome P450 inhibitor 1-aminobenzotriazole (ABT).

#### New biologically active epidioxysterols from Stereum hirsutum

pp 6330-6334

Francesca Cateni,\* Bojan Doljak, Marina Zacchigna, Marko Anderluh, Andrej Piltaver, Giuditta Scialino and Elena Banfi

From the fungus *Stereum hirsutum* have been isolated and identified four epidioxysterols. Their structures were elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic analysis and chemical reactions. Epidioxysterols were found to show significant activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.

Enhanced efficacy of 7-hydroxy-3-methoxycadalene via glycosylation in in vivo xenograft study Hyang Yeon Lee, Jung-Taek Kwon, Minseob Koh, Myung-Haing Cho\* and Seung Bum Park\*

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### Design and synthesis via click chemistry of 8,9-anhydroerythromycin A 6,9-hemiketal analogues with anti-MRSA and -VRE activity

pp 6340-6344

Akihiro Sugawara, Toshiaki Sunazuka, Tomoyasu Hirose, Kenichiro Nagai, Yukie Yamaguchi, Hideaki Hanaki, K. Barry Sharpless and Satoshi Ōmura\*

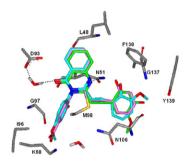
One of 10 kinds of triazole compounds, the adamantyl-triazole product **5b**, was produced as a potential lead of new antibiotic for use against MRSA and VRE strains, using click methodology.

### A novel class of Hsp90 inhibitors isolated by structure-based virtual screening

pp 6345-6349

Hwangseo Park, Yun-Jung Kim and Ji-Sook Hahn\*

A novel class of 3-phenyl-2-styryl-3H-quinazolin-4-one Hsp90 inhibitors with in vitro anti-tumor activity is identified by structure-based virtual screening of a chemical database with docking simulations in the N-terminal ATP-binding site, in vitro ATPase assay using yeast Hsp90, and cell-based Her2 degradation assay in a consecutive fashion.



Some new acyclic nucleotide analogues as antiviral prodrugs: Synthesis and bioactivities in vitro Yan-bo Tang, Zong-gen Peng, Zong-ying Liu, Yan-ping Li, Jian-dong Jiang and Zhuo-rong Li\*

pp 6350-6353

A series of new acyclic nucleotide analogues were synthesized and tested for in vitro antiviral activity against HIV/HBV. Most of tested compounds exhibited potent antiviral activity.

### Synthesis, antibacterial activity, and quantitative structure—activity relationships of new (Z)-2-(nitroimidazolylmethylene)-3(2H)-benzofuranone derivatives

pp 6354–6363

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Synthesis, biological evaluation, and QSAR analysis of a novel class of (Z)-2-(nitroimidazolylmethylene)-3(2H)-benzofuranone derivatives (11a-p and 12a-m) as antibacterial agents are described.

11а-р

12a-m

R = H, 5-Cl, 5-Me, 5-OMe, 5-Br, 5-I, 5-NO<sub>2</sub>, 6-Cl, 6-Me, 6-OMe, 7-Cl, 7-Me, 7-OMe, 6,7-(OMe)<sub>2</sub>, 6-OH, 4,6-(OH)<sub>2</sub>

### Highly efficient selective oxidation of alcohols to carbonyl compounds catalyzed by ruthenium (III) *meso*-tetraphenylporphyrin chloride in the presence of molecular oxygen

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Hong-Bing Ji,\* Qiu-Lan Yuan, Xian-Tai Zhou, Li-Xia Pei and Le-Fu Wang

# Effect of varying the 4"-position of arbekacin derivatives on antibacterial activity against MRSA and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

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Yukiko Hiraiwa, Nobuto Minowa,\* Takayuki Usui,\* Yoshihisa Akiyama, Kazunori Maebashi and Daishiro Ikeda\*

### Synthesis and biological evaluation of substituted 6-alkynyl-4-anilinoquinazoline derivatives as potent EGFR inhibitors

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Lee Tai Liu,\* Ta-Tung Yuan, Hung-Huang Liu, Shyh-Fong Chen and Ying-Ta Wu

IC<sub>50</sub> 14 nM for in vitro EGFR kinase inhibition.

#### 3,5-Disubstituted quinolines as novel c-Jun N-terminal kinase inhibitors

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A novel series of c-Jun N-terminal kinase (JNK) inhibitors based on 3,5-disubstituted quinolines are reported.

### Effects of quinones on free-radical processes of oxidation and fragmentation of hydroxyl-containing organic compounds

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The effects of coenzymes Q, Vitamin  $K_3$  and synthetic quinones on free-radical processes of oxidation and fragmentation of hydroxyl-containing organic compounds have been studied.

#### Facile one-pot synthesis of thio and selenourea derivatives: A new class of potent urease inhibitors

pp 6387-6391

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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Me} \bigoplus_{N=-\infty}^{\bullet} \text{Cl} + \text{RR}^1 \text{NH} + \text{MX}_4^{2-} \\ \text{Me} \bigoplus_{Cl}^{\bullet} + \text{RR}^1 \text{NH} + \text{MX}_4^{2-} \\ \text{Cl} & 1: \text{Me Mo, X= S} \\ 2: \text{Me W, X= Se} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{K}_2 \text{CO}_3, \text{CH}_3 \text{CN} \\ \hline 10\text{-}20 \text{ min, rt} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Me.} \bigvee_{N=-\infty}^{\bullet} \bigvee_{N=-\infty}^{\bullet} \bigvee_{N=-\infty}^{\bullet} \bigcap_{N=-\infty}^{\bullet} \bigcap_{N=-\infty}^{$$

A facile, one-pot synthesis of thio and selenourea derivatives is reported. Some of the derivatives showed potent inhibitory activity against urease (jack bean) in the nanomolar range.

### A multigram chemical synthesis of the $\gamma$ -secretase inhibitor LY411575 and its diastereoisomers

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