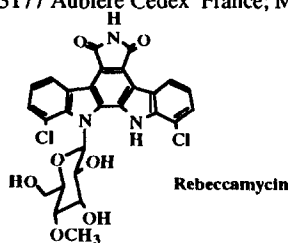


GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS

INDOLOCARBAZOLE PROTEIN KINASE C INHIBITORS FROM REBECCAMYCIN.

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Structural modifications of Rebeccamycin, an antitumor antibiotic without activity against protein kinase C, are described. The inhibitory potencies of the derivatives against this enzyme are presented.

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Expression of Mouse Gal β 1,4GlcNAc α 2,6-Sialyltransferase in an Insoluble Form in *Escherichia coli* and Partial Renaturation

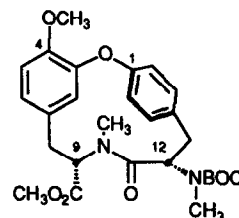
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Mouse Gal β 1,4GlcNAc α 2,6-sialyltransferase was produced in an insoluble form in *Escherichia coli*, solubilized in 8M urea and renatured. The substrate specificity and kinetic parameters, except for the specific activity, of the renatured enzyme were similar to those of the enzyme obtained from rat.

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Design, Synthesis and Evaluation of Bouvardin, Deoxybouvardin and RA-I - XI-V Pharmacophore Analogs, Dale L. Boger* and Michael A. Patane, Department of Chemistry, The Scripps Research Institute, 10666 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, California 92037, Qing Jin and Paul A. Kitos, Department of Biochemistry, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66045

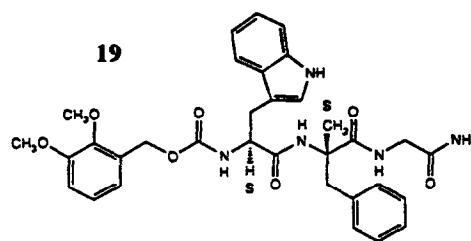
The synthesis and in vitro cytotoxic evaluation of a key set of cycloisodityrosine subunit analogs of deoxybouvardin and RA-VII are detailed and constitute a complete investigation of the natural product pharmacophore.



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RATIONAL DESIGN OF HIGH AFFINITY TACHYKININ NK₂ RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS

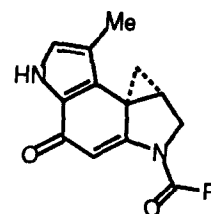
S. Boyle, S. Guard, J. Hodgson, D.C. Horwell, W. Howson*, J. Hughes, A. McKnight, K. Martin, M.C. Pritchard, K.J. Watling, G.N. Woodruff. Parke-Davis Neuroscience Research Centre Addenbrookes Hospital Site, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 2QB, U.K. The rational discovery of a selective, high affinity ($K_i = 1.4$ nM) NK₂ receptor antagonist (19) from Leu-Met-Gln-Trp-Phe-GlyNH₂ (8c) is described using a general strategy for peptoid design.



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Molecular Basis for Sequence Selective DNA Alkylation by (+)- and *ent*-(-)-CC-1065 and Related Agents: Alkylation Site Models that Accommodate the Offset AT-rich Adenine N3 Alkylation Selectivity, Dale L. Boger,* Douglas S. Johnson, Weiya Yun and Christine M. Tarby, *Department of Chemistry, The Scripps Research Institute, 10666 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, California 92037.*

A detailed evaluation of the DNA alkylation selectivity of (+)-CC-1065, *ent*-(-)-CC-1065 and a series of aborted and extended analogs possessing the CPI alkylation subunit is detailed and the refinement of a model that accommodates the offset AT-rich adenine N3 alkylation selectivity of the enantiomeric agents is presented.



Antitumor Agents — CLI. Bis(helenalinyI)Glutarate and Bis(isoalantodiol-B) Glutarate, Potent Inhibitors of Human DNA Topoisomerase II

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Abstract — Evaluation of a number of cytotoxic antitumor sesquiterpene lactones and their derivatives has led to the discovery of bis(helenalinyI)glutarate (4) and bis(isoalantodiol-B)glutarate (10) as potent inhibitors of human-derived topoisomerase II. Unlike etoposide, which inhibits by preventing the DNA rejoining process, compounds 4 and 10 inhibit topoisomerase II without causing DNA breakage. The structure-activity relationships of 4, 10, and related compounds are discussed.