Solution-Phase Synthesis of Combinatorial Libraries Designed to Modulate Protein-Protein or Protein-DNA Interactions

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A short personal perspective on the development of an approach to the solution-phase synthesis of combinatorial libraries for modulating cellular signaling by inhibiting, promoting, or mimicking protein–protein or protein–DNA interactions is provided.

QSAR Study on Some *p*-Arylthio Cinnamides as Antagonists of Biochemical ICAM-1/LFA-1 Interaction and ICAM-1/JY-8 Cell Adhesion in Relation to Anti-inflammatory Activity

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QSAR study was performed on some *p*-arylthio cinnamides using Hansch approach for their antagonistic activity against biochemical ICAM-1/LFA-1 interaction and ICAM-1/JY-8 cell adhesion.

Syntheses of Novel Diphenyl Piperazine Derivatives and Their Activities as Inhibitors of Dopamine Uptake in the Central Nervous System

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A-B-C-N N HO HN

A-B-C= CH-(CH₂)_n-, C=CH-(CH₂)₂-, CH-O-(CH₂)₂-, N-(CH₂)₃-, C(OH)-(CH₂)₃-

Catechols from Abietic Acid: Synthesis and Evaluation as Bioactive Compounds

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Catechols from abietic acid were prepared by a short and good yielding chemical process and further evaluated for several biological activities namely, antifungal, antitumoral, antimutagenic, antiviral, antiproliferative and inhibitory activity of nitric oxide (NO) production. Their properties were compared with those of carnosic acid, a bioactive naturally occurring catechol possessing an abietane skeleton. In general, these catechols have shown better biological profile than carnosic acid.



 $\mathsf{R} = \mathsf{CO}_2\mathsf{CH}_3,\,\mathsf{CH}_2\mathsf{OH},\,\mathsf{CO}_2\mathsf{H},\,\mathsf{CH}_3$

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Synthesis of a Biotin-Tagged Photoaffinity Probe of 2-Azetidinone Cholesterol Absorption Inhibitors

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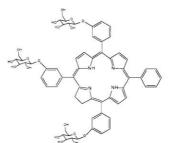
The design and synthesis of a biotin-tagged photoreactive analogue C-4 of the cholesterol absorption inhibitor Ezetimibe is described to purify the target protein(s) for cholesterol absorption inhibitors from enterocyte brush border membranes.

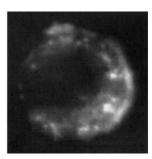
Synthesis, Cellular Internalization and Photodynamic Activity of Glucoconjugated Derivatives of Tri and

Tetra(meta-hydroxyphenyl)chlorins

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Hydrophobic Derivatives of 2-Amino-2-deoxy-D-glucitol-6-

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phosphate: A New Type of D-Glucosamine-6-phosphate Synthase Inhibitors with Antifungal Action

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N-acyl and ester derivatives of 2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucitol-6-phosphate (ADGP) were found to be poorer inhibitors of the enzyme, D-glucosamine-6-phosphate synthase, than the parent compound but a few of them exhibited much better antifungal activity. Some of the examined derivatives behaved as 'pro-drugs' and after internalization were in the cell-free extract converted into ADGP

$$\begin{split} & \mathsf{R}_1, \, \mathsf{R}_2 \text{=} \mathsf{H}; \, \mathsf{CH}_3; \, \mathsf{C}_2 \mathsf{H}_5 \\ & \mathsf{R}_3 \text{=} \mathsf{H}; \, \mathsf{C}(\mathsf{O}) \mathsf{CH}_3; \, \mathsf{C}(\mathsf{O}) \mathsf{C}_4 \mathsf{H}_9; \, \mathsf{C}(\mathsf{O}) \mathsf{C}_6 \mathsf{H}_{13}; \\ & \mathsf{C}(\mathsf{O}) \mathsf{CH}_2 \mathsf{CI}; \, \mathsf{C}(\mathsf{O}) \mathsf{CH}_2 \mathsf{I} \end{split}$$

Potassium Channel Activators Based on the Benzopyran Substructure: Synthesis and Activity of the C-8 Substituent

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Potassium channel activators bearing both electron withdrawing and electron donating moieties were synthesized from vanillin. Evaluation of their biological properties indicate that substitution at the methoxy bearing carbon represents a key site of activity.

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Synthesis, Characterization and Antitumor Activity of Novel Octahedral Pt(IV) Complexes

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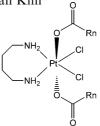
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Synthesis and antitumor acivity of (1,4-butanediamine)Pt(IV) complexes having axial ligands, 12, 13, 17, 18 was reported.



12: $R_1 = CH_3$; 13: $R_2 = CF_3$

17: $R_1 = CH_3$; 18: $R_2 = CF_3$

Proline–Glutamate Chimeras in Isopeptides. Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of Conformationally Restricted Glutathione Analogues

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The synthesis and biological activity on γ -GT and hGST P1-1 of two novel conformationally restricted glutathione analogues, containing the residue of *cis*- and *trans*-4-carboxy-L-proline replacing the γ -glutamylic moiety, are reported.

D-Ring Modified Estrone Derivatives as Novel Potent Inhibitors of Steroid Sulfatase

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Some new D-ring derivatives of estrone were synthesized and found to be powerful steroid sulfatase inhibitors as their sulfamates. The most active compounds were up to 18-fold more potent than EMATE, the benchmark steroidal inhibitor.

Synthesis and Properties of New Substituted 1,2,4-Triazoles: Potential Antitumor Agents

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The title compounds were prepared by cycloaddition reactions. Six of the new compounds were screened against a variety of tumor cell lines.

HC=N-NHOC Ph S
$$R^1$$
 = Me, R^2 = Me, Et, or R^1 = R^2 = $(CH_2)_4$, $(CH_2)_5$

Synthesis and Cytotoxicity of 6,11-Dihydro-pyrido- and 6,11-Dihydro-benzo[2,3-b|phenazine-6,11-dione Derivatives

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$$\begin{array}{c|c}
O & N & R_1 \\
R_2 & R_3 \\
O & R_4
\end{array}$$

A = C or N

A New $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ -Unsaturated Carboxylic Acid and Three New Cyclic Bioorg. Med. Chem. 11 (2003) 1715 Peroxides From the Marine Sponge, Monotria japonica, Which Selectively Lyse Starfish Oocytes Without Affecting Nuclear Morphology

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The structures of monotriajaponides A–D (1–4) were determined on the basis of their spectroscopic data. These compounds lysed immature star-fish (*Asterina pectinifera*) oocytes without affecting nuclear morphology.

1 CO₂H 2: R₁=H, R₂=CH₃ 3: R₁=R₂=CH₃ 4: R₁=CH₃, R₂=C₂H₅

Design and Synthesis of Orally Bioavailable Inhibitors of Inducible Nitric Oxide Synthase. Identification of 2-Azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-3-imines

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(1S,5S,6R,7R)-7-Chloro-5-methyl-2-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-3-imine **4** was identified as a potent inhibitor of inducible nitric oxide synthase.

Clim N NH

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Study on Synthesis, Characterization and Biological Activity of Some New Nitrogen Heterocycle Porphyrins

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Synthesis, Biodistribution and Antitumor Activity of Hematoporphyrin-Platinum(II) Conjugates

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A new series of antitumor platinum(II) complexes of pegylated hematoporphyrin derivatives with controlled hydrophobic/hydrophilic balance were synthesized by introducting different kinds of poly(ethylene glycol) and amine ligands to the porphyrin ring.

$$O(CH_2CH_2O)_nCH_3$$

$$O(CH_2C$$

Enabling ScFvs as Multi-Drug Carriers: A Dendritic Approach

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Soluble dendritic molecules that enable scFvs as multi-drug carriers were synthesized.

Synthesis and SAR of Novel Di- and Trisubstituted 1,4dihydroquinoxaline-2,3-diones Related to Licostinel (Acea 1021) as NMDA/Glycine Site Antagonists

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Synthesis and Neuroprotective Activity of Bergenin Derivatives with Antioxidant Activity

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A series of bergenin derivatives were synthesized and their antioxidative activities were evaluated. Among these compounds, 5 showed the highest antioxidant activity as well as neuroprotective activity on the primary culture of rat cortical neurons.

OH.

1: R₁=Me, R₂=H 2: R₁=H, R₂=H

 $5: R_1=H, R_2=CO(CH_2)_4CH_3$

Synthesis and Antifilarial Evaluation of N^1 , N^n - Xylofuranosylated Diaminoalkanes

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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{OHC} \\ \text{O} \\ \text{RO} \\ \text{O} \\ \text{R} = \text{CH}_3 \\ \text{R} = \text{CH}_2\text{Ph} \\ \end{array}$$

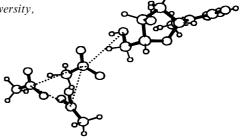
Pharmacophoric Features of Nucleosidic HIV-1RT Inhibitors

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A study on pharmacophoric features (conformational and electrostatic) of nucleoside inhibitor of HIV-1RT. Importance of interaction between phosphate and the catalytic triad in binding and controlling the potency is emphasized. All inhibitors show similar ribose ring puckering. MESP maps show charge complementarity between the drug and the receptor.



Substituted Benzo[i]phenanthridines as Mammalian Topoisomerase-Targeting Agents

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Where $R_1, R_2 = -OCH_2O$ -; $R_3 = R_4 = OCH_3$; X = H or CH_3 $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = R_4 = OCH_3$; X = H or CH_3 $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = OCH_3$; $R_4 = X = H$ $R_1 = R_2 = R_4 = OCH_3$; $R_3 = X = H$ $R_1, R_2 = R_3, R_4 = -OCH_2O$ -; X = H.

$$R_4$$
 R_3
 N
 X

Antiinflammatory Property of 3-Aryl-5-(n-propyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazoles and Antimicrobial Property of 3-Aryl-5-(n-propyl)-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazoles: Their Syntheses and Spectroscopic Studies

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Syntheses of 3-aryl-5-(*n*-propyl)-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazoles **3a**—**f** and 3-aryl-5-(*n*-propyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazoles **4a**—**f** and their biological activity tests are described.

Regioselective Substitution of 6,7-dichloroquinoline-5,8-dione:

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Synthesis and X-ray Crystal Structure of 4a,10,11-triazabenzo[3,2-a]fluorene-5,6-diones

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Structure-Based Design and Discovery of Novel Inhibitors of Protein **Tyrosine Phosphatases**

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Structure-based design and synthesis have successfully led to the discovery of a novel series of trifluoromethyl sulfonyl and trifluoromethyl sulfonamido compounds as catalytic-site directed, reversible inhibitors of protein tyrosine phosphatases.

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Antitumor Agents 216. Synthesis and Evaluation of Paclitaxel-Camptothecin Conjugates as Novel Cytotoxic Agents

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Five conjugates (16-20) composed of a paclitaxel and a camptothecin derivative joined by an imine linkage were synthesized and evaluated as cytotoxic agents and as inhibitors of DNA topoisomerase I. All of the conjugates were potent inhibitors of tumor cell replication with improved activity relative to camptothecin.

Effect of Aryl Ring Fluorination on the Antibacterial Properties of C₄ Aryl-Substituted N-Methylthio β-Lactams

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N-Methylthio β-lactams are members of a new family of antibacterial agents for MRSA. This paper describes the effect that fluorine substitution in the C_4 aryl ring has on the antimicrobial properties of these agents.

New Carrier for Specific Delivery of Drugs to the Brain

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N-Alkoxycarbonylmethyl derivatives of 1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (1 and 2) were synthesized and investigated as a new carrier system for drug brain delivery.

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Synthesis of Potent Oxindole CDK2 Inhibitors

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The synthesis of 5-nitro oxindoles that are substituted at C-4 with saturated cyclic moieties which serve as surrogates for the ribofuranoside of ATP is reported. The evaluation of these agents as CDK2 inhibitors and as inhibitors of the proliferation of RKO and MDA MB435 cancer cells is reported as well.

Cy= cyclic monosubstituted amine moiety

N-Alkoxypyrazoles as Biomimetics for the Alkoxyphenyl Group in Tamoxifen

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Structure—Activity Study of L-Amino Acid-Based N-Type Calcium Channel Blockers

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The synthesis and SAR studies of L-cysteine-based N-type calcium channel blockers are described. L-Cysteine derivative 21f was found to be a potent and selective N-type calcium channel blocker with an IC_{50} value of $0.14\,\mu M$.

Topological Modelling of Analgesia

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Analgesic activity (log IC) for a large set of 97 analgesics were modelled topologically using distance-based topological indices. Due to familial behaviour, excellent results were obtained under splitted conditions.

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