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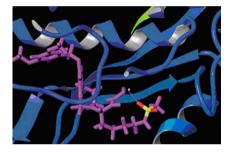
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Frank J. Dekker\*, Massimo Ghizzoni, Nanette van der Meer, Rosalina Wisastra, Hidde J. Haisma

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#### Synthesis of isothiazol-3-one derivatives as inhibitors of histone acetyltransferases (HATs)

Stephen Gorsuch, Vassilios Bavetsias, Martin G. Rowlands, G. Wynne Aherne, Paul Workman, Michael Jarman, Edward McDonald\*

 $IC_{50} = 1.5 \,\mu\text{M}$   $IC_{50} = 28 \,\mu\text{M}$   $IC_{50} = 6.1 \,\mu\text{M}$ 

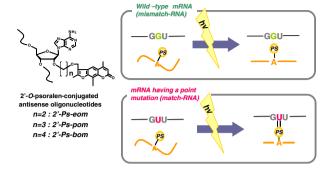
Isothiazolones are histoneacetyl transferase (HAT) inhibitors

### Synthesis of antisense oligonucleotides containing 2'-0-psoralenylmethoxyalkyl adenosine for photodynamic regulation of point mutations in RNA

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Maiko Higuchi, Akio Kobori, Asako Yamayoshi, Akira Murakami\*

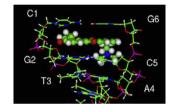
We developed 2'-O-psoralenylmethoxyalkyl adenosine conjugated antisense oligonucleotides that photo-cross-link to an oligoribonucleotide having a point mutation site with high sequence selectivity and high photo-cross-linking efficiency upon UVA irradiation.



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Leonardo Scaglioni, Stefania Mazzini, Rosanna Mondelli\*, Sabrina Dallavalle, Sonia Gattinoni, Stella Tinelli, Giovanni L. Beretta, Franco Zunino, Enzio Ragg





#### Four analogues of spiroleptosphol isolated from Leptosphaeria doliolum

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Takanori Murakami, Taro Tsushima, Noboru Takada, Kazuaki Tanaka, Ken-ichi Nihei, Tomisato Miura, Masaru Hashimoto\*

#### Ivermectin-derived leishmanicidal compounds

pp 496-502

Anderson Rouge dos Santos, Camila Alves Bandeira Falcão, Michelle Frazão Muzitano, Carlos Roland Kaiser, Bartira Rossi-Bergmann, Jean-Pierre Férézou\*

$$(\text{ole})_n O \dots \underbrace{H}_{OH} O \dots$$

Ivermectin analogues and seco-analogues have been assayed against axenic promastigote and intracellular amastigote forms of *Leishmania amazonensis*. The importance of the disaccharide substituent for the antiamastigote activity is demonstrated.

### Synthesis and evaluation of rifabutin analogs against $Mycobacterium \ avium \ and \ H_{37}Rv$ , MDR and NRP $Mycobacterium \ tuberculosis$

pp 503-511

Ricardo Figueiredo, Cristina Moiteiro, M. Augusta Medeiros, P. Almeida da Silva, D. Ramos, F. Spies, M. O. Ribeiro, M. Cristina S. Lourenço, I. N. Júnior, M. Manuela Gaspar, M. Eugénia M. Cruz, M. João Marcelo Curto, S. G. Franzblau, H. Orozco, D. Aguilar, R. Hernandez-Pando, M. Céu Costa\*

Analogs  $\bf 5$  and  $\bf 8$  as drug candidates revealed lesser cytotoxicity, similar MICs, and higher CFU reduction in both susceptible (H $_{\bf 37}$ Rv) and MDR *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* clinical isolates than the lead compound rifabutin.

#### Design, synthesis and biological evaluation of novel stilbene-based antitumor agents

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Daniele Simoni<sup>\*</sup>, Francesco Paolo Invidiata, Marco Eleopra, Paolo Marchetti, Riccardo Rondanin, Riccardo Baruchello, Giuseppina Grisolia, Ashutosh Tripathi, Glen E. Kellogg, David Durrant, Ray M. Lee

## Synthesis and antitumor activity of novel amsacrine analogs: The critical role of the acridine moiety in determining their biological activity

pp 523-529

Adriana Chilin<sup>\*</sup>, Giovanni Marzaro, Christine Marzano, Lisa Dalla Via, Maria Grazia Ferlin, Giovanni Pastorini, Adriano Guiotto

$$SO_2Me$$
 $HN$ 
 $R_1$ 
 $R_2$ 
 $R_3$ 
 $R = H, OMe$ 

### Discovery of a potent and selective inhibitor for human carbonyl reductase 1 from propionate scanning applied to the macrolide zearalenone

pp 530-536

Tobias J. Zimmermann, Frank H. Niesen, Ewa S. Pilka, Stefan Knapp, Udo Oppermann\*, Martin E. Maier\*

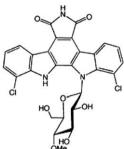
 $(i)^+$ 

Zearalenone analogue 5 turned out to be an inhibitor of human carbonyl reductase 1 (CBR1).

### A TOPological Sub-structural Molecular Design (TOPS-MODE)-QSAR approach for modeling the antiproliferative activity against murine leukemia tumor cell line (L1210)

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Reinaldo Molina-Ruiz, Liane Saíz-Urra, J. E. Rodríguez-Borges, Yunierkis Pérez-Castillo, Maykel Pérez González, Xerardo García-Mera, M. Natália D. S. Cordeiro\*





### A novel side-bridged hybrid phosphonate/acetate pendant cyclam: Synthesis, characterization, and $^{64}$ Cu small animal PET imaging

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C. Andrew Boswell, Celeste A. S. Regino, Kwamena E. Baidoo, Karen J. Wong, Diane E. Milenic, James A. Kelley, Christopher C. Lai, Martin W. Brechbiel\*



#### Ligand-based and structure-based virtual screening to identify carbonic anhydrase IX inhibitors

pp 553-557

Anne Thiry\*, Marie Ledecq, Alessandro Cecchi, Raphael Frederick, Jean-Michel Dogné, Caudiu T. Supuran, Johan Wouters, Bernard Masereel

H<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S 
$$\frac{H}{N}$$
  $\frac{O}{N}$   $\frac{N}{N}$   $\frac{O}{N}$   $\frac{1}{N}$   $\frac{1$ 

Diaryl-dithiolanes and -isothiazoles: COX-1/COX-2 and 5-LOX-inhibitory, OH scavenging and anti-adhesive activities

pp 558-568

Michael Scholz, Holger K. Ulbrich\*, Oliver Soehnlein, Lennart Lindbom, Andreas Mattern, Gerd Dannhardt

$$R^2$$
  $X = O. S$ 



# Unified QSAR approach to antimicrobials. 4. Multi-target QSAR modeling and comparative multi-distance study of the pp 569–575 giant components of antiviral drug-drug complex networks

Francisco J. Prado-Prado, Octavio Martinez de la Vega, Eugenio Uriarte, Florencio M. Ubeira, Kuo-Chen Chou, Humberto González-Díaz\*





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#### Discovery of 13-oxa prostaglandin analogs as antiglaucoma agents: Synthesis and biological activity

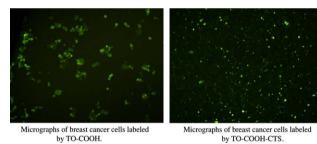
Zixia Feng\*, Mark R. Hellberg, Najam A. Sharif, Marsha A. McLaughlin, Gary W. Williams, Daniel Scott, Tony Wallace

Novel 13-oxa prostaglandin analogs were designed, synthesized and evaluated for their antiglaucoma activities. **AL-16082** was the most potent prostaglandin FP agonist in vitro (EC<sub>50</sub>=1. 9nM). Its pro-drug **AL-16049** significantly lowered intraocular pressure in the ocular hypertensive monkey eyes by 30% with low side-effects.

#### Thiazole Orange derivatives: Synthesis, fluorescence properties, and labeling cancer cells

pp 585-591

Xuening Fei\*, Yingchun Gu, Ying Ban, Zhijun Liu, Baolian Zhang



A series of Thiazole Orange (TO) derivatives were synthesized and modified. TO derivatives modified by folic acid were also studied and their preliminary labeling breast cancer cells was carried out.

## Novel naphthalimide-amino acid conjugates with flexible leucine moiety as side chain: Design, synthesis and potential antitumor activity

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Aibin Wu, Yufang Xu, Xuhong Qian\*

#### Cancer preventive agents. Part 8: Chemopreventive effects of stevioside and related compounds

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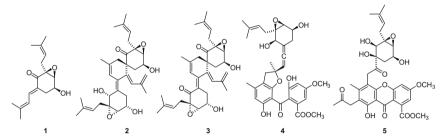
Midori Takasaki, Takao Konoshima, Mutsuo Kozuka, Harukuni Tokuda, Junko Takayasu, Hoyoku Nishino, Masazumi Miyakoshi, Kenji Mizutani, Kuo-Hsiung Lee\*

1: stevioside  $R^1 = Glc$ ,  $R^2 = Glc^2$ -Glc

### $Pestalo fones\ A-E,\ bioactive\ cyclohexan one\ derivatives\ from\ the\ plant\ end ophytic\ fungus\ \textit{Pestalotiopsis\ ficional}$

pp 606-613

Ling Liu, Shuchun Liu, Xulin Chen, Liangdong Guo, Yongsheng Che



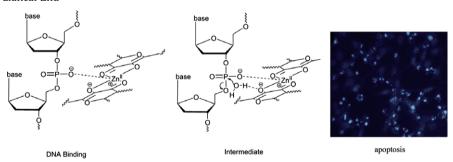
Pestalofones A–E (1–5), five new cyclohexanone derivatives, have been isolated from the plant endophyte *Pestalotiopsis fici* and evaluated for their anti-HIV-1 and antifungal activities.



### DNA binding, cytotoxicity, apoptotic inducing activity, and molecular modeling study of quercetin zinc(II) complex

pp 614-620

Jun Tan\*, Bochu Wang\*, Liancai Zhu



### Synthesis and evaluation of novel chloropyridazine derivatives as potent human rhinovirus (HRV) capsid-binding inhibitors

pp 621-624

Shi-Yong Fan, Zhi-Bing Zheng\*, Chun-Lai Mi, Xin-Bo Zhou, Hui Yan, Ze-Hui Gong, Song Li

A series of novel chloropyridazine derivatives were synthesized as potent human rhinovirus capsid-binding inhibitors. The anti-HRV activity of them was evaluated in vitro by using cell culture cytopathic effect assays.

#### Organocatalyzed highly atom economic one pot synthesis of tetrahydropyridines as antimalarials

pp 625-633

Mridul Misra, Swaroop Kumar Pandey, Vivek Parashar Pandey, Jyoti Pandey, Renu Tripathi, Rama Pati Tripathi

$$R_1$$
  $R_2$   $CHO$   $CHO$ 

#### Synthesis and evaluation of Hsp90 inhibitors that contain the 1,4-naphthoquinone scaffold

pp 634-640

M. Kyle Hadden, Stephanie A. Hill, Jason Davenport, Robert L. Matts, Brian S. J. Blagg\*

### Synthesis, trypanocidal activity and docking studies of novel quinoxaline-N-acylhydrazones, designed as cruzain inhibitors candidates

pp 641-652

Nelilma C. Romeiro, Gabriela Aguirre, Paola Hernández, Mercedes González, Hugo Cerecetto, Ignacio Aldana, Silvia Pérez-Silanes, Antonio Monge, Eliezer J. Barreiro, Lídia M. Lima \*

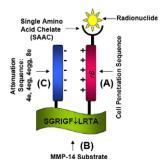
In this paper, we report the structural design, synthesis, trypanocidal activity and docking studies of novel quinoxaline-N-acylhydrazone (NAH) derivatives, planned as cruzain inhibitors candidates.

#### Development of an optimized activatable MMP-14 targeted SPECT imaging probe

pp 653-659

Gregory A. Watkins, Ella Fung Jones\*, M. Scott Shell, Henry F. VanBrocklin, Mei-Hsiu Pan, Stephen M. Hanrahan, Jin Jin Feng, Jiang He, Nor Eddine Sounni, Ken A. Dill, Christopher H. Contag, Lisa M. Coussens, Benjamin L. Franc

Design strategy combining computational chemistry, parallel synthesis and protease cleavage studies has yielded a promising MMP-14 sensitive probe for SPECT imaging.



#### Synthesis and antibacterial property of quinolines with potent DNA gyrase activity

pp 660-666

Ekambaram Ramesh, Rathna Durga R. S. Manian, Ragavachary Raghunathan\*, Shilpakala Sainath, Malathi Raghunathan

#### Studies on anti-HIV quinolones: New insights on the C-6 position

pp 667-674

Serena Massari, Dirk Daelemans, Giuseppe Manfroni, Stefano Sabatini, Oriana Tabarrini\*, Christophe Pannecouque, Violetta Cecchetti

$$CF_3$$
, OMe, OH  $CO_2H$ 

Ar  $R_1 = H$ , Me

Groups with different chemical–physical properties have been explored to further investigate the role of the C-6 substituent in the anti-HIV activity/cytotoxicity of the quinolone derivatives.

### New pyrazoline bearing 4(3H)-quinazolinone inhibitors of monoamine oxidase: Synthesis, biological evaluation, and structural determinants of MAO-A and MAO-B selectivity

pp 675-689

Nesrin Gökhan-Kelekçi\*, Semra Koyunoğlu, Samiye Yabanoğlu, Kemal Yelekçi, Özen Özgen, Gülberk Uçar, Kevser Erol, Engin Kendi, Akgül Yeşilada

A new series of pyrazoline derivatives were prepared starting from quinazolinone ring and evaluated for antidepressant, anxiogenic and MAO-A and -B inhibitory activities by in vivo and in vitro tests, respectively. Enzyme-inhibitor molecular interaction was obtained by docking experiments with the monoamine oxidase-A and monoamine oxidase-B isoforms.

### Non-vanillyl resiniferatoxin analogues as potent and metabolically stable transient receptor potential vanilloid 1 agonists

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Hyun-Kyung Choi, Sun Choi, Yoonji Lee, Dong Wook Kang, HyungChul Ryu, Han-Joo Maeng, Suk-Jae Chung, Vladimir A. Pavlyukovets, Larry V. Pearce, Attila Toth, Richard Tran, Yun Wang, Matthew A. Morgan, Peter M. Blumberg, Jeewoo Lee\*

#### Synthesis of novel 1,4-benzoxazin-3-one derivatives as inhibitors against tyrosine kinases

pp 699-708

Takahiro Honda\*, Takahiro Terao, Hiroyuki Aono, Masakazu Ban

### $Structure-activity\ relationships\ of\ lipopolysaccharide\ sequestration\ in\ guanylhydrazone-bearing\ lipopolysamines$

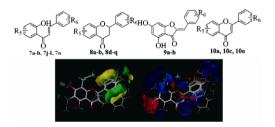
pp 709-715

Wenyan Wu, Diptesh Sil, Michal L. Szostak, Subbalakshmi S. Malladi, Hemamali J. Warshakoon, Matthew R. Kimbrell, Jens R. Cromer, Sunil A. David  $^{\ast}$ 

R= H, or alkyl groups



Synthesis, biological evaluation and quantitative structure-activities relationship of flavonoids as vasorelaxant agents pp 716–726 Xiaowu Dong, Tao Liu, Jingying Yan, Peng Wu, Jing Chen, Yongzhou Hu\*



A series of flavonoid derivatives were designed, synthesized as vasorelaxant agents. Some were found to possess potent vasorelaxant activity. CoMFA analysis was carried out, and a statistically reliable QSAR model ( $r^2$ =0. 872 and  $q^2$ =0. 496) was established.

#### Ceramicines B-D, new antiplasmodial limonoids from Chisocheton ceramicus

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Khalit Mohamad, Yusuke Hirasawa, Marc Litaudon, Khalijah Awang, A. Hamid A. Hadi, Koichi Takeya, Wiwied Ekasari, Aty Widyawaruyanti, Noor Cholies Zaini, Hiroshi Morita\*

#### Arylphthalazines as potent, and orally bioavailable inhibitors of VEGFR-2

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Matthew A. J. Duncton\*, Eugene L. Piatnitski Chekler, Reeti Katoch-Rouse, Dan Sherman, Wai C. Wong, Leon M. Smith II, Joel K. Kawakami, Alexander S. Kiselyov, Daniel L. Milligan, Chris Balagtas, Yaron R. Hadari, Ying Wang, Sheetal N. Patel, Robin L. Rolster, James R. Tonra, David Surguladze, Stan Mitelman, Paul Kussie, Peter Bohlen, Jacqueline F. Doody

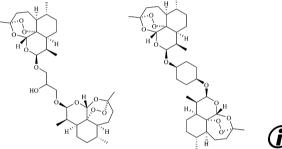
57 IM-094882 VEGFR-2 IC<sub>50</sub> (enz.) = 48 nM VEGFR-2 ED<sub>50</sub> (cell) = 10 nM

### Synthesis and evaluation of dihydroartemisinin and dihydroartemisitene acetal dimers showing anticancer and antiprotozoal activity

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Ahmed M. Galal\*, Waseem Gul, Desmond Slade, Samir A. Ross, Shixia Feng, Melinda G. Hollingshead, Michael C. Alley, Gurmeet Kaur, Mahmoud A. ElSohly

Twelve artemisinin acetal dimers were synthesized and tested for anticancer, antiangiogenesis and antiprotozoal activities. Full spectroscopic data are given for the title compounds.



### Anionic polymer, poly(methyl vinyl ether–maleic anhydride)-coated beads-based capture of human influenza A and B virus

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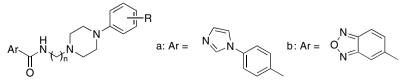
Akikazu Sakudo\*, Koichi Baba, Megumi Tsukamoto, Atsuko Sugimoto, Takashi Okada, Takanori Kobayashi, Norihito Kawashita, Tatsuya Takagi, Kazuyoshi Ikuta

Poly(methyl vinyl ether-maleic anhydride) [poly(MVE-MA)] is an anionic and bioadhesive polymer. Poly(MVE-MA) in water forms highly polar polymeric free acids, which are highly negatively charged. Coating magnetic beads with poly(MVE-MA) facilitated the capture and concentration of human influenza viruses.

# Design, synthesis, and binding affinities of potential positron emission tomography (PET) ligands with optimal lipophilicity for brain imaging of the dopamine $D_3$ receptor. Part II

pp 758-766

Marcello Leopoldo\*, Enza Lacivita, Paola De Giorgio, Marialessandra Contino, Francesco Berardi, Roberto Perrone



n = 3,4R= 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>; 3-OCH<sub>3</sub>; 2-OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>F; 3-OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>F; 3-F,5-OCH<sub>3</sub>

#### DNA photocleavage by porphyrin-polyamine conjugates

pp 767-776

Guillaume Garcia, Vincent Sarrazy, Vincent Sol, Caroline Le Morvan\*, Robert Granet, Sandra Alves, Pierre Krausz

### Relationships between the structure of 6-allyl-6,8-diazabicyclo[3. 2. 2]nonane derivatives and their $\sigma$ receptor affinity and cytotoxic activity

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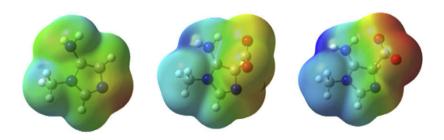
Ralph Holl, Dirk Schepmann, Renate Grünert, Patrick J. Bednarski, Bernhard Wünsch\*

HO O ArCH<sub>2</sub> N ArCH<sub>2</sub> N ArCH<sub>2</sub> N 
$$X = Y = H$$
, Ar =  $p$ -Methoxyphenyl  $\sigma_1 = 11$  nM

#### Interrogating the mechanism of a tight binding inhibitor of AIR carboxylase

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Steven M. Firestine\*, Weidong Wu, Hasik Youn, V. Jo Davisson



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Synthesis of new amonafide analogues via coupling reaction and their cytotoxic evaluation and DNA-binding studies

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Lijuan Xie, Yufang Xu, Fang Wang, Jianwen Liu, Xuhong Qian\*, Jingnan Cui

#### The stereochemistry of N-methyl and aryl substituents determine the biological activities of 3-aryl-8-methyl-8azabicyclo[3. 2. 1]oct-2,3-enes

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Aleksej Krunić, Dahua Pan, William J. Dunn III, S. V. Santhana Mariappan\*



#### Redox-active dinitrodiphenylthioethers against Leishmania: Synthesis, structure-activity relationships and mechanism of action studies

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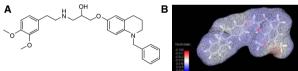
Dawn A. Delfin\*, Rachel E. Morgan, Xiaohua Zhu, Karl A. Werbovetz

Analogs of BTB-06237, previously identified by molecular modeling and possessing potent activity against Leishmania donovani, were synthesized and evaluated. Several compounds displayed antileishmanial potency similar to that of the lead compound. The mechanism of action appears to involve the generation of reactive oxygen species.

#### Substituted 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yloxypropanes as β<sub>3</sub>-adrenergic receptor agonists: Design, synthesis, biological evaluation and pharmacophore modeling

pp 830-847

Neeraj Shakya, Kuldeep K. Roy, Anil K. Saxena



In search of potent β<sub>3</sub>-adrenergic receptor agonists, a series of novel substituted 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yloxypropanes has been synthesized and evaluated for their β<sub>3</sub>-adrenergic receptor agonistic activity (ranging from -17. 73% to 90. 64% inhibition at 10μM) using well established Human SK-N-MC neuroblastoma cells model. Four molecules viz. 11, 15, 22 and 23 showed β<sub>3</sub>-AR agonistic IC<sub>50</sub> value of 0. 55, 0. 59, 1. 18 and 1. 76μM, respectively. These four candidates have been identified as possible leads for further development of  $\beta_3$ -adrenergic receptor agonists for obesity and Type-II diabetes pharmacotherapy. The free OH and NH functions are found to be essential for \(\beta\_3\)-adrenergic receptor agonistic activity. Among the synthesized \(\beta\_3\)-adrenergic receptor agonists having 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline scaffold, the N-benzyl group is found to be superior over N-arylsulfonyl group. A putative pharmacophore model has been modeled considering the above four active molecules which distinguishes well between the active and inactive molecules.



#### The synthesis of ursolic acid derivatives with cytotoxic activity and the investigation of their preliminary mechanism of action

pp 848-854

Yan-Qiu Meng\*, Dan Liu, Ling-Li Cai, Hong Chen, Bo Cao, Yi-Zheng Wang

The synthesis of ursolic acid derivatives with cytotoxic activity and the investigation of their inducing apoptosis and affecting cell cycle distribution are reported.

### Discovery and structure-activity relationships of a novel series of benzopyran-based $K_{ATP}$ openers for urge urinary incontinence

pp 855-866

Xuqing Zhang\*, Yuhong Qiu, Xiaojie Li, Sheela Bhattacharjee, Morgan Woods, Patricia Kraft, Scott G. Lundeen, Zhihua Sui

A novel series of benzopyran derivatives were synthesized and evaluated as K<sub>ATP</sub> channel openers. The lead compound is a potent and selective K<sub>ATP</sub> channel opener in vitro. In two anesthetized rat models of myogenic bladder overactivity, it is found to inhibit spontaneous bladder contractions.

#### Acetylcholinesterase inhibitory guided fractionation of Melissa officinalis L.

pp 867-871

Keyvan Dastmalchi, Velimatti Ollilainen, Petri Lackman, Gustav Boije af Gennäs, H. J. Damien Dorman\*, Päivi P. Järvinen, Jari Yli-Kauhaluoma, Raimo Hiltunen

Acetylcholinesterase guided fractionation of *Melissa officinalis* L. was carried out and the contents of the most potent fraction were identified as *cis*- and *trans*-rosmarinic acids and a derivative of rosmarinic acid.

Rosmarinic acid

### Synthesis of deoxygenated $\alpha(1\rightarrow 5)$ -linked arabinofuranose disaccharides as substrates and inhibitors of arabinosyltransferases of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

pp 872-881

Ashish K. Pathak, Vibha Pathak, William J. Suling, James R. Riordan, Sudagar S. Gurcha, Gurdyal S. Besra, Robert C. Reynolds\*

Three new deoxygenated Araf disaccharides were prepared and screened as substrates and competitive inhibitors in a MTB arabinosyltransferase assay.

#### Design and synthesis of some thiazolyl and thiadiazolyl derivatives of antipyrine as potential non-acidic antiinflammatory, analgesic and antimicrobial agents

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Sherif A. F. Rostom\*, Ibrahim M. El-Ashmawy, Heba A. Abd El Razik, Mona H. Badr, Hayam M. A. Ashour

The synthesis of two groups of structure hybrids comprising basically the antipyrine moiety attached to either polysubstituted thiazole or 2,5-disubstituted-1,3,4-thiadiazole counterparts through various linkages is described. Twelve compounds were evaluated for their anti-inflammatory activity, ulcerogenic effects and acute toxicity. The analgesic activity of the same compounds was also evaluated. Additionally, their in vitro antimicrobial activity was evaluated. In general, compounds belonging to the thiazolylantipyrine series exhibited better biological activities than their thiadiazolyl structure variants. Some compounds displayed remarkable anti-inflammatory and analgesic profiles with a fast onset of action together with a super GI safety profile and safety margin. Meanwhile, some compounds exhibited broad spectrum antimicrobial activity. Compound 10 could be identified as the most biologically active member within this study with an interesting dual anti-inflammatory analgesic and antibacterial profile.

#### Convenient QSAR model for predicting the complexation of structurally diverse compounds with β-cyclodextrins

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Alfonso Pérez-Garrido<sup>\*</sup>, Aliuska Morales Helguera, Adela Abellán Guillén, M. Natália D. S. Cordeiro, Amalio Garrido Escudero

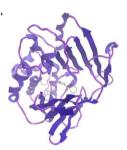
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### Selective small molecule inhibitors of the potential breast cancer marker, human arylamine *N*-acetyltransferase 1, and its murine homologue, mouse arylamine *N*-acetyltransferase 2

pp 905-918

Angela J. Russell, Isaac M. Westwood, Matthew H. J. Crawford, James Robinson, Akane Kawamura, Christina Redfield, Nicola Laurieri, Edward D. Lowe, Stephen G. Davies, Edith Sim\*

The identification, synthesis and evaluation of a series of rhodanine and thiazolidin-2,4-dione derivatives as selective inhibitors of human arylamine *N*-acetyltransferase 1 and mouse arylamine *N*-acetyltransferase 2 is described.

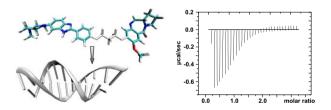


### Spectroscopic and calorimetric studies on the DNA recognition of pyrrolo[2,1-c][1,4]benzodiazepine hybrids

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Michael Rettig, Ahmed Kamal, R. Ramu, Judith Mikolajczak, Klaus Weisz  $^{\ast}$ 



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