### Myxovirescin Analogues Via Macrocyclic Ring-Closing Metathesis

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A short, efficient route has been developed to analogues of myxovirescin using ring-closing metathesis whereby the antibacterial activity has been retained.

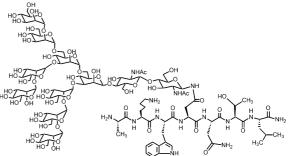
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### Chemoenzymatic Synthesis of High-Mannose Type HIV-1 Gp120 Glycopeptides

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### Solid-Phase Synthesis of Cyclic RGD-Furanoid Sugar Amino Acid Peptides as Integrin Inhibitors

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Novel cyclic RGD peptides containing one or two furanoid sugar amino acids were synthesized via a cyclization-cleavage approach using Kaiser's oxime resin. Evaluation of their ability to bind to the integrin receptors  $\alpha_v \beta_3$  and  $\alpha_{IIb} \beta_3$  revealed that compound 1 has the highest affinity for both receptors.

1  $IC_{50} α_{IIb}β_3 = 0.384 μM$  $IC_{50} α_{v}β_3 = 1.49 μM$ 

## 2,5-Bis-(2-hydroxybenzoylamino)pentanoic Acid, a Salicylic Acid-metabolite Isolated from Chicken: Characterization and Independent Synthesis

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### Stereochemical Studies on Phosphopantothenoylcysteine Decarboxylase from *Escherichia coli*

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Stereochemical studies of the reaction catalyzed by PPC-DC indicate decarboxylation with retention at  $C_{\alpha}$  and removal of the pro-R proton at  $C_{\beta}$  of the cysteine moiety of the substrate 2 during a reversible oxidation to a thioaldehyde intermediate.

### Synthesis and GABA<sub>A</sub> Receptor Activity of a 6,19-Oxido Analogue of Pregnanolone

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The synthesis and biological activity in vitro and in vivo of the neurosteroid analogue 4 are reported.

#### Imidazopyrimidines, Potent Inhibitors of p38 MAP Kinase

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A novel series of imidazopyrimidines have been developed that potently inhibit  $p38\alpha$  and suppress the production of TNF- $\alpha$  in vivo.

$$H_2N$$
 $N$ 
 $N$ 
 $R$ 

## [<sup>3</sup>H]-Methoxymethyl-MTEP and [<sup>3</sup>H]-Methoxy-PEPy: Potent and Selective Radioligands for the Metabotropic Glutamate Subtype 5 (mGlu5) Receptor

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[<sup>3</sup>H]-Methoxymethyl-MTEP [<sup>3</sup>H]-Methoxy-PEPy

### Synthesis and In Vitro Efficacy of Acid-Sensitive Poly(ethylene glycol) Paclitaxel Conjugates

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Three maleimide derivatives of the anticancer drug paclitaxel that incorporate an acidsensitive carboxylic hydrazone linker were prepared and coupled to bifunctional PEGs (MW 20,000 g/mol). The conjugates showed in vitro activity in three human cancer lines in the low micromolar range. Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett. 13 (2003) 355

## Structure–Activity Relationships of Novel Anti-Malarial Agents: Bioorg. Med. Chem. Part 5. N-(4-acylamino-3-benzoylphenyl)-[5-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-furyl]acrylic Acid Amides

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We have developed a [5-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-furyl]acrylic acid substituted benzophenone as a novel lead for anti-malarial agents. Here, we demonstrated that the acyl residue at the 2-amino group of the benzophenone core structure has to be a phenylacetic acid substructure substituted in its *para*-position with methyl or other substituents of similar size like chlorine, bromine or trifluoromethyl.

### Nociceptin/Orphanin $FQ(1-13)NH_2$ Analogues Modified in the $Phe^1$ -Gly $^2$ Peptide Bond

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The synthesis and the mouse vas deferens activity of a series of Nociceptin/orpanin  $FQ(1-13)NH_2$  analogues are reported.

H<sub>2</sub>N X N/OFQ(3-13)NH<sub>2</sub>

X = CO-NH;  $CH_2-NH$ ;  $CH_2-N(CH_3)$ ;  $CH_2-O$ ;  $CH_2-S$ ;  $CO-CH_2$ ; NH-CO

#### Nonbenzamidine Tetrazole Derivatives as Factor Xa Inhibitors

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A series of tetrazole fXa inhibitors containing benzamidine mimic as the  $P_1$  substrate is described. The aminobenzisoxaole moiety was found to be the most potent benzamidine mimic. SR374 inhibits fXa with a  $K_i$  value of 0.35 nM and is very selective for fXa over thrombin and trypsin.

### Synthesis and In Vivo Anti-inflammatory Activity of Long-Chain 2-Amino-alcohols

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The synthesis, anti-inflammatory and analgesic activity of long-chain 2-amino-alcohols is reported.

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 $\begin{array}{c} R = (CH_2)_{12}CH_3 \\ (CH_2)_5CH = CH(CH_2)_7CH_3 \\ O(CH_2)_{11}CH_3 \end{array}$ 

### Discovery of a Novel Series of 6-Azauracil-Based Thyroid Hormone Receptor Ligands: Potent, TRβ Subtype-Selective Thyromimetics

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$$R_2$$
  $N$   $N$   $N$   $R_1 = SO_2NR'R'', C(O)NR'R''$   $R_2$ ,  $R_3 = CI$ ,  $Me$ 

### **Evaluation of Vinylsulfamides as Sulfhydryl Selective Alkylation Reagents in Protein Modification**

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Several model vinylsulfamides were prepared. Their excellent selective reactivity towards sulfhydryl group with regards to amino group has been demonstrated through kinetics study.

### Synthesis and Evaluation of $\delta$ -Lactams (Piperazones) as Elastase Inhibitors

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A series of monocyclic  $\delta$ -lactams (piperazones) was prepared and analysed as inhibitors of porcine pancreatic and human neutrophil elastase.

$$R^3$$
 $R^2$ 
 $R^1 = Bn, R^2 = Ts, R^3 = 3$ 
 $K_i = ca. 154 \mu M (PPE)$ 

### Synthesis of Labelled PNA Oligomers by a Post-synthetic Modification Approach

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Fluorescently-labelled PNA oligomers are prepared using a reactive PNA monomer.

#### Synthesis of Antioxidant Propyl Gallate Using Tannase from Aspergillus Niger Van Teighem in Nonaqueous Media

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The enzyme based synthesis of antioxidant food additive propyl gallate, is reported.

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### Novel Thieno Oxazine Analogues as Antihyperglycemic and Lipid Modulating Agents

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Synthesis and biological evaluation of 1 and 2 have been described.

### SLV310, a Novel, Potential Antipsychotic, Combining Potent Dopamine D<sub>2</sub> Receptor Antagonism with Serotonin Reuptake Inhibition

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SLV310 is presented as a novel antipsychotic, displaying the interesting combination of potent  $D_2$  receptor antagonism and serotonin reuptake inhibition in one molecule. This paper describes the structure—activity relationship in a series of compounds leading to SLV310 together with pharmacological data showing the unique profile of this compound.

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SLV310

### Zinc(II)-Mediated Inhibition of a Ribonuclease by an N-Hydroxyurea Nucleotide

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### 2,3-Diarylbenzopyran Derivatives as a Novel Class of Selective Cyclooxygenase-2 Inhibitors

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A new series of benzopyrans has been synthesized and tested for cyclooxygenase inhibitory activity. Rational structural modifications were applied to potent COX-2 inhibitors to obtain the desired pharmacokinetic profiles for improved oral anti-inflammatory activity.

 $R^2$   $R^2$ 

#### QSAR Study on Solubility of Alkanes in Water and Their Partition Coefficients in Different Solvent Systems Using PI Index

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The aqueous solubility as well as partition coefficients in different solvent systems have been modeled using the newly introduced PI index. Results show that the PI index gives better results than the Wiener index (W).

### A Series of 2(Z)-2-Benzylidene-6,7-dihydroxybenzofuran-3[2H]-ones as Inhibitors of Chorismate Synthase

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We have synthesized a series of 2(Z)-2-benzylidene-6,7-dihydroxybenzofuran-3[2H]-ones. Inhibitory activity of Streptococcus pneumoniae chorismate synthase is reported.

HO OH OH IC50 (SpCS) = 8 
$$\mu$$
M IC50 (SpCS) = 0.22  $\mu$ M O

#### 1,3,4 Trisubstituted Pyrrolidine CCR5 Receptor Antagonists Bearing 4-Aminoheterocycle Substituted Piperidine Side Chains

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Optimization of 4(3-arylpropyl)piperidine derived 1,3,4-trisubstituted pyrrolidine CCR5 antagonists is reported.

P CO<sub>2</sub>H

9a; Ar = -2,4-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>F<sub>2</sub>, R = -CH<sub>2</sub>cBu CCR5 IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.1 nM PBMC IC<sub>95</sub> = 38 nM

### Novel Antifungal β-Amino Acids: Synthesis and Activity Against Candida albicans

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A series of novel  $\beta$ -amino acids has been synthesized and tested for their in vitro antifungal activity against *Candida albicans*. A steep SAR was observed.  $\beta$ -Amino acid **21** (BAY 10-8888/PLD-118) revealed the most favourable activity-tolerability profile and was selected for clinical studies as a novel antifungal for the oral treatment of yeast infections.

H<sub>2</sub>N COOH

BAY 10-8888 / PLD-118 21

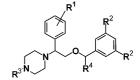
#### Discovery of Orally Bioavailable NK<sub>1</sub> Receptor Antagonists

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Benzyloxyphenethylpiperazines are a new class of high affinity  $NK_1$  receptor antagonists. Oral bioavailability and selectivity can be fine tuned by the nature of the substituents on the basic nitrogen atom.



#### Characterization of the Mechanism of Anticonvulsant Activity for a Selected Set of Putative AMPA Receptor Antagonists

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A selected set of 1-aryl-7,8-methylenedioxy-2,3-benzodiazepin-4-ones and their analogues were evaluated for their ability to bind the competitive and noncompetitive sites of AMPA receptors as well as glycine/NMDA receptor site.

#### Modelling of Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitory Activity of Sulfonamides Using Molecular Negentropy

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The present paper deals with the modelling of carbonic anhydrase inhibitory activity of sulfonamides using molecular negentropy (N). Excellent results are obtained in multiple regression analysis upon introduction of indicator parameters. The results are critically discussed on the basis of statistical data obtained from regression analysis.

### Synthesis and Antitumor Activity of Novel C-8 Ester Derivatives of Leinamycin

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Synthesis and antitumor activity of novel C-8 ester derivatives of leinamycin are reported. Introduction of acyl groups containing polyether moiety resulted in the derivatives, such as **4e**, with potent antitumor activity.

### Synthesis and Preliminary Cytotoxicity of Nitrogen Mustard Derivatives of Distamycin A

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Synthesis of new nitrogen mustard and distamycin A derivatives is reported.

### Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of Novel $1\beta$ -Methylcarbapenems with Isothiazoloethenyl Side Chains

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The synthesis of novel 1β-methylcarbapenems **1a,b** bearing isothiazoloethenyl moieties at C-5 position of pyrrolidine ring and their biological evaluation are described. Both compounds showed potent and well-balanced antibacterial activity as well as high stability to DHP-I. Especially, 5-isothiazole derivative **1a** exhibited excellent DHP-I stability and advanced pharmacokinetics profiles, compared to 5-isoxazole derivative **2**, imipenem, and meropenem.

1a: A=S, B=N 1b: A=N, B=S

#### p38 Inhibitors: Piperidine- and 4-Aminopiperidine-Substituted Naphthyridinones, Quinolinones, and Dihydroquinazolinones

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 $p38\alpha IC_{50} = 1.1 \text{ nM}$ TNF- $\alpha$  IC<sub>50</sub> = 13 nM F = 44% (rat)

### Antitumour Benzothiazoles. Part 20:† 3'-Cyano and 3'-Alkynyl-

3'-alkynyl-substituted 2-(4'-aminophenyl)benzothiazoles is reported.

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Substituted 2-(4'-Aminophenyl)benzothiazoles as New Potent and Selective Analogues Ian Hutchinson, Tracey D. Bradshaw, Charles S. Matthews, Malcolm F. G. Stevens and Andrew D. Westwell\*

Cancer Research Laboratories, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2RD, UK The synthesis and in vitro antitumour evaluation of a series of new 3'-cyano and

 $R = H, F; R' = CN, C \equiv CH$ 

#### Synthesis and SAR of α-Acylaminoketone Ligands for Control of **Gene Expression**

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 $R^{1}$ ,  $R^{2} = -(CH_{2})_{4}$ -, Me, *i*-Pr

#### 2-Phenylspiroindenes: A Novel Class of Selective Estrogen **Receptor Modulators (SERMs)**

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A series of 2-phenylspiroindenes was prepared. The most active analogue (2) was found to be comparable in potency to raloxifene as an estrogen receptor ligand.

### **Inhibition of Mast Cell Leukotriene Release by Thiourea Derivatives**

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Substituted halopyridyl, indolyl and naphthylthiourea compounds were synthesized and examined for their in vitro effects on IgE/Fc $\epsilon$ RI receptor mediated mast cell leukotriene release. Compounds 3004R and 3002R were identified as lead compounds with a IC50 of 2–5 nM.

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### Discovery, SAR, Synthesis, Pharmacokinetic and Biochemical Characterization of A-192411: A Novel Fungicidal Lipopeptide-(I)

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The discovery, SAR, synthesis, PK and biochemical characterization of the cyclic lipopepetide A192411 is described.

### In Vivo Characterization of A-192411: A Novel Fungicidal Lipopeptide (II)

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The in vivo characterization of the cyclic lipopepetide A192411 in both acute and chronic *candidiasis* settings are described.

#### 1,4-Diazepane-2-ones as Novel Inhibitors of LFA-1

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The design, synthesis, and biological evaluation of 1,4-diazepane-2-ones as novel LFA-1 antagonists from a scaffold-based combinatorial library are described. Initial optimization of the library lead has resulted in high-affinity antagonists of the LFA-1/ICAM-1 interaction, such as compounds **18d** and **18e** with  $IC_{50}$  values of 110 and 70 nM, respectively.

R4 N R3

18d: R<sub>3</sub>=6-quinolyl; R<sub>4</sub>=NH<sub>2</sub> 18e: R<sub>3</sub>=3-quinolyl; R<sub>4</sub>=NH<sub>2</sub>

#### **Thiophene-Based Vitronectin Receptor Antagonists**

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A series of  $\alpha_{\nu}\beta_{3}$  antagonists based on a thiophene scaffold were synthesized via two routes and evaluated for in vitro biological activity. We have identified several structurally similar antagonists with different selectivities towards  $\alpha_{IIb}\beta_{3}$ ,  $\alpha_{\nu}\beta_{5}$  and  $\alpha_{5}\beta_{1}$  at the cellular level. In addition, these antagonists exerted an antiangiogenic effect in the chick chorioallantoic membrane (CAM) assay.

o, m, p; n= 0, 1; R<sub>1</sub>=Ph, Mes

#### Structure—Activity Relationships of Substituted Benzothiopheneanthranilamide Factor Xa Inhibitors

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A novel benzothiophene-anthranilamide compound was identified by high throughput screening as a potent, non-amidine factor Xa inhibitor. A series of modifications of the three aromatic groups was investigated, leading to the discovery of subnanomolar inhibitors.

#### Pharmacophore-Based Discovery of Substituted Pyridines as Novel Dopamine Transporter Inhibitors

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The discovery of novel dopamine transporter inhibitors using a new pharmacophore model through 3D-database pharmacophore searching is described. A simple substituted pyridine has a  $K_i$  value of 79 nM in inhibition of dopamine reuptake.

 $K_i = 79 \text{ nM}$ 

#### **Sordaricin Antifungal Agents**

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The synthesis of antifungal agents derived from sordarin is reported.

## 5-Azidoepibatidine: An Exceptionally Potent Photoaffinity Ligand for Neuronal $\alpha 4\beta 2$ and $\alpha 7$ Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptors

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Racemic 5-azidoepibatidine [( $\pm$ )-1] was synthesized via 5-aminoepibatidine as a candidate photoaffinity ligand with exceptionally high affinity at the mammalian neuronal nicotinic receptors ( $K_i$  values of 0.027 nM for  $\alpha$ 4 $\beta$ 2 and 9.7 nM for  $\alpha$ 7) and excellent photoreactivity.

 $K_i$  = 0.027 nM for  $\alpha$ 4 $\beta$ 2 9.7 nM for  $\alpha$ 7

### Synthesis, Opioid Receptor Binding, and Functional Activity of 5'-Substituted 17-Cyclopropylmethylpyrido[2',3':6,7]morphinans

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A series of 5'-substituted analogues of 3 were synthesized and evaluated. While a pyrrole substituent (6h) improved the  $\delta$  selectivity and antagonist potency of 3, a guanidine group (6i) transformed it to a  $\kappa$  selective antagonist.

3, R = H 6h, R = 1-pyrrolyl 6i, R = NH-C-NH<sub>2</sub> NH

# Both 5-Arylidene-2-thioxodihydropyrimidine-4,6(1*H*,5*H*)-diones and 3-Thioxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-imidazo[1,5-*a*]indol-1-ones are Light-Dependent Tumor Necrosis Factor-α Antagonists

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Compounds such as **21** (IC $_{50}$  = 0.13  $\mu M$ ) and **37** (IC $_{50}$  = 0.28  $\mu M$ ) are selective, but light-dependent, inhibitors of TNFRe1.

## Cephalosporin Prodrugs of Paclitaxel for Immunologically Specific Activation by L-49-sFv-β-Lactamase Fusion Protein

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Paclitaxel conjugates of 7-phenylacetamidocephalosporanic acid were prepared as prodrugs for site specific activation by targeted  $\beta$ -lactamase. Immunologically specific activation of the prodrug 5 containing 3,3-dimethyl-4-amino-butyric acid as linker in combination with the fusion protein L-49-sFv- $\beta$ -lactamase was demonstrated in vitro on 3677 melanoma cells.

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#### **Novel Inhibitors of IMPDH:**

#### A Highly Potent and Selective Quinolone-Based Series

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The preparation and in vitro biological evaluation of a novel series of potent, selective quinolone-based small molecule inhibitors of IMPDH are described.

### Quinolone-Based IMPDH Inhibitors: Introduction of Basic

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Residues on Ring D and SAR of the Corresponding Mono, Di and Benzofused Analogues

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The synthesis and SAR of quinolone-based IMPDH inhibitors derived from the introduction of basic residues are described. Improvement in aqueous solubility was observed.

### Synthesis and Dopamine Transporter Affinity of Chiral 1-[2-

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### [Bis(4-fluorophenyl)methoxylethyl]-4-(2-hydroxypropyl)piperazines as Potential Cocaine Abuse Therapeutic Agents

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#### A Facile Synthesis of C<sub>2</sub>-Symmetric 17β-Estradiol Dimers

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A rapid and efficient synthesis of a series of  $C_2$ -symmetric 17 $\beta$ -estradiol dimers is reported. Some of the dimers show selective cytotoxic activity against the MCF-7 (ER $^+$ ) human breast cancer cell line.

#### Design, Synthesis and Structure–Activity Relationships of Benzoxazinone-Based Factor Xa Inhibitors

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Factor Xa inhibitors with a benzoxazinone template were designed and synthesized.

#### Piperazine-Based CCR5 Antagonists as HIV-1 Inhibitors.

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#### III: Synthesis, Antiviral and Pharmacokinetic Profiles of Symmetrical Heteroaryl Carboxamides

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Compound 16 exemplifies a new class of CCR5 antagonists with improved overall profile over previous compounds.

#### Condensed Aromatic Peptide Family of Microbial Metabolites, **Inhibitors of CD28–CD80 Interactions**

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Three condensed aromatic peptides SCH79235 (1), SCH79236 (2), and SCH204698 (3) were isolated from the fermentation broth of a Streptomycete microorganism The structure of SCH204698 (3) was established by extensive NMR spectral data. All these compounds exhibited good activity against CD28-CD80 binding with an IC<sub>50</sub> of 0.42, 0.38 and 0.22  $\mu$ M, respectively.

1. Complestatin (Chloropeptin II)

2. R<sub>1</sub> & R<sub>2</sub> = O (Chloropeptin I) 3. R<sub>1</sub> = -OH, R<sub>2</sub> = CH<sub>2</sub>COCH<sub>3</sub>

#### Selective Phenolic Acylation of 10-Hydroxycamptothecin Using Poly (Ethylene Glycol) Carboxylic Acid

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### Organic Phenyl Arsonic Acid Compounds with Potent Antileukemic Activity

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The organic arsonic acid compounds 2-trichloromethyl-4-[4'-(4"-phenyl-azo)phenylarsonic acid]aminoquinazoline (**PHI-P518**) and 2-methylthio-4-(2'-phenylarsonic acid)aminopyrimidine (**PHI-P381**) exhibit potent antileukemic activity at low micromolar concentrations.