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Amino acid conjugates as k opioid receptor agonists

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Virendra Kumar,* Deqi Guo, Jeffrey D. Daubert, Joel A. Cassel, Robert N. DeHaven, Erik Mansson, Diane L. DeHaven-Hudkins and Alan L. Maycock

Amino acid conjugates of general structure 3 are described as kappa (κ) opioid receptor agonists. The leading κ agonists of the series have K_i values in the range of 0.83–6.7 nM.

Effects of suberoylanilide hydroxamic acid and trichostatin A on induction of cytochrome P450 enzymes and benzo[a]pyrene DNA adduct formation in human cells

pp 1283-1287

Louisa A. Hooven, Brinda Mahadevan, Channa Keshava, Christopher Johns, Cliff Pereira, Dhimant Desai, Shantu Amin, Ainsley Weston and William M. Baird*

Trichostatin A (TSA)

Suberoylanilide Hydroxamic Acid (SAHA) Benzo[*a*]pyrene (B[*a*]P)

Design of dantrolene-derived probes for radioisotope-free photoaffinity labeling of proteins involved in the physiological Ca²⁺ release from sarcoplasmic reticulum of skeletal muscle

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Takamitsu Hosoya, Toshiyuki Hiramatsu, Takaaki Ikemoto, Hiroshi Aoyama, Tatsuro Ohmae, Makoto Endo and Masaaki Suzuki*

tag to introduce detectable group (TDG) = -CH $_2$ N $_3$, -C \equiv CH photo activatable group (PAG) = N $_3$, -CCF $_3$

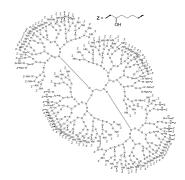
Radioisotope-free photoaffinity probes selective for the physiological Ca²⁺ release from sarcoplasmic reticulum of skeletal muscle have been synthesized.

Functionalized dendrimers as endotoxin sponges

pp 1295-1298

Jens R. Cromer, Stewart J. Wood, Kelly A. Miller, Thuan Nguyen and Sunil A. David*

PAMAM dendrimers with surface groups modified with hydrophobic groups sequester bacterial lipopolysaccharides.





Interstrand photocrosslinking of DNA via p-carbamoylvinyl phenol nucleoside

pp 1299-1301

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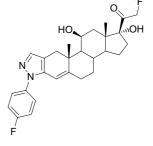
The development of a novel interstrand photocrosslink via p-carbamoylvinyl phenol nucleoside (p-CVP) is reported.

Synthesis and radiopharmacological evaluation of 2'-(4-fluorophenyl)-21-[18 F]fluoro-20-oxo-11 β ,17 α -dihydroxy-pregn-4-eno[3,2-c]pyrazole as potential glucocorticoid receptor ligand for positron emission tomography (PET)

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Frank Wüst,* Torsten Kniess, Marion Kretzschmar and Ralf Bergmann

The radiosynthesis and the biological evaluation of pyrazolo steroid 2'-(4-fluorophenyl)- $21-[^{18}F]$ fluoro-20-oxo- 11β , 17α -dihydroxy-pregn-4-eno[3,2-c]pyrazole is described.



Synthesis and biological activity of new 5-O-sugar modified ketolide and 2-fluoro-ketolide antibiotics

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Chang-Hsing Liang, Sulan Yao, Yu-Hung Chiu, Po Yee Leung, Nicole Robert, Jaime Seddon, Pam Sears, Chan-Kou Hwang, Yoshi Ichikawa and Alex Romero*

A series of new triazole-containing ketolides and 2-fluoro-ketolides in which the 5-O-desosamine was replaced by unnatural sugars was synthesized and evaluated against relevant macrolide-sensitive and macrolide-resistant respiratory pathogens. Excellent in vitro antibacterial activities were demonstrated for ketolide analogues having the 6'-OBz-3'-dimethylamino-glucose and 6'-OBz-4'-deoxy-3'-dimethylamino-glucose substituents.

Identification of an agonist ligand for estrogen-related receptors ERR β/γ

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Donna D. Yu and Barry Marc Forman*

The synthesis of a selective ligand for the estrogen-related receptors ERR β/γ is reported.



Benzodipyrazoles: a new class of potent CDK2 inhibitors

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Roberto D'Alessio,* Alberto Bargiotti, Suzanne Metz, M. Gabriella Brasca, Alexander Cameron, Antonella Ermoli, Aurelio Marsiglio, Paolo Polucci, Fulvia Roletto, Marcellino Tibolla, Michael L. Vazquez, Anna Vulpetti and Paolo Pevarello

The synthesis and the preliminary structure-activity relationship results of this class are reported.

$\emph{N-i-}$ Propoxy- $\emph{N-}$ biphenylsulfonylaminobutylhydroxamic acids as potent and selective inhibitors of MMP-2 and MT1-MMP

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Structural manipulation of the pharmacophoric model of type $\bf A$ selective MMP inhibitors (MMPi), obtained by the insertion of some alkyl substituents $\bf R_2$ possessing an appropriate geometry, steric bulkiness and lipophilicity, is able to improve potency, in the subnanomolar range on MMP-2, and to give a good MMP inhibition on MMP-14 (MT1-MMP) in the designed MMPi of type $\bf C$, while maintaining a good MMP-1/MMP-2 selectivity profile. The simultaneous inhibition of these two enzymes yields type $\bf C$ compounds, which are potent antiangiogenic agents, able to block a chemoinvasion model on HUVEC cells under the micromolar range.

cis-6-Oxo-hexahydro-2-oxa-1,4-diazapentalene and cis-6-oxo-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-c]pyrazole based scaffolds: design rationale, synthesis and cysteinyl proteinase inhibition

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Yikang Wang, Alex Benn, Nick Flinn, Tracy Monk, Manoj Ramjee, John Watts and Martin Quibell*

The discovery and synthesis of novel adenosine receptor (A2A) antagonists

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Julius J. Matasi, John P. Caldwell, Jinsong Hao, Bernard Neustadt, Leyla Arik, Carolyn J. Foster, Jean Lachowicz and Deen B. Tulshian*

The structure–activity relationship investigation using 1 as a template led to the identification of a novel class of compounds as potent and selective antagonists of the A_{2A} receptor. Compound 26 was identified to be the most potent A_{2A} antagonist ($K_i = 0.8 \text{ nM}$) with 100-fold selectivity over the A_1 receptor.

Synthesis and evaluation of pyrazolidine derivatives as dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DP-IV) inhibitors

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Jin Hee Ahn,* Jin Ah Kim, Hye-Min Kim, Hyuk-Man Kwon, Sun-Chul Huh, Sang Dal Rhee, Kwang Rok Kim, Sung-Don Yang, Sung-Dae Park,* Jae Mok Lee, Sung Soo Kim and Hyae Gyeong Cheon

Biaryls and heterobiaryls as α -glucosidase and protein tyrosine phosphatase inhibitors

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Synthesis and antihyperglycemic activity of biaryls are reported.

(R)-2-(4-Phenylbutyl)dihydrobenzofuran derivatives as melatoninergic agents

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Li-Qiang Sun,* Katherine Takaki, Jie Chen, Stephen Bertenshaw, Lawrence Iben, Cathy D. Mahle, Elaine Ryan, Dedong Wu, Qi Gao and Cen Xu

(R)-2-(4-Phenylbutyl)dihydrobenzofuran derivatives (e.g., 3 and 4) were synthesized as novel melatoninergic ligands with significantly lower vasoconstrictive activity in vitro in the rat tail artery. Binding affinity assays were performed on cloned human MT_1 and MT_2 receptors stably expressed in NIH3T3 cells.

Chiral polyamines from reduction of polypeptides: asymmetric pyridoxamine-mediated transaminations pp 1351–1355 Wenjun Zhou, Nancy Yerkes, Jason J. Chruma, Lei Liu and Ronald Breslow*

Ab initio studies of the properties of intracellular thiols ergothioneine and ovothiol

Christine E. Hand, Nicholas J. Taylor and John F. Honek*

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A detailed ab initio electronic structure analysis of ergothioneine and ovothiol is reported, which evaluates the thermodynamics of these thiols with alkyl thiols, hydroxide radicals, hydrogen peroxide and ascorbate.



Novel and orally bioavailable inducible nitric oxide synthase inhibitors: synthesis and evaluation of optically active 4,5-dialkyl-2-iminoselenazolidine derivatives

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$$H_3C R N$$
 $R Se$
NH
iNOS $IC_{50} = 9.3 \text{ nM}$
Compound 4
(ES-2133)

The synthesis and evaluation of compound 4 (ES-2133) and its related optically active compounds as iNOS inhibitor is reported. In addition, an alternative synthetic method to the selected compound 4 and its pharmacokinetic profile is also reported.

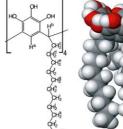


Interaction of dopamine and acetylcholine with an amphiphilic resorcinarene receptor in aqueous micelle system

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Molecular recognition of neurotransmitters with an amphiphilic resorcinarene receptor in an aqueous micelle system is studied by ¹H NMR measurements and theoretical chemical shift calculation.



Design, synthesis and biological evaluation of novel bicyclic β -lactams as potential antimalarials

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The synthesis of substituted bipiperidine amide compounds as CCR3 antagonists

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The structure-activity relationship of bipiperidine 1 as a CCR3 antagonist has been evaluated.

Dipeptidyl aspartyl fluoromethylketones as potent caspase inhibitors: peptidomimetic replacement of the P_2 α -amino acid by a α -hydroxy acid

pp 1379-1383

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$$R_1$$
 H
 O
 E
 CO_2H
 CH_2X
 CH_2X

The synthesis and biological evaluation of a group of peptidomimetic α -carbamoyl-alkylcarbonyl-aspartyl fluoromethethylketones as capase inhibitors is reported.

Utilization of a nitrobenzoxadiazole (NBD) fluorophore in the design of a Grb2 SH2 domain-binding peptide mimetic

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Zhen-Dan Shi, Rajeshri G. Karki, Shinya Oishi, Karen M. Worthy, Lakshman K. Bindu, Pathirage G. Dharmawardana, Marc C. Nicklaus, Donald P. Bottaro,

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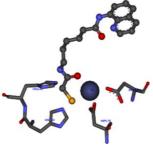
Grb2 SH2 Domain K $_{D}$ = 119 \pm 0.6 nM

Chemistry and biology of mercaptoacetamides as novel histone deacetylase inhibitors

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Bin Chen, Pavel A. Petukhov, Mira Jung, Alfredo Velena, Elena Eliseeva,

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Mercaptoacetamides were designed and synthesized as HDAC inhibitors.

4-(2-Aminoethoxy)-N-(phenylsulfonyl)indoles as novel 5-HT₆ receptor ligands

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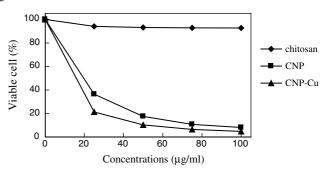
The preparation of a novel class of 4-(2-aminoethoxy)-N-(phenylsulfonyl)indoles which exhibit high affinity towards the 5-HT₆ receptor is reported.

Cytotoxic activities of chitosan nanoparticles and copper-loaded nanoparticles

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Cytotoxic activities of the chitosan, chitosan nanoparticles (mean particle size = $40\,\mathrm{nm}$) and copper-loaded chitosan nanoparticles with various concentrations against BEL7402 cell line. CNP = chitosan nanoparticles; CNP-Cu = copper-loaded chitosan nanoparticles. Each value represents the mean of triplicate measurements and varied from the mean by not more than 10%.



Discovery and investigation of a novel class of thiophene-derived antagonists of the human glucagon receptor

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A novel class of antagonists of the human glucagon receptor (hGCGR) has been discovered. An SAR exploration of the lead class resulted in 13, which exhibited good potency as an hGCGR functional antagonist (IC₅₀ = 34 nM) and moderate bioavailability (36% in mice).

13 cAMP $IC_{50} = 34 \text{ nM}$

Efficient synthesis of bicyclic oxazolino- and thiazolino[3,2-c]pyrimidine-5,7-diones and its application to the synthesis of GnRH antagonists

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Joseph Pontillo* and Chen Chen

Treatment of various 2-methyl oxazolines or thiazolines with chlorocarbonyl isocyanate gives the corresponding bicyclic oxazolinoor thiazolino[3,2-c]pyrimidin-5,7-dione derivatives in very good yield. This reaction has been applied to the rapid syntheses of human gonadotropin-releasing hormone (hGnRH) receptor antagonists for SAR study, resulting in 13e with binding affinity in the low nanomolar range (4.5 nM).

Protein microarray using α-amino acids as metal tags on chips

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Procedures for synthesizing α -amino acids on a chip for coordination with transitional metal ions and a His-Tagged protein have been successfully developed as a stable protein microarray. Using the recombinant His-Tagged 3CL-protease (3CL^{pro}) as a model for attachment to chips containing D-/L-Glu, Asp, Orn, Ser via different transitional metal ions, it was found that the Orn chip was the best of affinity binding and stability by which Zn^{2+} was the best metal ion for affinity while Co^{2+} was the best metal ion for stability. Thus, this protein microarray can be alternatively used as a high throughput screening method for rapid detection against SARS CoV 3CL^{pro} and/or efficient purification of other Tagged proteins.

Synthesis and in vitro antitrypanosomal activity of novel Nifurtimox analogues

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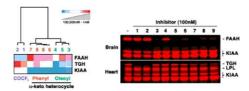
$$R^1$$
 Z R^2

Eight novel Nifurtimox analogues were synthesized and tested in vitro against Trypanosoma cruzi epimastigotes.

Discovery of an exceptionally potent and selective class of fatty acid amide hydrolase inhibitors enlisting proteome-wide selectivity screening: concurrent optimization of enzyme inhibitor potency and selectivity

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Donmienne Leung, Wu Du, Christophe Hardouin, Heng Cheng, Inkyu Hwang, Benjamin F. Cravatt and Dale L. Boger*





Synthesis and SAR of 4-(3-hydroxyphenylamino)pyrrolo[2,1-f][1,2,4]triazine based VEGFR-2 kinase inhibitors

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Robert M. Borzilleri, Zhen-wei Cai, Christopher Ellis, Joseph Fargnoli, Aberra Fura, Tracy Gerhardt, Bindu Goyal, John T. Hunt, Steven Mortillo, Ligang Qian, John Tokarski, Viral Vyas, Barri Wautlet, Xioping Zheng and Rajeev S. Bhide*

$$R_{5}$$
 R_{6}
 $N \cdot N$
 R_{1}
 R_{1}
 R_{1}

Tryptamine and homotryptamine-based sulfonamides as potent and selective inhibitors of 15-lipoxygenase

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David S. Weinstein,* Wen Liu, Zhengxiang Gu, Charles Langevine, Khehyong Ngu, Leena Fadnis, Donald W. Combs, Doree Sitkoff, Saleem Ahmad, Shaobin Zhuang, Xing Chen, Feng-Lai Wang, Deborah A. Loughney, Karnail S. Atwal, Robert Zahler, John E. Macor, Cort S. Madsen and Natesan Murugesan*

Synthesis and activity of 4,5-diarylimidazoles as human CB1 receptor inverse agonists

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The synthesis and structure–activity relationships for a series of substituted 4,5-diphenylimidazole-2-carboxamide derivatives **2b** as selective, orally active human CB1 inverse agonists are described.



Novel jadomycins: incorporation of non-natural and natural amino acids

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David L. Jakeman,* Spring Farrell, Wendy Young, René J. Doucet and Shannon C. Timmons



New derivatives of $1\alpha,25$ -dihydroxy-19-norvitamin D_3 with two substituents at C-2: synthesis and biological activity

pp 1451-1455

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OH OH OH
$$R = CH_2F$$
; CH_2OMe ; Me ; E

Novel 2,2-disubstituted 19-norvitamin D_3 analogs were synthesized and their binding affinity to the vitamin D receptor and transcriptional activity were evaluated.

Synthesis and evaluation of azalanstat analogues as heme oxygenase inhibitors

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Jason Z. Vlahakis, Robert T. Kinobe, Raymond J. Bowers, James F. Brien,

Kanji Nakatsu and Walter A. Szarek*

 $IC_{50} = 6 \mu M$ (rat spleen, HO-1) $IC_{50} = 28 \mu M$ (rat brain, HO-2)

The synthesis and biological activity of novel heme oxygenase (HO) inhibitors based on the lead structure of azalanstat is presented. Potency and selectivity in the inhibition of HO-1 and HO-2 isozymes were found to be dependent on the configurational and structural features of these compounds.

Structure–activity relationships and sub-type selectivity in an oxabicyclic estrogen receptor α/β agonist scaffold

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The synthesis and estrogen receptor α/β agonist activity of compounds from this novel scaffold are reported.

Discovery and SAR of new benzazepines as potent and selective 5- $\mathrm{HT}_{2\mathrm{C}}$ receptor agonists for the treatment of obesity

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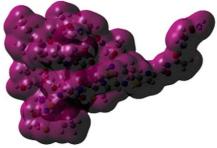
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The synthesis and SAR of a 3-benzazepine series of selective 5-HT_{2C} agonists is described.

Electronic structure calculations on the thiazole-containing antibiotic thiostrepton: molecular mechanics, semi-empirical and ab initio analyses

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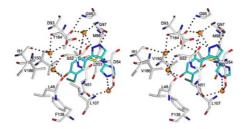
Data from computational analyses utilizing molecular mechanics, molecular dynamics, semi-empirical and ab initio methods on the peptide antibiotic thiostrepton are reported.



Crystal structures of human HSP90\alpha-complexed with dihydroxyphenylpyrazoles

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Design and synthesis of novel 9-substituted-7-aryl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-pyrido[4,3-b]- and [2,3-b]-1,5-oxazocin-6-ones as NK₁ antagonists

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2-Substituted-4-aryl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-pyrimido[4,5-b][1,5]oxazocin-5-one as a structurally new NK₁ antagonist

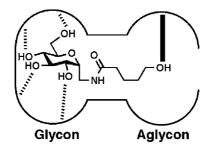
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Aglycon specificity profiling of α -glucosidases using synthetic probes

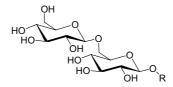
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Synthesis and evaluation of diverse analogs of amygdalin as potential peptidomimetics of peptide T Eyleen Araya, Alex Rodriguez, Jaime Rubio, Alessandro Spada, Jesus Joglar, Amadeu Llebaria, Carmen Lagunas, Andres G. Fernandez, Susanna Spisani and Juan J. Perez*

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The synthesis of amygdalin analogs as peptidomimetics of peptide T is reported.



Structure-activity relationships of dimeric PPAR agonists

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Per Sauerberg,* John P. Mogensen, Lone Jeppesen, L. Anders Svensson, Jan Fleckner, Jan Nehlin, Erik M. Wulff and Ingrid Pettersson

The SAR of dimeric PPAR agonists is reported.

Glucokinase-activating ureas

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Arlindo L. Castelhano, Hanqing Dong, Matthew C. T. Fyfe,* Lisa S. Gardner, Yukari Kamikozawa, Satomi Kurabayashi, Masao Nawano, Rikiya Ohashi, Martin J. Procter, Li Qiu, Chrystelle M. Rasamison, Karen L. Schofield, Vilas K. Shah, Kiichiro Ueta, Geoffrey M. Williams, David Witter and Kosuke Yasuda

Ureas that lower blood glucose levels in vivo by activating glucokinase are described.

Benzothiophenes containing a piperazine side chain as selective ligands for the estrogen receptor α and their bioactivities in vivo

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Chunhao Yang,* Guangyu Xu, Jia Li, Xihan Wu, Bo Liu, Xueming Yan, Mingwei Wang* and Yuyuan Xie

Benzothiophenes bearing piperazine side chains were synthesized and identified to be high-affinity ligands with high selectivity for ER α subtype, and they were potent agonists in bone tissue.

Lysine derivatives as potent HIV protease inhibitors. Discovery, synthesis and structure-activity relationship studies

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Abderrahim Bouzide,* Gilles Sauvé and Jocelyn Yelle

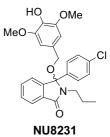
A screening assay program carried out on commercially available N-protected amino acids showed that $N\alpha$ -sulfonamide- $N\varepsilon$ -Fmoc-L-lysine 9 displayed an 8.5 μ M inhibition constant. Addition of an isobutyl group at the N α -position allowed the discovery of the lead candidate 11 exhibiting a 5.0 nM K_i . The discovery, synthesis and SAR studies are described.

Isoindolinone-based inhibitors of the MDM2-p53 protein-protein interaction

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Ian R. Hardcastle,* Shafiq U. Ahmed, Helen Atkins, A. Hilary Calvert, Nicola J. Curtin, Gillian Farnie, Bernard T. Golding, Roger J. Griffin, Sabrina Guyenne, Claire Hutton, Per Källblad, Stuart J. Kemp, Martin S. Kitching, David R. Newell, Stefano Norbedo, Julian S. Northen, Rebecca J. Reid, K. Saravanan, Henriëtte M. G. Willems and John Lunec*

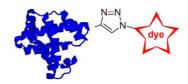
The design, synthesis and evaluation of 24 isoindolinones as potential inhibitors of the MDM2-p53 interaction is described. The most potent inhibitor NU8231 (ELISA: $IC_{50} = 5.3 \pm 0.9 \,\mu\text{M}$) displays cellular activity in human SJSA cells.



In vivo incorporation of an alkyne into proteins in Escherichia coli

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Alexander Deiters and Peter G. Schultz*





(E)-Phenyl- and -heteroaryl-substituted O-benzoyl- (or acyl)oximes as lipoprotein-associated phospholipase A_2 inhibitors

pp 1525-1527

Tae-Sook Jeong, Mi Jeong Kim, Hana Yu, Kyung Soon Kim, Joong-Kwon Choi, Sung-Soo Kim and Woo Song Lee*

$$R^1$$
 N O R^3

 R^1 = Ar, Het; R^2 = H, Me, Ph; R^3 = Ar, alkyl

A series of (E)-phenyl- and -heteroaryl-substituted O-benzoyl- (or acyl)oximes 3a-n were synthesized and evaluated for their inhibitory activities on Lp-PLA₂.

3,4-Disubstituted azetidinones as selective inhibitors of the cysteine protease cathepsin K. Exploring P3 elements for potency and selectivity

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Eduardo L. Setti,* Dana Davis, James W. Janc, Douglas A. Jeffery, Harry Cheung and Walter Yu

The synthesis of a series of highly potent and selective inhibitors of cathepsin K based on the azetidin-2-one warhead is reported.

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Proteome screening for FAAH selectivity. (Left) Comparison of the potencies and relative selectivities of FAAH inhibitors. IC₅₀ values are clustered into three classes: highly potent and highly selective α-ketoheterocycle inhibitors with phenyl side chain (red), moderately potent α-ketoheterocycle inhibitors with oleoyl side chain (green) and trifluoromethyl ketone inhibitors selective for TGH (purple). (Right) Competitive profiling of FAAH inhibitors (100 nM) with RFP (100 nM) in brain and heart membrane proteome [Leung, D.; Du, W.; Hardouin, C.; Cheng, H.; Hwang, I.; Cravatt, B. J.; Boger, D. L. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2005**, *15*, 1423].

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