### **GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS**

Double Bond Isosteres of the Peptide Bond: Synthesis and Biological Activity of Cholecystokinin (CCK) C-Terminal **Hexapeptide Analogs** 

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R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>
la CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> lb H lc 3-Indolylmeth ld CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> le CH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> -tBu	3-Indolylmethyl (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>

(2,3)-α-Methylenepenams: Synthesis and In Vitro Activity

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A series of α-methylene penicillins was synthesized and SAR were studied. The α-isomers were found to be chemically reactive and biologically active in contrast to the β-isomers. In addition, the α-isomers have broader spectrum of in vitro activity than the corresponding penicillins. Generally, the  $\alpha$ -isomers are more active against gram-negative bacteria than the corresponding penicillins, but slightly weaker in potency towards gram-positive organisms.

# Soft Drugs-XIV. Synthesis and Anticholinergic Activity of Soft Phenylsuccinic Analogs of Methatropine

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Three soft drug analogs and a metabolite of methatropine based on phenylsuccinic structural moiety were synthesized and tested for activity. In an in vivo assay, the soft drugs were found to be two orders of magnitude less potent than methatropine while the carboxylate metabolite was found to be one order of magnitude less potent than the soft drugs.

### STUDIES ON PROTEIN KINASE C INHIBITORS; STRUCTURE-ACTIVITY RELATIONSHIPS IN INDOLOCARBAZOLE AND BIS-INDOLE SERIES.

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2 R<sup>1</sup> = CH<sub>3</sub>; R<sup>2</sup> = H

 $3 R^1 = CH_3; R^2 = CH_3$ 

4  $R^1 = CH_3$ ;  $R^2 = H$ 

 $5 R^1 = CH_3; R^2 = CH_3$ 

Amides 1-5 were synthesized. The absence of inhibitory effect on protein kinase C showed that a rigid cyclic structure of the amide moiety is a requirement for biologiccal activity.

#### PROTEIN KINASE C INHIBITORS; STRUCTURE-ACTIVITY RELATIONSHIPS IN K252c RELATED COMPOUNDS.

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 $A_1: X = Y = O$  $A_3: X = Y = H$ 

 $B_1: X = Y = O$  $A_2: X = H; Y = OH \quad B_2: X = H; Y = OH$  $B_3 X = Y = H$ 

 $C_1: X = Y = O; R = H$  $C_2: X = H; Y = OH; R = H$  $C_3: X = Y = H; R = H$ 

 $C_4$ : X = Y = O;  $R = CH_2OH$ 

The syntheses of protein kinase C inhibitors, structurally related to the microbial metabolite K252c (A<sub>3</sub>), are described. The rigidity of the framework is varied and the functional groups in the amide heterocycle are modified. The inhibitory potencies against protein kinase C and protein kinase A are described.

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#### **CHEMOENZYMATIC** SYNTHESIS OF O-GLYCOPEPTIDES CARRYING THE TUMOR ASSOCIATED $T_N$ -ANTIGEN STRUCTURE

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α-Ac<sub>3</sub>GalNAc

Fmoc-Ser-Thr-Ala-OHep α-Ac<sub>3</sub>GalNAc

lipase M pH 7, 37°C 51%

α-Ac<sub>3</sub>GalNAc Fmoc-Ser-Thr-Ala-OH

α-Ac<sub>3</sub>GalNAc

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### CONFORMATIONALLY RESTRICTED ANALOGUES OF THE POTENT CCK-B ANTAGONIST CI-988

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The synthesis and structure-activity relationships (SAR) for a series of conformationally restricted analogues of the selective cholecystokinin (CCK) antagonist CI-988 are described.

NHCOCH=CHCO2H ССК-В IC 50 (+/-)

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# Inhibition of Rat Liver Microsomal Lipid Peroxidation Elicited by 2,2-Dimethylchromenes and Chromans Containing Fluorinated Moieties Resistant to Cytochrome P-450 Metabolism

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2,2-Dimethylchromenes and chromans containing cytochrome P-450 resistant 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy aryl substituents were synthesized and their activity as lipid peroxidation inhibitors evaluated and compared with that exhibited by the corresponding non-fluorinated derivatives.

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## Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of Tetrademethyl Isocolchicine Derivatives as Inhibitors of DNA Topoisomerase Action In Vitro

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Four tetrademethyl isocolchicine analogs were prepared and evaluated as inhibitors of mammalian DNA topoisomerases in vitro. All compounds inhibited topoisomerase II-dependent DNA unknotting by a mechanism which did not involve "cleavable-complex" formation. N-Deacetylation as well as N-substitution with the (3',4',5'-trihydroxybenzoyl)-group afforded compounds which were less selective, based on their added ability to inhibit topoisomerase I-mediated DNA relaxation.