### The Design, Synthesis and Transmembrane Transport Studies of a Biomimetic Sterol-Based Ion Channel

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A model sterol-based ion channel was rationally designed and synthesized. The potential ion channel (1a) is comprised of a tartrate-derived crown ether to which six steroids are appended. Macromolecule 1a was incorporated into phospholipid vesicles and shown to facilitate the transmembrane transport of sodium and lithium ions using alkali metal NMR spectroscopy.

#### Synthesis and Hybridization Properties of the Conjugates of Oligonucleotides and Stabilization Agents—II

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The Tm data and the thermodynamic parameters of complementary complexes of an octanucleotide and a heptanucleotide, which has been linked to the new stabilizing agents 5-13, have shown the capacity of  $\alpha$ - and  $\gamma$ -pyrone derivatives 5-11 to stabilize 7-mer/8-mer complementary complexes, most likely through the stacking interaction of the pyran aromatic system with the neighboring nucleotide bases.

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### **Isolation of New Bioactive Annonaceous Acetogenins** from Rollinia mucosa Guided by Liquid Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry

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### Solid-phase Synthesis of CD52 Glycopeptide and an Efficient Route to Asn-Core Pentasaccharide Conjugate

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Glycopeptide 1, the full peptide sequence of CD52 antigen containing an N-linked core pentasaccharide and its nonglycosylated peptide were both prepared by solid-phase synthesis.

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# Stereochemical Influence on the Stability of Radio-Metal Complexes In Vivo. Synthesis and Evaluation of the Four Stereoisomers of 2-(p-Nitrobenzyl)-trans-CyDTPA

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Yttrium complexes of the stereoisomers of 2-(p-nitrobenzyl)-trans-CyDTPA conjugated to monoclonal antibody exhibit different in vivo stability.

### Inhibition of Cathepsin G by 4H-3,1-Benzoxazin-4-ones

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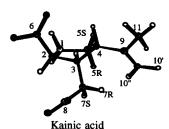
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A series of 4H-3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones is reported that act as acyl-enzyme inhibitors of the serine proteases cathepsin G and chymotrypsin. Introduction of an aryl moiety into the 2-substituent led to compounds with  $K_i$  values towards human cathepsin G in the nanomolar range.

### Structure of Kainic Acid Totally Elucidated by NMR and Molecular Modelling

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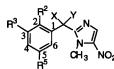
Preparation, Antimicrobial Evaluation, and Mutagenicity of [2-Hydroxyaryl]-[1-methyl-5-nitro-1*H*-2-imidazolyl]-

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methanols, [5-tert-Butyl-2-methylaminophenyl]-[1-methyl-5-nitro-1*H*-2-imidazolyl]-methanol, and [2-Hydroxyaryl]-[1-methyl-5-nitro-1*H*-2-imidazolyl] ketones

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Some of the compounds are non-mutagenic and present good antimicrobial activity.  $R^3/R^5 = H$ , cyclopropyl, 1-adamantyl, 2-adamantyl, cyclohexyl, 2-norbornyl, 'Bu, F, Cl, OMe, COMe;  $R^2 = OH$ , NHMe; X, Y = H, OH or = O.



Structure-Binding Relation of Philanthotoxins from Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor Binding Assay

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Philanthotoxins are noncompetitive inhibitors of the nicotinic acetylcholine receptor and the various glutamate receptors.

Analogues carrying photoaffinity labels, fluorine atoms for solid-state NMR studies of ligand/receptor interaction, and large head groups such as porphyrins and planar bulky aromatic rings (BIG analogues) for clarifying mode of entry and orientation of analogues in receptors have been synthesized, assayed against the nicotinic acetylcholine receptor, and brief comments are given for the assay results.

## A New Type of Carboxypeptidase A Inhibitors Designed Using an Imidazole as a Zinc Coordinating Ligand

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