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Comprehensive Survey of Chemical Libraries for Drug Discovery and Chemical Biology: 2006

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This is the tenth installment of the comprehensive survey series in combinatorial chemistry.¹ The title of the tenth annual review is updated to reflect the trend in high throughput chemistry towards the synthesis of smallernumbered arrays (<1000 members) and their application in drug discovery and chemical biology. The format of the series remains unchanged with literature entries assigned to one of thirteen tables: Tables 1-5 (biological activity disclosed); proteases, nonproteolytic enzymes, G-proteincoupled receptors (GPCRs), nonGPCRs, and oncolytics/ antiinfectives; and Tables 6-13 (no biological activity disclosed); scaffold derivatization, acyclic-, monocyclic-, bicyclic/spirocyclic-, and polycyclic/macrocyclic synthesis, reagents/scavengers, linkers, and polymer-supported chiral ligands. The 469 entries published in 2006 are captured in the Tables.^{2–429}

In addition to the Tables there are 25 vignettes. Selected vignettes on biologically active libraries include: spirocyclic HIV-CCR5 receptor antagonists,¹²⁵ urea-based epoxide hy-

drolase inhibitors,¹⁵⁷ macrocyclic motilin receptor antagonists,²⁵⁸ HIV protease inhibitors using triazole as a transitionstate mimic,³⁸⁷ 5-HT_{2A} antagonists,³⁶⁴ the RCM-based dynamic combinatorial chemistry approach to carbonic anhydrase inhibitors,³¹⁹ the discovery of Bcl-x_L inhibitors combining fragment-based "SAR by NMR" with parallel synthesis,^{303,384} and the design of multiple kinase-directed libraries yielding dual inhibitors of ERK-1 and RasGAPdependent signaling pathways (stem cell self-renewal and differentiation).⁵² The remaining selections describe new biselectrophilic annulation reagents to prepare piperazines and diazacycles,²⁵⁰ the simultaneous processing of two heterocycles,¹⁹⁶ novel variants on multicomponent condensation reactions,^{109,159,398,350,363} DOS and natural product-based libraries^{19,200,217,240,262} and libraries/new methodology generated using fluorous technology.^{98,185,282,419,420}

Publications appeared in 2006 on new polymer supports,^{430–432} solid-phase trapping for compound isolation,⁴³³ pyridyl tags as phase labels,⁴³⁴ NMR functional libraries,⁴³⁵ a molecular building kit for spirocycles,⁴³⁶ target-family privileged substructures,⁴³⁷ and in silico identification of biologically active heterocyclic scaffolds.⁴³⁸ Selected high throughput chemistry reviews published in 2006 include topics on fluorous chemistry,^{439–445} multicomponent condensations,^{447,448}

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Solid-phase synthesis of library 3.6 R^1 i) Ethyl formate, DMF, reflux, 6 h -NH₂ N+EC-Boc HO ii) CCl₄, Et₃N, PPh₃, DCM, reflux, R³ H_2N-R^2 2 3 6 5 1 h For Rink-isonitrile resin: TMSOTf, 2,6-lutidine, DCM, 25 °C, 1 h or methylene-isonitrile R³ resin: TFA-DCM (1:3), THF-MeOH (1:1) 25 °C, 0.5 h N-R R 65 °C, 16 h NH Boc R³ AcOH, toluene 90 °C, 24 h HN-R4 R NН 1: Library 3.6 (576 members) Hits from library 3.6 **9:** * = *S*; IC₅₀ = 3.2 μM (hMIP-1α / hCCR5) **11:** * = S; IC₅₀ = 2.0 μM (hMIP-1α / hCCR5)



10: * = *R*; IC₅₀ = 7.6 μM (hMIP-1α / hCCR5)

enantioselective synthesis on the solid phase,⁴⁴⁹ automated synthesis of heterocycles on the solid phase,⁴⁵⁰ fragmentbased lead discovery,⁴⁵¹ DNA-encoded chemical libraries,^{452,453} dynamic combinatorial chemistry,⁴⁵⁴ in situ click chemistry,⁴⁵⁵ approaches to preparing discovery libraries,⁴⁵⁶ defining the medicinal chemistry diversity space,⁴⁵⁷ chemical genomics,⁴⁵⁸ DOS,⁴⁵⁹ structure-based design and library synthesis,⁴⁶⁰ SPOT synthesis,⁴⁶¹ resin-bound reagents and catalysts,⁴⁶² and parallel medicinal chemistry.⁴⁶³

12: * = *R*; IC₅₀ = 3.0 μM (hMIP-1α / hCCR5)

HIV-CCR5 Receptor Antagonists. Chemokines are chemotactic cytokines that play a key role in leukocyte migration, adhesion, and activation and are involved in inflammation and immune cell differentiation. Chemokines are broadly classified in two families based on their cysteine residue structure: CC and CXC. Similarly, their corresponding receptors are also classified in 2 groups: CCR and CXCR, respectively. Chemokine receptors are members of the large family of seven transmembrane domain G-protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs). It has been established that an important step in the HIV infection process is viral binding to the chemokine receptors CCR5 and CXCR4. Consequently, preventing or disrupting the HIV-chemokine receptor binding could lead to potential routes for the treatment of inflammatory, allergic, and infective diseases. Using the priviliged GPCR-binding spirodiketopiperazine structure as a starting point, Habashita and co-workers chose the Ugi multiple



Figure 2. HIV-CCR5 receptor antagonist optimization. ¹²⁵

component reaction to construct the spiro-diketopiperazine scaffold and combined solid- and solution-phase methodologies for scaffold derivatization and structure–activity relationship (SAR) analysis (Figure 1).¹²⁵ The solid-phase approach involved the synthesis and utilization of two types of polymer-bound isonitriles in the Ugi reaction: Rinkisonitrile and methylene-isonitrile resins **2**. Rink amide and aminomethylated resins were *N*-formylated with ethyl formate and then treated with CCl₄/Et₃N/PPh₃ to afford the desired isonitrile resins **3**. A 576-member library (1: library 3.6) was constructed using $8 \times N$ -substituted piperidones **4**, $9 \times$ amines **5**, and $8 \times N$ -Boc protected amino acids **6**. The Boc protecting group of the resin-bound Ugi products (7) was removed by treatment with either TMSOTf/2,6-lutidine (Rink isonitrile resin) or with TFA/DCM (1:3). The resulting

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amide-linked resins (8) were heated in the presence of HOAc and toluene to undergo intramolecular transamidation forming the desired diketopiperazine moiety and simultaneously releasing the desired spirodiketopiperazine products (1). From the 576-member library, 539 spirodiketopiperazines were isolated with >80% purity (ELSD), and their identities were confirmed by mass spectrometry. Library 3.6 was screened at 30 µM against intracellular calcium mobilization stimulated by MIP-1 α in CHO cells. Several compounds exhibited >50% inhibition in hMIP-1R/hCCR5, and the IC₅₀ values for four compounds (9-12) were determined. Compounds 9–12 had single-digit micromolar IC₅₀ values all displaying selectivity for hCCR5 versus hCCR2, hCCR4, and hCXCR4. These hits indicate that alkylation of the piperidine amine with phenyl-containing alkyl linkers (\mathbf{R}^1) is preferred, that alkylation of the spiro-linked amide with benzyl and unbranched lower alkyl groups (R^2) is also favored, that the aliphatic branched isopropyl substituent (R³) is preferred at the methylene carbon of the diketopiperzine moiety, and that the second amide of the diketopiperazine unit should remain unsubstituted. Compounds 9-10 and 11-12 are enantiomers of one another showing that chirality at the methylene carbon of the diketopiperzine moeity is not critical for activity. On the basis of the last observation, follow-up compounds were made as enantiomeric mixtures.

To optimize hits 9-12, three libraries were made to explore substitution sites R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 (Figure 2). For the optimization of R¹, an 80-member solution-phase library (15: library 3.6a) was made where the piperidine amine of spiroketopiperazine 14 was reductively alkylated with 80 diversified aldehydes 13 keeping R^2 and R^3 constant (*n*propyl and isobutyl, respectively) as found in hits 11-12. Hits from library 3.6a indicate that 4-substituted benzyl groups, particularly electron-donating substituents, increase activity against hCCR5 in the sub-micromolar range while maintaining selectivity over hCCR2, hCCR4, and hCXCR4 (16: hCCR5 IC₅₀ = 0.5μ M; hCCR2, hCCR4, hCXCR4 IC₅₀ > 30 μ M). Derivatization of the piperidine amine of 14 to amides, sulfonamides, and ureas showed only modest activity. For the optimization of \mathbb{R}^2 , an 80-member library (17: library 3.6b) was made on solid-phase with 80 diverse amines **5** keeping the same R^1 and R^3 substituents found in **11** and **12**. Screening of this library revealed that *n*-propyl and benzyl groups at the R^2 position increased potency significantly where the former group was selected as the optimal substituent (18: hCCR5 IC₅₀ = 270 nM). For the optimization of \mathbb{R}^3 in the diketopiperazine unit, an 8-member library (19: library 3.6c) was made via the solid phase with a set of eight commercially available Boc-protected amino acids (6) keeping the same R^1 and R^2 substituents found in 11 and 12. Screening of these compounds indicated that a cyclohexylmethyl group at position R^3 is preferred for high affinity binding towards hCCR5 (20: hCCR5 IC₅₀ = 270-300 nM; hCCR2, hCCR4, hCXCR4 IC₅₀ > 10 μ M). Having determined the best substituents from libraries 3.6a-c, a final 14member library 3.6d (21) was prepared via the solid phase where all three sites were simultaneously combined using $7 \times N$ -alkylated piperidin-4-ones **4** (R¹), *n*-butylamine (R²), and 2 \times Boc-protected amino acids 6 (R³). This library



Figure 3. Optimization of soluble epoxide hydrolase inhibitors.¹⁵⁷

afforded compounds exhibiting higher potency against hCCR5 (IC₅₀ < 170 nM) with **22** and **23** possessing IC₅₀ values below 100 nM. Compound **23** was the most potent of the entire library possessing an IC₅₀ = 20 nM. Spirodike-topiperazine **22** was further tested against other GPCRs exhibiting 1000-fold greater affinity towards hCCR5 and modest affinity towards the muscarinic M₃ and sigma receptors (IC₅₀ = 2.07 μ M and 0.183 μ M, respectively), and it inhibited the replication of laboratory and primary R5 HIV-1 strains as well as several multidrug-resistant monocyte/macrophage tropic (R5) HIV-1 and was inactive against T cell tropic (X4) HIV-1.

Soluble Epoxide Hydrolase Inhibitors. Epoxide hydrolases (EHs, EC 3.3.2.3) catalyze the hydrolysis of epoxides and arene oxides to produce their corresponding 1,2-diols. In mammals, the soluble epoxide hydrolase (sEH) is involved in the catalysis of arachidonic acid, linoleic acid, and other lipid epoxides. Epoxyeicosatrienoic acids (EETs) are arachidonic acid-based epoxides known to regulate both blood pressure and inflammation making sEH a potential target for the treatment of regulating these conditions.¹⁵⁷ Previous studies by Hammock and co-workers established that adamantyl-based ureas exhibited pico- and nanomolar inhibitory potency against sEH (**24**, **25**: $IC_{50} = 0.5 \text{ nM}$; **26**: $IC_{50} = 30 \text{ nM}$, **27**: $IC_{50} = 100 \text{ nM}$; Figure 3). Leveraging on the

Macrocyclic library design:



43: *K*_i = 137 nM (hMOT-R)

Synthesis via lactamization-cleavage.



Synthesis via ring-closing metathesis-cleavage



Figure 4. Macrocyclic library of human molitin receptor antagonists. 258

recently developed fluorescent sEH substrates by the same research group, a continuous fluorescence assay was used to measure the activity of additional urea-based inhibitors. In order to optimize this compound series and find alternatives to the adamantyl group, the authors used a solid-phase approach to produce a focused 192-member compound library (library 2.26) using commercially available acid-labile formylindole resin 28 and an IRORI AccuTag combinatorial chemistry system. Keeping the amines used in 24-27 constant, the authors selected a set of 48 isocyanates based on previously reported SAR analysis of reported inhibitors, namely: (1) simple carbocyclic rings, (2) mono-substituted phenyl rings, (3) ortho-disubstituted phenyl rings, and (4) 1- and 2-naphthyl groups. From the original 192-member compound library, 181 compounds were isolated with >90%purity which were assayed against the enzyme. As expected,

compounds derived from cyclohexyl-based amines in 24 and 25 afforded analogs with higher affinity than those used in amines 26 and 27. Interestingly, it was observed that ureas derived from (1S, 4S)-4-(4-fluorophenoxy)cyclohexanylamine (the amine used in 24) were the most potent inhibitors of the series. The observed SAR indicates that methyl ester groups exhibited single nanomolar affinities (33, 35: $IC_{50} =$ 2-3 nM) and were at least 100-fold more potent than their corresponding carboxylic acids 34 and 36. The fact that carboxylic acids are not tolerated as well as the observation that the *meta* position is less tolerable than the *para* position could be rationalized based on the analysis of recently resolved X-ray crystal structure of sEH complexed with a different alkyl urea. In the sEH crystal structure, it is observed that there is a protonated imidazole on His523 which would offer a strong ionic interaction with the carboxylate of the urea preventing the urea from binding optimally at the active site. Another explanation offered is that water solvation of the carboxylate could either cause repulsive interactions with residues in the active site or prevent access of the urea to the active site. The observed SAR also indicated that, in general, para-substituted phenyl groups exhibited higher potency (37–41: $IC_{50} = 0.5 - 1.2$ nM). The 2-naphthyl group is preferred over the 1-naphthyl group, and phenyl alkyl groups with at least a 2-carbon alkyl spacer (spacer \geq ethyl) were well tolerated while sterically hindered groups and 2,6-disubstituted phenyl groups were not (42: $IC_{50} > 1200$ nM). These results suggest that sterically less hindered lipophilic groups that effectively replace the adamantyl group are likely to fit in the enzyme's narrow, hydrophobic tunnel.

Human Molitin Receptor Antagonists. Molitin is a 22amino acid peptide involved in intestinal motility regulation. The human motilin receptor (hMTO-R or GPR38) is a GPCR expressed in the antrum, duodenum, and proximal small intestine whose activation results in the movement of gut content in the gastrointestinal track. Marsault and co-workers screened a proprietary library of about 10 000 macrocycles in a high-throughput fluorescence-based whole cell assay identifying hit **43** ($K_i = 137$ nM; Figure 4).²⁵⁸ To study and optimize this macrocycle, the authors prepared library 3.13 (44) to study the influence of the substituent and chiral center of each of the three amino acids that comprise the tripeptide portion of 43 as well as the tether unit of the macrocycle. Two solid-phase approaches were used. In one approach, a thiol-functionalized resin 45 was used as the starting point to construct the tripeptide moiety using standard solid-phase peptide synthesis conditions. In the construction of the tripeptide moiety, the third amino acid used was already protected with the betsyl (Bts) protecting group. Sulfonamide 46 was then alkylated with an amino-protected-containing tether alcohol 47 under Fukuyama–Mitsunobu conditions. Deprotection of the amino group of the tether unit underwent silver-assisted lactamization to simultaneously release the central macrocycle. Removal of all remaining protecting groups afforded desired products 44. The second approach used a ring-closing metathesis reaction to construct the macrocyclic system while simultaneously cleaving the macOptimization of R¹:



Optimization of R²

HO

NΗ

43: R² = *i*-Pr; *K*_i = 137 nM

55: R² = Me; K_i = 196 nM

Optimization of tether.

60: K_i = 55 nM

56: (S)-R² = *i*-Pr; K_i > 10,000 nM

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HN

ΝH

HN

43: Y = OH; *K*_i = 137 nM **53:** Y = H; *K*_i = 78 nM **54:** (*S*)-Y = OH; *K*_i > 10,000 nM

Optimization of R³



43: R³ = *n*-Pr; *K*_i = 137 nM **57**: R³ = CH₂Ph; *K*_i = 185 nM **58**: R³ = CH₂CH(Me)₂; *K*_i = 62 nM **59**: (*S*)-R³ = *n*-Pr; *K*_i = 335 nM

Optimization of 62



61: Ar = 3-benzothienyl; *K*_i = 11 nM **62:** Ar = 1-naphthyl; *K*_i = 8.3 nM **63:** Ar = 4-MeO-Ph; *K*_i = 8.0 nM

Figure 5. Human molitin receptor antagonist optimization. ²⁵⁸

rocycle from the solid support. In this approach polymersupported ether-linked (Z)-4-aminobut-2-en-1-ol 49 was used as a handle to synthesize Bts-protected tripeptides 50 in a similar manner used previously to synthesize 46. Intermediates 50 were alkylated with olefinic tethers 51 under Fukuyama-Mitsunobu conditions, and the resulting dialkene intermediates 52 underwent ring-closing metathesis to furnish macrocyclic products in solution. These compounds were then deprotected and the olefin moiety was reduced when needed to afford 44. The SAR during the optimization of the first amino acid (\mathbf{R}^1) site indicates that D-amino acids with aromatic side chains conferred high potency while aliphatic or ionizable side chains were not tolerated (Figure 5). When D-Tyr in 43 was replaced for D-Phe (53), a 2-fold increase in potency was observed ($K_i = 78$ nM). However, changing the chirality of D-Tyr to L-Tyr $(43 \rightarrow 54)$ was detrimental for binding affinity ($K_i > 10 \,\mu$ M). For the second amino acid (\mathbb{R}^2) , a high preference for D-Val and D-Ala (55: $K_i = 196 \text{ nM}$) was observed while residues containing polar



Figure 6. HIV-1 protease inhibitors.

or ionizable residues were not well tolerated. As observed previously in R¹, changing the chirality of D-Val to L-Val $(43 \rightarrow 56)$ was detrimental for binding affinity. For the third amino acid R³, however, the nature of the residue chain was more tolerant since ionizable residues only exhibited a 5-fold loss in potency. It was at this position where replacing the L-Nva residue with other residues, namely L-Phe (57) and L-Leu (58), afforded compounds with similar or higher affinity ($K_i = 185$ and 62 nM, respectively). It is worth noting that changing the chirality from L-Nva to D-Nva was tolerated (59: $K_i = 335$ nM) although this resulted in a slight loss in affinity. The observed SAR on the tether indicates that replacing the oxygen atom by a methylene group, replacing the aryl unit of the tether, and replacing the ethylene unit from the other unsaturated segment of the tether with a methylene group resulted in a drastic loss of potency. However, reducing the ethylene unit of the tether to an ethyl

unit (**60**) resulted in a 2.5-fold increase in potency ($K_i = 55$ nM). The authors then proceeded to optimize **60** by replacing the phenol unit in the D-Tyr amino acid residue with other aromatic groups finding that more lipophilic groups such as 3-benzothienyl **61** and 1-naphthyl **62** (the former being an isostere of the latter) exhibited a 5–6.6-fold increase in potency (**61**, **62**: $K_i = 11$ and 8.3 nM, respectively). The methyl ether analog of D-Tyr exhibited the highest potency of all the analogs made (**63**: $K_i = 8.0$ nM). Further replacement of the amide units in the tripeptide moiety with carbamate and hydrazide links and *N*-methylation of the amide units all resulted in loss of potency.

HIV-1 Protease Inhibitors. The human immunodeficiency virus type-1 (HIV-1) is responsible for the development of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) which currently affects millions of people around the world. In order to disrupt the viral cycle, development of HIV reverse transcriptase and HIV protease inhibitors are the focus of intense scientific research. X-ray crystallography data of HIV-1 protease with peptidic inhibitors revealed that this protease exists as a C_2 -symmetric dimer where there is a key structural water molecule binding to the NH functions of Ile 50/50', and hydrogen-bonding interactions between the catalytic aspartic acid residues Asp 25/25' and the inhibitors. For the identification of novel HIV-1 inhibitors, Whiting and co-workers³⁸⁷ created a virtual library of triazoles 69a and conducted an in silico docking screening of the library using AutoDock (Figure 6). The compounds were ranked by binding energies and ease of synthesis, using the known HIV-1 protease inhibitor Amprenavir (71) as point of comparison. Compound 70 was selected as a starting point. A copper(I)-catalyzed, click-based, solution-phase route was developed for the library synthesis of 1,2,3-triazoles. The carboxylic acid groups of Boc-protected α -amino acids 72 were converted into aldehydes 73b, which in turn were reacted with Grignard reagents to afford their corresponding N-Boc-protected amino alcohols 74 following borohydride reduction. The alcohols were converted to their mesylates and then treated with sodium azide followed by TFA to produce the necessary amino azide intermediates 67. Acylation of the amino group followed by the reaction with alkynes 68 in the presence of Cu(I) made in situ in t-BuOH-H₂O (1:1) at 50 °C in a sealed tube for 5 days afforded the desired 4-substitued 1,2,3-triazoles 69. For the initial 759-member library 1.9 (69b), 11 enantiomerically pure amino azide intermediates 67 were prepared. The chiral intermediates 67 were acylated with cyclopentyl chloroformate, generating a chiral set of amides where the newly installed R¹ group matched that found in the virtual lead 70. These chiral amide intermediates were in turn subjected to 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition with 69 diverse alkynes to afford triazole library 1.9. The triazoles so obtained were diluted to 5 µM, transferred to 96-well plates, and assayed against HIV-1 protease where several triazoles exhibited >50% inhibition. It was observed that all the actives possessed an S,S-syn amino azide configuration and were derived from propargylpiperazine alkynes. Triazoles 75 and 76 exhibited low nanomolar K_i affinity against HIV-1 protease ($K_i = 98$ nM and 86 nM, respectively). With this





h 5HT_{2A} IC₅₀ = 35 nM

Library synthesis:



Figure 7. 5-HT_{2A} antagonists. ³⁶⁴

information at hand, two focused libraries were made to optimize both the alkyne and the amino-capping substituents. A set of 36 piperazine- and piperidine-containing alkyne derivatives were used along with template **67** ($R^2 = R^3 =$ Bn). A number a more potent hits were identified. Tetrazoles



Figure 8. Carbonic anhydrase II inhibitors by dynamic combinatorial chemistry.³¹⁰

77 and 78 exhibited K_i values of <35 nM. The SAR derived from the optimization libraries indicated that 4-phenylpiperazines were more potent inhibitors than those where the 4-phenyl group was replaced with a heterocyclic unit (e.g., 4-pyridyl) or a cyclic alkyl unit (e.g., cyclohexyl). Replacement of the piperazine group for the piperidine group was also detrimental for activity. In a final round of optimization, R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 substituents in **78** were held constant and 23 additional analogs were generated to explore the influence of different acylating agents and other substituents on the amino unit (\mathbf{R}^1) . It was found that branched and cyclic carbamates retained potency against HIV-1 while amide and urea derivatives showed a dramatic loss in potency. None of the active carbamates exhibited equal or greater potency than the cyclopentyl group. Replacing the 1,2,3-triazole unit with an amide resulted in loss of potency. Docking of 78 in AutoDock indicated that this triazole analog can adopt a conformation where both the carbonyl oxygen of the carbamate and N-3 of the triazole group may interact with the structural water molecule in the active site via hydrogenbond formation. Interestingly, in this computational model, 78 is not expected to have a direct interaction with the catalytic aspartic acid residues Asp 25/25' as observed with other HIV-1 protease inhibitors. The above computational model was validated when the (S,S)-1,5-triazole analog of 77 was synthesized; this regioisomer was inactive against HIV-1 (IC₅₀ > 25 μ M). Confirming that the 1,4-disubstitued triazole linkage was crucial for binding in the catalytic site of HIV-1, small polar substituents (X = -(S)-CH(OH)CH₃ and $-CH_2OH$) at position 5 of the triazole group were introduced. This modification led to even more potent compounds (79, 80: $K_i = 10$ nM and 8 nM, respectively). The addition of slightly larger polar groups (\geq hydroxyethyl groups) resulted in a loss of activity where the *S*,*S*,*S*-isomers were more potent than the *S*,*S*,*R*-isomers.

5-HT_{2A} Antagonists. Among the 5-HT receptors, 5-HT₂ receptors are of significant clinical interest because of their potential involvement in mediating many of the central and peripheral physiological functions of serotonin. There are three receptor subtypes within the 5-HT₂ classes: 5-HT_{2A}, 5-HT_{2B}, and 5-HT_{2C}. The 5-HT_{2A} subtype is functionally the most important, the others having a much more limited distribution and functional role. Antagonists of the 5-HT_{2A} receptor are being used to treat many psychiatric disorders (e.g., depression and schizophrenia) and have also potential utility for the treatment of sleep disorders and Parkinson's disease. Scientists at Merck performed an HTS campaign using a FLIPR-based human 5-HT_{2A} receptor binding assay to identify novel structural classes of 5-HT_{2A} ligands (Figure 7).³⁶⁴ Low molecular weight compounds from Merck's collection were first clustered by structural similarities. The 150 clusters containing at least 1 hit (>50% inhibition at 5 μ M in the HTS assay) were then selected. The individual SMARTS (smiles arbitrary target specification) queries^{364b} constructed for each cluster were used to remove structures of known 5-HT_{2A} ligands and NK₁ receptor antagonists. A final set of 17 compounds were selected for titration experiments in the 5-HT_{2A} binding assay. From this group, compound 81, which bound to the 5-HT_{2A} receptor with an IC₅₀ of 35 nM, was selected for lead optimization. Analogs of 81 were prepared by parallel synthesis (82; library 3.19). Acetophenones 83 reacted with ethyl formate and hydroxylamine in the presence of sodium hydride to provide the aryl isoxazolines 84. Reaction of 84 with aliphatic alcohols in

the presence of perchloric acid, followed by reaction with diaminoethane and subsequent cyclization provided the target 1,4-diazepine derivatives **82**. Alternatively, compounds were obtained by the reaction of amines with imidate **88**. This study led to the identification of compound **89** displaying potent affinity for the human 5-HT_{2A} receptor (30-fold improvement over **81**) and excellent selectivity over a wide range of GPCRs, enzymes, and ion channels.

Carbonic Anhydrase II Inhibitors. The metalloenzyme carbonic anhydrase (CA, EC 4.2.1.1) catalyzes an important physiological reaction: the interconversion of carbon dioxide, generated in high amounts in all metabolic processes, and the bicarbonate ion. Inhibitors of these zinc-containing enzymes have a broad range of therapeutic applications as diuretic, antiglaucoma, antiobesity, and antitumor drugs. There are currently 16 known human CA isoforms that are each responsible for specific physiological functions. Most of the known CA inhibitors share as a common structural feature (fragment) a heteroaromatic sulfonamide moiety identified as a key CAII recognition element. Researchers at Griffith University (Brisbane, Australia) described a fragment-based drug discovery approach to the synthesis and identification of small molecule CAII inhibitors by dynamic combinatorial chemistry (DCC) utilizing alkene cross metathesis (CM).³¹⁰ Compound 90, used as a scaffold building block for this study, incorporates the classical bCAII recognition element (ArSO₂NH₂) and a terminal alkene functionality, which under cross metathesis reaction conditions, reacts with the various olefins 91a-j to afford target library 2.23 (92; Figure 8). The cross metathesis reaction was catalyzed by an immobilized Grubbs first-generation catalyst (20 mol%). This represents the first application of heterogeneous catalysis to DCC. The authors first demonstrated that with the exception of the symmetrical bissulfonamide 93, the self-CM products were devoid of bCAII affinity. In order to minimize the background bCAII affinity of 93 in the dynamic combinatorial libraries (DCLs), 90 was condensed with 10 equiv of 91a-j. Under these conditions, the homodimer 93 was only present in small quantities (<5%) as assessed by negative ion ESI MS analysis). The library was then screened at 1 and 10 μ M in a fluorescence-based bCAII enzyme binding assay. Representative compounds were resynthesized and further purified in order to confirm the binding data obtained for the library compounds. The K_i values obtained for the purified products were in full agreement with the K_i values obtained for the library compounds. This study led to the identification of the heterodimer 94 displaying nanomolar affinity toward the bCAII enzyme.

Bcl-x_L Inhibitors. Central regulators of the apoptotic pathway are proteins belonging to the Bcl-2 (B-cell lymphocyte/leukemia-2) family. Antiapoptotic Bcl-2 proteins, such as Bcl-x_L, are overexpressed in most human cancer types and therefore are very attractive targets for the development of anticancer agents. While Bcl-x_L and its close relatives such as Bcl-2, Bfl-1, Mcl-1, Bcl-W, and Bcl-B, promote cell survival, the structurally similar proapoptotic members, such as Bak, Bax, Bad, Bim, and Bid, promote cell death. The critical mechanism by which pro- and



Figure 9. Bcl- x_L inhibitors via SAR by NMR. 303,384

antiapoptotic members interact involves the hydrophobic groove on the surface of the antiapoptotic members and the BH3 dimerization domain of the proapoptotic counterparts. One approach to designing inhibitors of the antiapoptotic Bcl-2 family proteins is the discovery of small molecule BH3 mimics (inhibitors of a protein–protein interaction). Scientists



Figure 10. Bcl-x_L inhibitor optimization.^{303,384}

at Abbott used a fragment-based approach, specifically SAR by NMR, and parallel synthesis to identify a potent inhibitor BH3 mimic that binds in the hydrophobic groove of Bcl-x_L (Figure 9).^{303,384} A 10 000-member fragment library was screened by NMR using a modified form of Bcl-x_L. This resulted in the identification of the fluorobiaryl acid 95 as a weak ligand (fragment 95; NMR $K_d = 300 \,\mu\text{M}$) for Bcl-x_L. The SAR revealed that the presence and the orientation of the carboxylic acid functionality of 95 were critical for binding to Bcl-x_L. NMR-based structural studies were then conducted to compare the structure of Bcl-x_L complexed to 95 with the structure of $Bcl-x_L/Bak$ peptide. This study highlighted the existence of a second potential binding site in close proximity to the fragment 95. A 3500-member fragment library was screened by NMR to identify ligands for this second proximal site. From this screen, 5,6,7,8tetrahydronaphthalen-1-ol (NMR $K_d = 4300 \ \mu M$) and biphenyl-3-ol (**96**: NMR $K_d = 5000 \,\mu\text{M}$) were identified as site 2 fragments. An appropriate linking strategy was then proposed based on the structure of the ternary complex of Bcl-x_L with the fragments. The *trans*-olefin 97 was identified from this SAR study as a low micromolar ligand for Bcl-x_L

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 $(K_i = 1.4 \,\mu\text{M}; \text{fluorescence polarization assay})$. The structural NMR characterization of the binding of 97 to Bcl-x_L provided new insights for compound design. In particular, it was envisioned that an acyl sulfonamide group, a common isostere of the carboxylic acid functionality, could be used to link the two Bcl-x_L fragments. From a 120-member acylsulfonamide library (98a; library 4.8), prepared by coupling various sulfonylamine derivatives to the acid 95 using resin-bound EDC, compound 99 exhibited the greatest affinity for Bcl-x_L with a $K_i = 245$ nM. Modification of isothiochroman-4-ylidenehydrazine moiety of 99 was then explored to further increase the affinity toward Bcl-x_L. A 125-member library (98b; library 4.9) was prepared by nucleophilic addition of various amines to the aromatic chloro substituent of 100. Of these new derivatives, compound 101 (ABT-737) exhibited the highest binding affinity for $Bcl-x_L$ with an inhibition constant of 36 nM. However, when the binding experiments were conducted in the presence of 1% human serum, the K_i of ABT-737 dropped to 2.5 μ M. Additional studies revealed that ABT-737 bound with high affinity to the human serum albumin-III (HSA-III). Structurebased design was then conducted to decrease the affinity for HSA-III while retaining potent Bcl-x_L binding. The differences in the binding modes of 101 and the closely related analogue of **102** bound to Bcl-x_L and HSA-III, respectively, suggested a design strategy to reduce albumin binding while retaining potent affinity for Bcl-x_L (Figure 10). SAR resulting from the site 1 modification of 101 led to the identification of compounds 103 and 104, which retained potent Bcl-x_L affinity even in the presence of human serum. Introduction of a dimethylamino group to these structures $(103 \rightarrow 105)$; $104 \rightarrow 106$) resulted in a significant increase in the Bcl-x_L affinity combined with a greatly decreased affinity to the key HSA-III binding site. Additional experiments using a human nonsmall cell lung carcinoma line (A549) expressing large amounts of Bcl-x_L demonstrated that 106 potentiated UV-C induced cytotoxicity and enhanced the cytotoxic effect of paclitaxel. In an A549 xenograft tumor model, compound 106 enhanced the antitumor activity of paclitaxel with no increased toxicity. In this in vivo model, combination of 106 with paclitaxel resulted in 75% tumor growth inhibition and significantly enhanced tumor growth delay.

Dual Inhibitors of ERK-1/RasGAP-Dependent Signaling Pathways. Scientist at the Scripps Research Institute described in 2002 a combinatorial scaffold approach toward kinase-directed heterocyclic libraries.464 The strategy involved the capture of a dichloroheterocyclic template where one chloro group is displaced selectively by a resin-bound amine nucleophile, while the other chloro substituent of the resulting resin-bound heterocycle can react with amines or participate in palladium-mediated coupling reaction with anilines, phenols, and boronic acids. To illustrate this methodology, a library of 2-, 6-, and 9-trisubstituted purine derivatives was constructed from 2,6-dichloropurine 109 (Figure 11). Addition of a PAL-amine resin 108 to the more reactive C-6 position of 2,6-dichloropurine yielded the resinbound 6-substituted-2-chloropurine 110. This intermediate was reacted with various alcohols under Mitsunobu condi-



Figure 11. Kinase-directed heterocyclic libraries derived from 2,6-dichloro-9H-purine.⁵²

tions to afford the corresponding resin-bound 9,6-disubstituted-2-chloropurine 112. The other approach consisted of loading N9-substituted 2,6-dichloropurine 111, obtained by alkylation of 2,6-dichloropurine, onto the PAL-amine resins. This second approach had the advantages of using less reagents and easy handling. Alkylation on solid support resulted in an improved N9/N7 regioselectivity. The final derivatization step consisted of a palladium-catalyzed crosscoupling reaction, or nucleophilic substitutions at the C-2 position of the resin-bound purines 112. The palladiumcatalyzed cross-coupling reactions were performed using 5 equiv of boronic acids, anilines, or phenols, 7 mol % Pd₂(dba)₃, 14 mol% of either 1,3-bis(2,6-di-isopropylphenyl)imidazolium chloride or biphenyl-2-yl-di-tert-butyl-phosphane, and 6 equiv of a base for 12 h at 80 °C using 1,4dioxane (C-C and C-N bond formation) or toluene (C-O bond formation) as solvent. The versatility of this heterocycle resin capture strategy was demonstrated by generating heterocyclic libraries **118** (including library 2.11) starting from various dichloroheterocycles belonging to structurally diverse chemical classes, i.e. *1H*-benzo[d]imidazoles, pyrimidines, pyrimidin-2-amines, quinazolines, pyrazines, ph-thalazines, quinoxalines, and pyridazines (Figure 12).⁵² This resulted in the generation of multiple libraries totaling some 45 140 members of discrete and highly diverse heterocyclic molecules. These libraries were used as tools to better understand the mechanisms that are controlling the self-renewal and differentiation of embryonic stem (ES) cells. Some of the most serious medical conditions, such as cancer and birth defects, are due to problems that occur during this process of self-renewal and differentiation. A better under-



Figure 12. Kinase-directed heterocycle library screening results.⁵²

standing of normal cell development will allow understanding and perhaps correcting of the errors that cause these medical conditions. The library of discrete heterocycles, prepared using the methodology described previously, was screened in a high-throughput assay system for self-renewal. This screen was performed by using an established reporter mES cell line derived from transgenic OG2 mice. OG2-mES cells lose both GFP (i.e., green fluorescent protein, used as stem cell marker) expression and their colony morphology completely in 4-6 days in the absence of feeder cells and leukemia inhibitory factor (LIF). From this initial screen, 28 compounds were found to maintain colony morphology and GFP expression of OG2-mES cells. From these initial hits, members of the 3,4-dihydropyrimido[4,5-d]pyrimidine chemical class maintained the expression of multiple mES cell-specific markers. SAR for this class of compounds showed that bulky substituents are well-tolerated at the R¹ position, whereas the R^2 position tolerates only a methyl group. In addition, the 3,6-substitution pattern on the phenyl ring at the R^3 position was found to be critical for activity (Figure 12). This study led to the identification of pluripotin (119; SC1) displaying potent activity in the self-renewal assay (EC₅₀ = 1 μ M) along with low cellular toxicity (EC₅₀ > 30 μ M). Extensive mechanistic studies revealed that SC1



Figure 13. One-step diazacycles from primary amines and SPA*n* reagents.²⁵⁰

acts by inhibition of ERK-1 and RasGAP-dependent signaling pathways. This molecule represents the first member of a new class of agents that are dual inhibitors of a protein kinase and a small GTPase-activating protein. SC1 represents a useful pharmacological tool to study the molecular mechanisms that control stem cell self-renewal and differentiation.

Annulation of Primary Amines with Resin-Bound Bis-electrophiles. Amine derivatization is widely used to create chemical libraries for general screening or establishing SAR in a lead series. Over the past decade chemistries have focused on preparing acyclic derivatives through the reaction



Figure 14. Quinone methide-derived byproducts from Wang resin cleavage.

of amines with acid and sulfonyl chlorides, isocyanates, and aldehydes (reductive amination) to give amides, sulfonamides, ureas, and higher order amines. The group at Adolor previously reported on a conceptually new approach to prepare cyclic derivatives from primary amines and resinbound haloalkyl esters in a single step.⁴⁶⁵ The reaction of primary amines with bis-electrophiles was a second reaction manifold developed to give aza-annulated derivatives (Figure 13).²⁵⁰ Bis-electrophile **122** was constructed via the reaction of diethanolamine and activated carbonate Wang resin 120. Microwave irradiation of amines and reagent 122 in NMP as solvent at 160 °C followed by TFA cleavage furnished monosubstituted piperazines 125. Products 125 were contaminated, however, with up to 50% of the hydroxybenzylated byproducts 124. Byproducts 124 presumably arise via anomalous cleavage of the benzyl ether bond through which the *p*-hydroxybenzyl alcohol linker is attached to resin and formation of quinine methide. This reactive species is trapped by the 125 to yield 124. A survey of literature revealed several other cases of hydroxybenzylated byproducts formed upon Wang resin cleavage (Figure 14).^{359,466,467} In the present case (Figure 13), switching to little used α -methylbenzyl (AMB)⁴⁶⁸ carbonate resin **126** solved this byproduct issue. Preparation of reagent **128** from **127** followed by amine annulation and cleavage gave piperazines **125** in good yield and free of **124** (**128** \rightarrow **129** \rightarrow **125**). Analogous reagents **130** and **131** were prepared, and annulation of primary amines produced diazaspirocycles **132** and **133**.

Simultaneous Solid-Phase Synthesis. Quinoxalinone and benzimidazole cores are attractive privileged scaffolds with demonstrated activity against various enzymes and receptors. Kou and co-workers¹⁹⁶ described a strategy where the two distinct scaffolds are elaborated simultaneously; two scaffolds per bead are functionalized at one time (Figure 15). In early studies directed toward finding new synthetic routes to fluoroheterocycles,⁴⁶⁹ it was discovered that the S_NAr reaction of resin-bound amines 143 with 6-nitro-2,3,4,5-tetrafluorobenzoic acid 144 proceeds to give resin 145, where each bead formally displays a 1:1 mixture of regioisomers (145a) and (145b) after decarboxylation. The fluorine atoms para to the nitro group (145a) and ortho to the nitro group in (145b) are activated for a second S_NAr amine displacement to give resin 146. Nitro group reduction was accomplished using 2 M SnCl₂ · 2H₂O/2 M *N*-methylmorpholine (NMM) in DMF at ambient temperature for 12 h (146 \rightarrow 147). Condensation of resin 147 possessing the two distinct regioisomers with aldehydes followed by cyanoborohydride reduction $(147 \rightarrow 148)$ and TFA-mediated cleavage processed simultaneously a library of benzimidazole and quinoxalinone analogs in approximately a 1:1 ratio ($148 \rightarrow 150/$ **151**). The IRORI system in a $4 \times 5 \times 6 \times 2$ array containing 3 substituent diversity points and 2 scaffold diversity elements was employed in the 240-membered library construction.

Multicomponent Condensations. Ilyin and co-workers describe the postfunctionalization of a set of tricyclic compounds 153 created by Ugi four-component condensation (Ugi 4-CC) followed by intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction (IMDA; Figure 16).¹⁵⁹ In an effort to produce isoindol-1ones by H₃PO₄-promoted dehydrative aromatization, the authors experienced an unexpected rearrangement. Treatment of 153 with 85% H₃PO₄ at 80–100 °C for 2 h led to natural product-like tricyclic bis-lactam lactones 158. Recrystallization of the products from methanol produced diastereomerically pure compounds 160-163 in 60-70% yields. A tentative mechanism for the diastereoselective production of the lactones was proposed. It is hypothesized that the heterolytic disruption of the C6–C7 bond is assisted by the C3-carboxamide side chain leading to the new lactam ring and hydrolytically prone cyclic enol ether moiety 159a. The cyclic enol ether is then opened in an acid-promoted process generating the C-3a tertiary carbocation 159b which is intercepted by the C-7a carboxamide side chain to give the iminolactam 159c. Elimination of an amino fragment through hydrolysis of the protonated iminolactam leads to production of the bis-lactam lactone products. From this proposed mechanism, it was further hypothesized that treatment of the Ugi 4-CC/IMDA products 153 with a Lewis acid in nonpolar solvents should yield the desired isoindol-1-ones. This was confirmed upon treatment of compound 164 with trifluo-



Figure 15. Simultaneous solid-phase processing of two heterocycles.¹⁹⁶

roborane etherate which furnished product **165** by dehydrative aromatization.

An improved synthesis of dibenz[b,f][1,4]oxazepines 171 using Ugi 4-CC followed by microwave-assisted S_NAr cyclization, using 2-chloro-5-nitrobenzoic acid 168 in place of the previously employed 2-fluoro-5-nitrobenzoic acid, was reported by Xing and co-workers (Figure 17).³⁹⁸ Optimization of the reaction time and temperature in the synthesis of compound 172 resulted in an almost quantitative yield of the desired product. The optimized reaction conditions were then employed in the preparation of several analogs in excellent yield 173-175 (81-96% yield). In an extension of the research, 2-chloro-5-nitrobenzaldehyde 168 and various benzoic acids were used to prepare compounds of general structure 178. However, the yields of the desired compounds were greatly reduced. This was due to an inefficient production of the intermediates 177 prepared from the Ugi 4-CC. The low yield of the condensation was attributed to the production of an electron-deficient imine which is not easily protonated by the carboxylic acid. To validate this assertion, the Ugi 4-CC reactions with 168 and benzoic acids of varying pK_{as} were performed. It was determined that decreasing the pK_a of the benzoic acid resulted in improved overall yields. Intramolecular amidation (N-arylation) preparation using the amides of general structure 171 was also conducted. Attempts to prepare the 2-oxindole 184 from 183 using copper catalysts were unsuccessful. However, using palladium acetate and BINAP, the transformation was carried out in good yield. Further optimization of the reaction conditions led to almost quantitative production of the desired 2-oxindoles. Application of these reaction conditions produced a series of novel compounds **185–187** in excellent yield.

New four- and five-component Ugi reactions using metalated ketimines as intermediates were reported (Figure 18).³⁵⁰ Simoneau and co-workers condensed nitriles 188/190 with organometallic reagents 189/191 to form metalated ketimine species 192. It was reasoned that protonation of the metalated species might provide a route to N-unsubstituted ketimines 193 for the synthesis of diamides 194, as previous studies have shown that the use of preformed imines in Ugi reactions is higher yielding than those performed with imines formed from ammonia-aldehyde condensations. The metalated imines were protonated with methanol before treatment with carboxylic acid and nitrile components to produce the diamides 197–199 in 45–70% yield. Reaction of the metalated imines **192** with a methanolic solution of carboxylic acid and a substituted amine led to an amine-imine interchange (192 \rightarrow 195). The equilibrium of the interchange was expected to favor formation of the substituted imines 195. Reaction of **195** with isonitriles formally giving rise to an Ugi 5-CC process generated substituted diamides 196. However, this procedure resulted in an 85:15 mixture of 196 to the corresponding four-component products 194. Attempts to remove the ammonia generated as a byproduct from the reaction in situ were unsuccessful, but separation of the mixtures was easily achieved by flash chromatography to give 200-202 in good yield.

The use of ammonia as the amine component of Ugi 4-CC reactions is not well tolerated. Sung and colleagues reported



Figure 16. Multicomponent condensation to bis-lactam lactones.¹⁵⁹

the successful use of 2-nitrobenzylamine **203** as an ammonia equivalent in the reaction (Figure 19).³⁶³ In this study, the authors describe an efficient one-pot, two-step process in the generation of diamides **208** from four components, **203–206**. The free base of the benzylamine was required for successful transformation as use of the hydrochloride salt resulted in P-3CR products. Irradiation of the Ugi-4CC products **207** afforded the desired compounds **209–213** in 68–93% yield.

In a typical Ugi 4-CC reaction, a primary amine plays multiple roles during the reaction sequence, i.e. simultaneous acylation, alkylation, and double proton loss. The use of secondary amines in the Ugi 4-CC has been reported, but the reaction requires 2 equiv of the amine to the other reagents. Giovenzana and co-workers described a novel and efficient extension of the Ugi 4-CC reaction whereby the 2 equiv of secondary amine is contained in the same molecule (Figure 20).¹⁰⁹ When piperazine was employed as the amine, the desired compounds 219-221 were prepared in 30-95% yield. The low yield observed for compound 221 was attributed to the formation of a crowded, fully alkylated iminium ion intermediate. Extension of the study using a variety of diamines was performed. The use of acyclic diamines generated compounds such as 222 and 223. It was noted that the good yield observed for compound 223 was unexpected as rearrangement of the intermediate involves an 11-membered metacyclophane. Compound 224 is a known vasodilator and is traditionally prepared in a four-step procedure starting from piperazine. Using the new methodology, a high yield preparation of 224 was achieved via a onepot single-step procedure.

Natural Product-Based and DOS Libraries. Mitchell and Shaw²⁷¹ emphasize the need for the efficient preparation of compounds with different core atom connectivity within the same library resulting in small molecule collections with extensive skeletal and stereochemical diversity. These types of libraries are believed to offer the greatest discovery opportunity when applied to chemical biology screening approaches.⁴⁷⁰ These researchers devised a strategy to produce complex libraries using a minimum of chemical manipulations from a single solid-phase starting point by exploiting bond construction between proximal ester/azide functional groups. An enantioselective solid-phase variant of the Suga–Ibata reaction^{471,472} was developed as a platform to incorporate these two functionalities into a single template (Figure 21). Enantioselective addition of resin-bound, methoxy-substituted oxazoles 225 to aromatic aldehydes 226 was carried out using chiral complex 227 furnishing esters 228. High diasteroselectivity (>94%) was achieved. The required azido group was introduced by using either ortho-azido- or ortho-azidomethyl-substituted aromatic aldehydes in the Suga–Ibata reaction or by alkylating esters 228 with azide substituted benzyl or allyl halides. Michael addition was also possible using phenyl vinyl sulfones and *tert*-butyl acrylate. Once the ester/azide functionality was in place, intermediates 230a,b were subjected to a Staudinger-type reduction resulting in the formation of spiro- and fused lactams. By way of demonstration, the key reductive/cyclization sequence was used to generate all four chiral lactam cyclization products 231–234 under a single set of conditions in >95% conversion. Lactam products were optionally N-alkylated (231-234 \rightarrow 235–238) to add additional diversity to the molecules. Methyl esters 230a may also be converted to amides 239 generating an additional series of related structures. A pilot library of 529 analogs was completed using the IRORI X-microkans.

Aigialomycin D **240** is a representative member of a family of resorcyclide natural products, which are potent kinase



Figure 17. Four-component reaction to dibenzoxapines.³⁹⁸

inhibitors. Barluenga and co-workers¹⁹ envisioned a solid-phase approach to this class of natural products amenable to the preparation of libraries extending beyond the existing natural products (Figure 22). The key point in their approach is the use of benzyl-disposed thio- or selenoether intermediate **241** to facilitate alkylation chemistry and provide a point of attachment to resin. The macrocycle would be formed by a metathesis reaction, and the diol would then be installed from

a *trans*-epoxide obtained via Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation. The authors achieved several solution-phase routes to the macrocyclic core and generated analogs of Aigialomycin D. In the interest of streamlining the synthesis and to facilitate the preparation of libraries, the synthesis was optimized on the solid phase. The phenyl selinide in **241** was replaced by a resin-bound thioether linkage (**246** \rightarrow **247** \rightarrow **248**). Notably, the ring closing metathesis failed under optimized solution-phase conditions: 80



Figure 18. Ugi 4- and 5-component condensations.³⁵⁰



Figure 19. Ugi 4-CR with "ammonia" equivalent.³⁶³

°C for 12 h using second generation Grubbs catalyst. Successful solid-phase conditions required heating in a microwave at 120 °C for 75 min in CH₂Cl₂ and adding catalyst in three 6 mol% portions (**248** \rightarrow **249**). Compounds **250a,b** were released from the resin using both oxidative elimination (H₂O₂/hexafluoroisopropanone) and free radical cleavage (Bu₃SnH/AIBN).

Kumagi and co-workers²⁰⁰ described an intramolecular cyclization strategy directed towards the generation of densely



Figure 20. Modified Ugi 4-CR with diamine.¹⁰⁹

functionalized amino alcohols (Figure 23). The Petasis threecomponent boronic acid Mannich473 reaction was employed followed by amine propargylation to yield β -amino alcohols **256.** The resulting β -amino alcohols bear handles for subsequent elaboration. A series of skeletal diversification reactions were demonstrated using the functionalized β -amino alcohol 257. Palladium-catalyzed cycloisomerization resulted in cyclopropyl ring opening to afford triene 258 via a β -hydride elimination/ reductive elimination sequence.⁴⁷⁴ Cycloisomerization using a ruthenium catalyst results in a [5+2] reaction to afford cyclic diene 259 via a cyclopropyl ring opening/reduction elimination sequence.⁴⁷⁵ Both reactions proceed to afford a single diastereomer. Pauson-Khand reaction of 257, Co2(CO)8/trimethylamine N-oxide,⁴⁷⁶ provided azabicyclo derivative **260**. Enyne metathesis of 257 provided diene 261 which underwent Diels-Alder cycloaddition chemistry to generate 264. Electrophilic activation of the alkyne functionality in 257 by gold salts led to morpholine derivative 263. Treatment of 257 with NaH gave lactone 262 which may be further elaborated into a tricyclic diene 265, or other fused tricyclic [5+2] products, fused tricyclic enones, and bicyclic dienes in good yields. A range of amines were used in the Petasis reaction to produce variations in the initial scaffold. These molecules undergo the same skeletal diversification to provide corresponding products, demonstrating an efficient approach to skeletally distinct compounds in good yield with high diastereoselectivity. The diversification reactions described are mild and sufficiently chemoselective to permit the use of complex building blocks. This DOS pathway provides densely substituted stereochemically defined diverse small molecules.



Figure 21. DOS library based on Suga–Ibata/Staudinger reactions.²⁷¹

Looper and co-workers²⁴⁰ emphasize the benefit of macrocyclic, conformationally restricted small molecules with regard to assay performance and outcome.⁴⁷⁷ Their approach towards the synthesis of this class of molecules is to use the Cu-catalyzed cycloaddition of azides with alkynes as the penultimate macrocyclic ring forming reaction (Figure 24). This macrocycload-

Figure 22. Aigialomycin D analog library.¹⁹

dition strategy deployed in the context of a modular system enabled the facile variation of stereochemistries and substituents. Three interchangable modules were established to incorporate diversity: bifunctional isocyanate/carboxylic acids **267**, amino azides **266**, and propargylamines **268**. To exemplify this approach, optically active isocyanate **272** was coupled with either amino azides **266** or propargylamines **268**, followed by selective ester deprotection and coupling to the appropriate third



Coupling templates to cycloaddition reactions:



Figure 23. DOS libraries coupling Petasis condensation and cyclization reactions.²⁰⁰

module to afford macrocyclic precursors 277 and 278 (272 \rightarrow 273 \rightarrow 274 \rightarrow 277; 272 \rightarrow 275 \rightarrow 276 \rightarrow 278). The critical Cu(I)-catalyzed macrocycloaddition (277/278 \rightarrow 279) reactions were optimized, and toluene was found to be the solvent of choice to minimize the inclusion of Cu within the macrocycle. The stereochemistry within the macrocycle was largely indeterminate of the macrocycloaddition outcome, and all the stereoisomers of acyclic azido alkynes participated in the



Application of modules in macrocyclic synthesis:





Figure 24. Modular approach to a macrocyclic DOS library.²⁴⁰

macrocyclization affording macrocycles in good isolated yields (Figure 25). The diversity of the isocyanate module **267** was expanded to include other cycloaddition–cycloreversion sequences.

Methodology which offers flexibility for the synthesis of small molecules as well as more complex natural productlike molecules was sought by Masse and co-workers.²⁶² To this end, the researchers investigated the largely unexplored cycloaddition

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Figure 25. Macrocycles via a modular approach.²⁴⁰

reaction between imines and cyclic anhydrides⁴⁷⁸ to generate lactams (Figure 26). Initial research examined selectivities in the reaction of the imine 280 derived from benzyl amine and bromobenzaldehyde and phenyl succinic anhydride 281. The highest yield and selectivity was found using toluene as solvent. In this and subsequent reactions with other substrate pairs, the anti product was obtained as the major product as evident from NOE experiments. Translation of the chemistry from the solution to solid phase required a higher temperature to secure the cycloaddition reaction. The reactions on the solid phase were performed under microwave irradiation, albeit with reduced diastereoselectivity. A study of the effect of para-substitution in the phenyl succinic anhydrides 285a-d revealed that methoxy impeded the reaction slightly, whereas inductively electronwithdrawing substituents had little effect on the conversion or diastereoselection. Notably the reaction of p-nitrophenyl succinic anhydride 285d resulted in a high conversion and high selectivity at room temperature. Tricyclic products 289 were produced in high yield from resin-bound lactam acid 285a by first generating its amide 288 and then reacting 288 with a stoichiometric amount of ligandless CuI to cyclize the aryl iodide $(288 \rightarrow 289)$.⁴⁷⁹ The iodide used as the corresponding aryl bromide did not react. Spirobicyclic lactam was obtained from lactam acid 292 derived from 2-fluoro-5-nitrophenyl succinic anhydride 291 and imine 290. Acid 292 was converted to the amide 293, which cyclized to form the spirocyclic oxindole **294** in the presence of K_2CO_3 in DMF. The chemistry was used to produce a library of 570 structurally diverse products for biological screening.

Libraries Using Fluorous Technology. (-)-Dictyostatin is a marine macrolactone that has potent anticancer activity. Its stereostructure was confirmed by total synthesis accomplished by the Paterson and Curran groups in 2004. Further biological testing on the synthetic sample shows that dictyostatin has equal or better activity against the paclitaxel-resistant cell line versus open-chain analog discodermolide, radiolabeled paclitaxel, or epothilone B. The Curran group modified their total synthesis route (over 20 steps) and designed a fluorous mixture synthesis (FMS) to make (-)-dictyostatin and three C6 and C7 diastereomers

Optimization of reaction conditions





Figure 26. Structurally diverse spirobicyclic lactams.²⁶²

for SAR studies (Figure 27).98 Instead of making those diastereomers in four parallel multistep syntheses, the FMS is able to produce those compounds in a single set. This represents a good example of FMS for making complex molecules and analogs without a proportional increase in work. At the premix stage, a set of four enantiopure



Figure 27. Fluorous mixture synthesis of (-)-dictyostatin and stereoisomers.⁹⁸



Figure 28. Fluorous DOS of novel heterocyclic scaffolds.^{419,420}

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Figure 29. Synthesis of bistratamide H using the F-Teoc tag.²⁸²

alcohols with chiral centers at C6 and C7 were individually tagged with a set of four fluorous TIPS-type silanes containing C₃F₇, C₄F₉, C₆F₁₃, and C₈F₁₇ tags, respectively. The coded alcohols were then converted to fluorous esters **295a–d**. These four esters were blended in a ratio of 1.5: 1:1:1.5, and then, the resulting mixture M-295a-d was converted to M-296 in three steps of FMS. The products from these reaction mixtures were purified by standard flash chromatography without demixing. M-296 was coupled with alkynyllithium and then reduced by (S,S)-Noyori catalyst to give M-298. The alkyne group of M-298 was reduced to the cis-alkene by Lindlar hydrogenation, and the resulting secondary hydroxy group was protected with the TBS group. The cleavage of TES with dichloroacetic acid gave M-299. Dess-Martin oxidation of the primary alcohol followed by Horner-Wadsworh-Emmons coupling with **300** gave the α,β -unsaturated ketone. The reduction of C17-C18 alkene with Stryker's reagent followed by reduction of the C19 ketone with LiAl(Ot-Bu)₃H gave β -alcohol M-**301** as the major product which was isolated by silica gel chromatography of the mixture. TBS protection of the C19 hydroxy group, removal of the trityl group with ZnBr₂, oxidation of the allylic alcohol with the Dess-Martin reagent, and then Still-Gennari reaction provided (E), (Z)-diene M-302. The removal of PMB with DDQ, basic hydrolysis of the conjugated ester, followed by macrolactonization under Yamaguchi conditions gave a mixture of major (2Z),(4E) and minor (2E), (4E) macrolactones. Demixing of the final mixture was accomplished by a preparative F-HPLC to provide the four individual components. Desilylation using 3 N HCl in MeOH afforded dictyostatin (6R,7S)-303 and the other three C6,C7-epi-dictyostatin



Figure 30. Double Pd-catalyzed coupling for making bisindoles.¹⁸⁵

diastereomers after HPLC purification. These four compounds were assayed against human ovarian carcinoma cells for the antiproliferative effects. The bis-*epi*-diastereomer (6S,7R)-**304** was found to be less active than the other isomers, while the monoepimer (6R,7R)-**306** was found to be equipotent to dictyostatin (6R,7S)-**306**, and another monoepimer (6S,7S)-**305** was found to be four times more potent.

Zhang and co-workers at Fluorous Technologies developed a [3+2] cycloaddition/detag/cyclization protocol for making novel heterocyclic library scaffolds (Figure 28).⁴¹⁹ This fluorous-based synthetic method has the following features: (1) all the intermediate purifications were facilitated by fluorous solid-phase extraction (F-SPE) without conducting flash chromatography, (2) each reaction step could be closely followed by LC-MS analysis, and (3) the libraries were produced by FMS with high synthetic efficiency. The key intermediate **310** for DOS was made by one-pot [3+2] cycloaddition of fluorous aminoester **307** with slightly excess (1.2–1.5 equiv) aldehyde and alkene. The reaction was conducted under conventional or microwave heating to give highly stereoselective bicyclic pyrrolidine derivative 310. The cycloaddition product was easily separated by F-SPE. Its structure was confirmed by X-ray crystal structure analysis. The cycloaddition product was then used for DOS of hydantoin-, piperazinedione-, and benzodiazepine-fused heterocyclic scaffolds 312, 314, and **316**. Each of these three scaffolds has four stereocenters on the central pyrrolidine ring and up to four points of diversity $(R^1 - R^4)$. These compounds resemble the structures of some known biologically active compounds. The structure of compound 312 is similar to tricyclic thrombin inhibitors, the structure of compound 314 is similar to diketopiperazine-based inhibitors of human hormone-sensitive lipase, and compound 316 contains a privileged benzodiazepine moiety which exists in numerous pharmaceutically interesting compounds. Synthesis of scaffold 312 was accomplished by reaction of 310 with excess phenylisocyanate in the presence of a catalytic amount of N,N-4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) to give urea **311**. Compound **311** was then mixed with K₂CO₃ and heated under microwave for fluorous tag cleavage and formation of hydantoin-fused product 312. Piperazinedione-fused tricyclic scaffold 314 was synthesized by acylation of **310** with chloroacetyl chloride followed by chlorine displacement with a primary amine to form 313. The detag/cyclization reaction was promoted by 1,8-diazabicyclo[4.3.0]non-5-ene (DBU) under microwave heating to give 314. Synthesis of benzodiazepine-fused scaffold 316 was accomplished by a three-step post-MCR modification. N-acylation of 310 with 2-nitrobenzoyl chloride followed by zinc-acetic acid reduction under sonication gave compound 315. The cyclative tag cleavage promoted by DBU produced benzodiazepinedione-fused scaffold **316**. The chemistry developed for making scaffolds 312 and 316 has been applied to FMS of compound libraries.420 A 420-member library of scaffold 312 was produced by a 5-component fluorous mixture synthesis by incorporating 5 amino esters (R^1) , 7 benzaldehydes (R^2) , 4 maleimides (R^3) , and 12 isocyanates (R⁴). A total of 380 out of 420 final products were obtained in >90% purities. The amount of each final product was in the range of 5–30 mg. A 60-member library of scaffold 316 was prepared by a two-component FMS by incorporating 2 amino esters (\mathbb{R}^1) , 10 benzaldehydes (R^2) , and 3 maleimides (R^3) . A total of 58 compounds were obtained in >90% after C18 reverse-phase prep-HPLC purification.

Bistratamides are isolated from ascidians *Lissoclinum bistratum*. Bistratamides and related compounds such as didmolamides and tenuecyclamides have shown moderate cytotoxic activity, antidrug resistance, and antimicrobial properties and inhibition of the division of sea urchin embryos. Bistratamides have a unique macrolactam structure that contains amino acids, thiazole, and oxazole. The Kelly and Shin groups have

developed synthetic routes to bistratamides and applied them to solid-phase synthesis. Takeuchi and co-workers developed a "heavy fluorous" 2-[tri(perfluorodecyl)silyl]ethoxycarbonyl (F-Teoc) protecting group and employed it in the fluorous synthesis of bistratamide H (Figure 29).²⁸² The F-Teoc has three $C_8F_{17}CH_2CH_2$ chains with a total of 51 fluorine atoms. The high fluorine content of F-Teoc increases the partition coefficiency of Teoctagged intermediates from the organic reaction phase to the fluorous phase during the fluorous liquid-liquid extraction (F-LLE) with a fluorous solvent such as FC-72 (perfluorohexanes). Alternative to the F-SPE, F-LLE is also an efficient technique for purification of heavy fluorous compounds. Fluorous synthesis of bistratamide H involved the coupling of F-Teoc-tagged thiazole amino acid 317 with thiazole amino acid ester 318 in the presence of benzotriazol-1-yl-oxy-trispyrrolidinophosphonium hexafluorophosphate (PyBOP) and *i*-Pr₂EtN. The resulting thiazole dipeptide ester was treated with 1 M LiOH aqueous solution followed by extraction of the crude product with FC-72 to afford 319. The thiazole dipeptide 319 was coupled with the oxazole amino acid methyl ester 320 followed by hydrolysis and FC-72 extraction to give tripeptide methyl acid 321. Cleavage of the F-Teoc protecting group with TBAF followed by the intramolecular coupling reaction and preparative TLC gave bistratamide H in 35% yield.

Many bisindole natural alkaloids have a unique structure where two indole units are linked through a central five- or six-membered heterocyclic ring. Rebeccamycin 324 and asteriquinone B1 325 are the representative compounds which have antitumor and insulin receptor activator activities (Figure 30). One of the non-natural bisindole derivatives with a bisindolylpyridine skeleton also exhibits potent cytotoxity. To generate synthetic bisindole analogs for biological testing, Kasahara and Kondo developed a concise fluorous route that involves consecutive cross-coupling reactions of fluorous-tagged indolylborons with dichloro- or dibromosubstituted heterocyclic compounds.¹⁸⁵ The fluorous sulfonyl tag was introduced to 3-iodoindole under a basic reaction condition, followed by Pd-catalyzed borylation to give fluor ous boronate 326. Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling of 326 with dibromosubstituted central ring 327 using Tl_2CO_3 as a base afforded the monocoupling product **328**. This compound was subjected to the second cross-coupling with TIPS-protected indolylboron 329, followed by cleavage of TIPS to give 330. Methylation and sequential Mgpromoted fluorous tag cleavage afforded bisindole 331. The fluorous intermediates in the multistep synthesis were purified by F-SPE. This protocol has been used to make symmetrical and asymmetrical bisindolyl-substituted heterocycle scaffolds by double cross-coupling reactions of indolylborons with different kinds of dihalo central rings 332a-d.



^a The asterisk is the point of attachment to resin.

Table 2. Chemical Libraries Targeting Nonproteolytic Enzymes^a



Gilleron [108]

FTase inhibitors

- R
- Library 2.18
 ECLiPS-26,908 members
 Rokosz [328]

• Huang [150]

FTase inhibitors

- FTase inhibitors

Alphabetical listing



RNA polymerase

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^a The asterisk is the point of attachment to resin.







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Table 4. Chemical Libraries Targeting Non-G-Protein-Coupled Receptors^a



Table 4. Continued



^a The asterisk is the point of attachment to resin.

Table 5. Chemical Libraries Yielding Cytotoxic and Antiinfective Agents^a

Oncolytics



Table 5. Continued



^a The asterisk is the point of attachment to resin.

 Table 6. Scaffold Derivatization^a

Part A: Solid-phase









Part B: Solution-phase

 Porcheddu [308]
 Angeli-Rimini's reaction from aldehydes and solidsupported *N*-hydroxybenzenesulfonamide

ЪОН

0

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Tsukamoto [372]

benzenesulfonates

· Pd-catalyzed reductive

cleavage of resin-bound

- Kurosu [203]
- Kurosu [203]
 for allylation of aldehydes



• Sheng [343] • Heck reaction of PEG-bound acrylate and Arl



Kasahara [186]
 Suzuki coupling of resin-bound indole boronate ester and ArX





-R¹

Ar _____



Rahman [317]
Sonogashira reaction in ionic liquids using novel array reaction

-R

Ar



• Kurosu [204] • from 2^º amines using DIAD, PS-TPP and R³-X



 Cardullo [40]
 alkylation of primary amines using Fukuyama methodology with resinbound thiol and MW for deprotection

 Table 6.
 Continued



 Table 7. Acyclic Synthesis^a

P:art A; Solid-phase



Zhu [294]
multi-step sequence



 Shao [340]
 multi-step sequence from resin-bound hydroxybenzaldehydes



 Sheng [344, 149]
 alkylation of PEG-supported α-phenylselenopropionate ester with aldehydes then oxidative elimination

• Qian [315] • alkylation of resin-bound α -seleno acetate with RCHO then selenoxide elimination

• Qian [316] • addition of alkynes to resin-bound tolueneselenosulfonate then hydrolysis

Table 7. Continued



 Table 7. Continued















2-hydroxy-1-naphthaldehyde and

catalytic piperidine

via ICI-induced cyclization

^a The asterisk is the point of attachment to resin.

of ortho-haloanilides



Table 10. Continued





^a The asterisk is the point of attachment to resin.





Table 11. Continued



Table 12. Polymer-Supported and Fluorous Linkers







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