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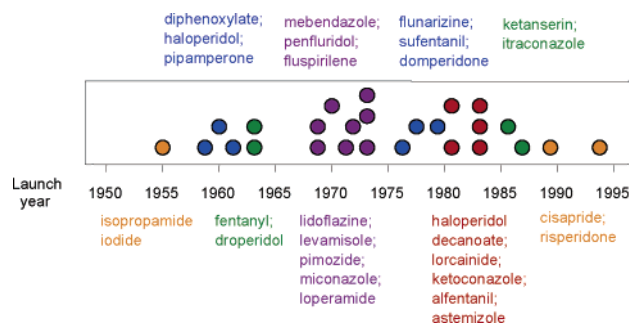
## Memorial Issue in Honor of Dr. Paul A. J. Janssen

### Preface

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This special issue of the *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry* has been assembled to honor posthumously Dr. Paul A. J. Janssen for his tremendous contributions to the fields of medicinal chemistry and drug discovery over the second half of the 20th century. Dr. Janssen and his colleagues at his eponymous company, Janssen Pharmaceutica, developed many important new drugs in diverse areas of medical need, including pain relief, infectious diseases, gastrointestinal disorders, allergy, anesthesia, and schizophrenia. Some of these therapeutic milestones are indicated on the time-line in Figure 1. In the 1950s and 1960s, medicinal chemistry as a field of science was just taking root, and Dr. Janssen became a key force in shaping it. He and his colleagues made strong contributions to the evolution of this field, helping to bring about the highly developed state that we see today. Dr. Janssen went far beyond academic aspects to create and commercialize numerous, unique



**Figure 1.** Some major pharmaceuticals introduced under Dr. Paul Janssen's leadership.

medicines that have benefited humankind in countless ways. The outpouring of scientific articles for this memorial issue from so many authors around the globe is a fitting tribute to this giant of science and medicine. The organizers (named above) thank these authors for assisting in the recognition of Dr. Janssen for his outstanding, lifelong achievements.

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