### Perspectives in total synthesis: a personal account

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Following a short personal introduction, in this article K. C. Nicolaou presents a retrospective on his research activities in the field of chemical synthesis from the early days of his graduate career in the late 1960s to the present. Although these endeavors span more than three decades, the covered topics are unified by the same underlying themes of synthesis, new synthetic technologies and chemical biology. The total syntheses of natural products whose stories will bring these themes to light in this account include, among others, those of the endiandric acids, efrotomycin, amphotericin B, calicheamicin  $\gamma_1^{\,\mathrm{I}}$ , rapamycin,  $\mathrm{Taxol}^{\,\mathrm{TM}}$ , the brevetoxins, the epothilones, vancomycin, the CP-molecules, the bisorbicillinoids, everninomicin, the coleophomones, and diazonamide A.

# N-tert-Butylbenzenesulfenamide-catalyzed oxidation of alcohols to the corresponding carbonyl compounds with N-chlorosuccinimide

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## Ring-closing metathesis of $\alpha$ -ester-substituted enol ethers: application to the shortest synthesis of KDO

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$$\begin{array}{c} OH \\ HO_2C \xrightarrow{\bar{X}} O \xrightarrow{\bar{H}} OH \\ X = H: 2\text{-deoxy KDO} \\ X = OH: KDO \\ \end{array}$$

## Synthesis of fused tetrazole- and imidazole derivatives via iodocyclization

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# Application of acyl cyanophosphorane methodology to the synthesis of protease inhibitors: poststatin, eurystatin, phebestin, probestin and bestatin

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Eurystatin A

Poststatin

Probestin

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## The aza-xylylene Diels-Alder approach for the synthesis of naturally occurring 2-alkyl tetrahydroquinolines

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Starting from a thiocarbamate intramolecular Appel reaction with concomitant reaction with unsaturated alcohols and subsequent intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction furnishes tetrahydroquinolines in good overall yields.



1) PPh<sub>3</sub>, CCl<sub>4</sub>, MeCN, 50 °C, 9 h

 $HO_{\sqrt{n}}$  n = 1,2

2) Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C, 3 d

3) 3 eq. LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, THF, reflux, 4 h 4) l<sub>2</sub>, PPh<sub>3</sub>, imid, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, 25 °C 5) LiCuCl<sub>4</sub>, RMgX

## A short multigram asymmetric synthesis of prostanoid scaffolds

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P = t-BuPh<sub>2</sub>Si,  $X = CH = CH_2$ ,  $CH_2CH_2OH$ ,  $COCH_3$ , oxiranyl,  $CH_2OH$ , CHO,  $CO_2H$ , OH,  $NHCO_2Ch_2Ph$ .

### Enantioselective total synthesis of (R)-strongylodiols A and B

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 $R = CCC_8H_{17}$  $R = cisCH = CHC_8H_{17}$  R =  $CCC_8H_{17}$  Strongylodiol A R =  $cisCH=CHC_8H_{17}$  Strongylodiol B

### Total synthesis of (+)-ambruticin S

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### A fully stereocontrolled total synthesis of

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#### (+)-leucascandrolide A

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### Synthesis of the JKLM-ring fragment of ciguatoxin

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#### Total synthesis of *seco*-lateriflorone

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An efficient and convergent approach toward the synthesis of lateriflorone (5) is described. Our strategy is based on biosynthetic principles and is highlighted by a tandem Claisen/Diels-Alder cascade that forms the caged tricycle of 5 in excellent yield and regioselectivity.

### Enantioselective total syntheses of (+)-decursin and related natural compounds using catalytic asymmetric epoxidation of an enone

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## Study towards bioactive pyrone derivatives from the marine red alga *Phacelocarpus labillardieri*

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### Enantioselective synthesis of (-)-idiospermuline

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## A spontaneous bicyclization facilitates a synthesis of

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#### (−)-hispidospermidin

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idiospermuline

### Formation of yohimbanones via a novel rearrangement

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# Toward the enantioselective total synthesis of lyngbyatoxin A: on the stereocontrolled introduction of the quaternary stereogenic centre

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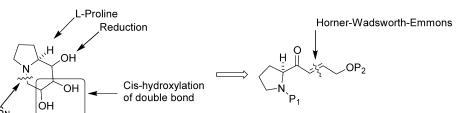
# Polyhydroxylated indolizidine alkaloids—an efficient synthesis of 1-deoxy-8,8a-di-epi-castanospermine

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### Total synthesis of the polyenoyltetramic acid polycephalin C

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Polycephalin C 1

# Synthetic studies toward the disorazoles: synthesis of a masked northern half of disorazole $D_1$ and a cyclopropane analog of the masked northern half of disorazole $A_1$

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# Concise synthesis of stereodefined, thiazole—containing cyclic hexa- and octapeptide relatives of the *Lissoclinums*, via cyclooligomerisation reactions

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# Design, synthesis, and evaluation of azepine-based cryptophycin mimetics

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# Novel synthesis of 5-thio-hexopyranoside: preparation of 5-thio-D- and L-glucose and 1,6-anhydro-5-thio-L- and D-altrose

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5-Thio-D-glucose

OH 1,6-Anhydro-5-thio-D-altrose

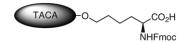
1,6-Anhydro-5-thio-L-altrose

## Synthesis of non-natural glycosylamino acids containing tumor-associated carbohydrate antigens

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TACA = tumor-associated carbohydrate antigen eg. Tn, TF, STn, Lewis<sup>y</sup>, Globo-H

# Synthetic studies of erythromycin derivatives: 6-*O*-methylation of (9*S*)-12,21-anhydro-9-dihydroerythromycin A derivatives

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# Synthesis of functionally diverse bicyclic sulfonamides as constrained proline analogues and application to the design of potential thrombin inhibitors

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# Molecular design, chemical synthesis and biological evaluation of quinoxaline-carbohydrate hybrids as novel and selective photo-induced DNA cleaving and cytotoxic agents

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