# "Incentives for New Methodology through Natural Product Synthesis"

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### LIVING THROUGH A TOTAL SYNTHESIS

- A. Choice of target molecule
- B. Perceptive powers and seeing through the mind's eye
- C. Emergence of a strategy
- D. Generation of a synthesis plan
- E. Execution
- F. Endurance
- G. Contribution to science
- H. Recognition
- I. Lasting value



- > Relevance
- Heuristics, open-eyed serendipity, and personal bias
- > Individual prowess, creativity
- Attention to detail, possible fixation (beware!)
- Efficiency, practicality
- > What price synthesis?
- New concepts, reactions, reagents, etc.
- Fame, fortune, legacy
- Coworker training



Avermectin B<sub>1a</sub> (1986)

#### SYNTHESIS PLANNING AND KEY-STEP METHODOLOGIES



New Methods (Kekulé approach)

Improved, known methods (Avis approach)

In-house methods (Sinatra approach)

### REAL LIFE SCENARIOS

- Synthesis completed; constants match... All's well. ☺
- Synthesis completed; constants do not match... All's not well. ☺
- Synthesis completed; natural product structure/stereochemistry needs revision! ... All's well that ends well. ☺ ☺ ☺
- Synthesis almost completed; problems with last steps...Maybe serious. ☺
- Synthesis strategy changed... Optimism is a necessity. Optimism
- Synthesis abandoned, deferred, or forgotten... ☺ ☺ ☺

First Synthesis

Second Synthesis

Third Synthesis

• Nth Synthesis?

### Bioactive Compounds Produced by Cyanobacteria

Isolated from the blue-green algae Microcystis aeruginosa
Thrombin and trypsin inhibitors



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Aeruginosin 298-A: Configurational Revision Through Total Syntheses



Tulinsky, A. et al J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1998**, 120, 597.

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### Dysinosin A: A New Aeruginosin



- Isolated from a new genus and species of sponge of the family Dysidea sp, Lizard Island, North Queensland, Australia
- Potent inhibitor of blood coagulation cascade Factor VIIa (Ki = 108 nM)
- Inhibitor of serine protease thrombin (Ki = 432 nM)
- Structure determined by 1H, 13C NMR
- Absolute stereochemistry from an X-ray co-crystal structure with thrombin

Carroll, A. R.; Pierens, G.; Fechner, G.; Almeida Leone, P.; Ngo, A.; Simpson, M.; Hooper, J. A.; Bostrom, S.-L.; Musil, D.; Quinn, R. J.; J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2002,124, 13340. AstraZeneca R&D Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia.



## X-ray Co-crystal Structure of Dysinosin A with Thrombin

Carroll, A.-R.; Quinn, R. et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2002, 124, 13340



Hanessian, S. et al J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2002, 124, 13342

New Aeruginosins from Oscillatoria agardhii



### Oceans Apart...



- Isolated from the marine algae Oscillatoria agardhii
- Algae culture (strain B3.82) from the University of Göttingen, Germany
- Co-crystal with trypsin

- Isolated from a marine sponge of the family *Dysidea sp.*
- · Lizard Island, Australia



### The ∆-3-Pyrroline Ring



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## Octahydroindoles and Perhydroquinolines

## in Natural Products



Sceletium alkaloids mesembrine



Aspidosperma alkaloids aspidospermidine



Stemona alkaloids tuberostemonine



Amaryllidaceae alkaloids γ-lycorane



*Daphniphyllum* alkaloids daphniglaucin C

Medicinal Chemistry



perindoprilat



Elastase inhibitors



Nicotine analogues

# Azonia-Prins Type Synthesis of Octahydroindole

2-Carboxylic Acids

A Proposal:



Preparation of the Hemiaminal Precursor



Hanessian, S.; Margarita, R. Tetrahedron Lett. 1998, 39, 5887

### The L-Choi Moiety



9 steps from L-glutamic acid (36% overall yield)









**Biological Activity** 





Hanessian, S.; Tremblay, M.; Petersen, J. F. W. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2004, 126, 6064

### X-ray Co-crystal Structure of Oscillarin with Thrombin



Courtesy: J.F.W. Petersen, AstraZeneca Structural Chemistry Laboratory, Mölndal, Sweden

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### Mechanistic Considerations



## Azonia-Prins Cyclization of the anti-Isomer





Functionalization of Non-activated Terminal Alkenes and Alkynes





a) mixture of o/p isomers. b) mixture of regioisomers.

Terminal Yne Tandem Azonia-Prins / Friedel-Crafts Cyclization





Cyclohexenyl cation ?

Suzuki Cross-Coupling



# (6-S)-Phenyl Octahydroindole-2-carboxylic acid











Fisher, M. J.; Overman, L.E. J. Org. Chem. 1990, 55, 1447.



Cyclization of a Substituted Alkene







## H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>18</sup> Experiment



Stereoelectronic, Steric and Allylic Strain Effects





Stereodifferentiation of Diastereotopic Terminal Alkynes



## Alkyne vs Alkene



(1:1, separable)





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Stereodifferentiation of Diastereotopic Substituted Alkynes

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Allene Tether !



## Stereodifferentiation of Diastereotopic Allenes



J. Del Valle

C

CO<sub>2</sub>Me

