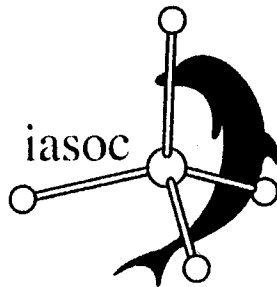


**Nine IASOCs and Counting ...**  
**Reflections on the Past; Prospects for the Future**

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**IASOC 2000**  
**Thursday, September 28**  
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# Some Organic Chemistry Highlights and Potential Impacts

- Asymmetric Processes

Catalysis by transition metals and designed ligands  
Auxiliary or reagent-based stereoselectivity

- Methodology

Transition metal chemistry in bond formation  
Olefin metathesis  
Solid phase chemistry (revisited)

- Total Synthesis

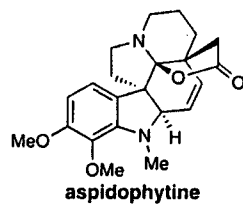
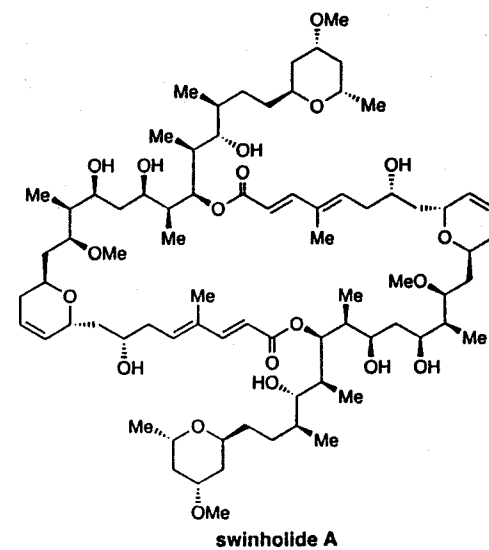
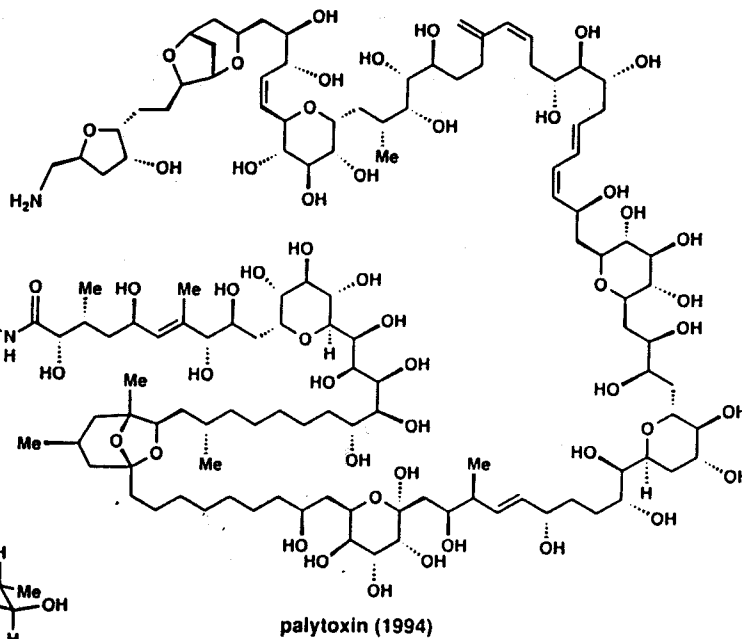
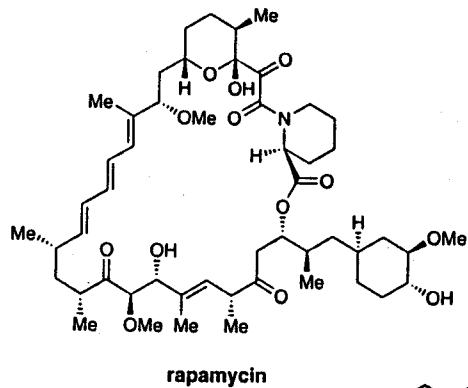
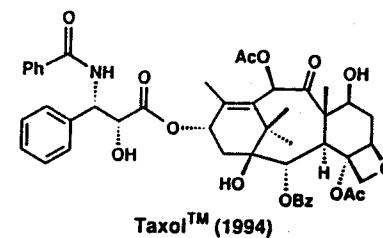
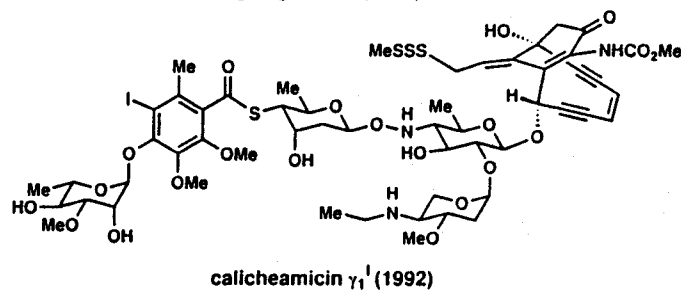
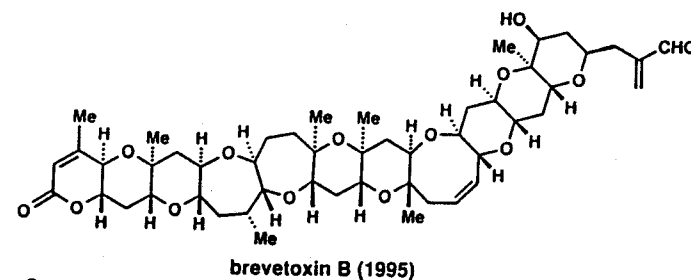
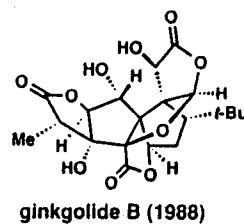
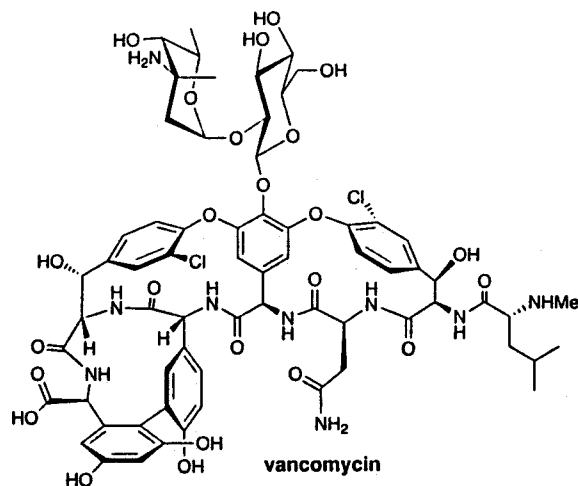
- Bioorganic and Medicinal Chemistry

DNA, RNA recognition  
Structural biology and drug design  
Genomics, proteomics, etc.  
Glycochemistry

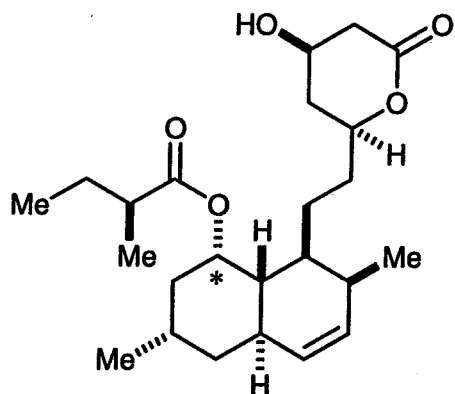
- Supra and Supramolecules

Organized self-directed assemblies  
Nanotechnology  
Material science and polymers

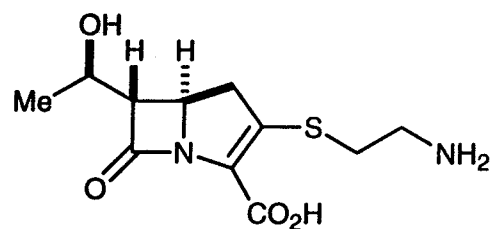
# NATURAL PRODUCT CONQUESTS BY TOTAL SYNTHESIS



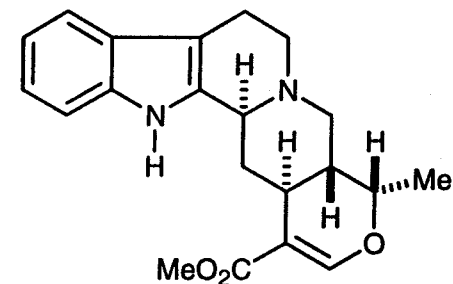
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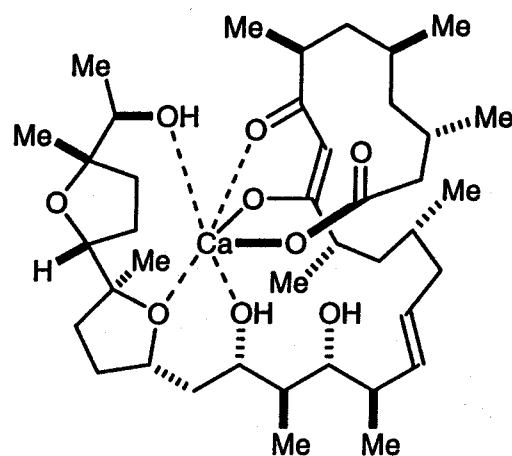
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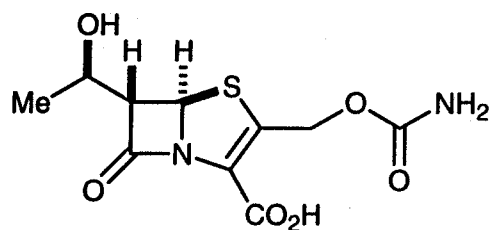
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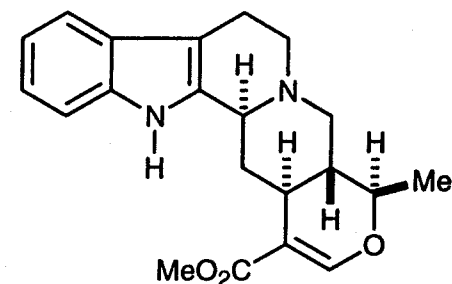
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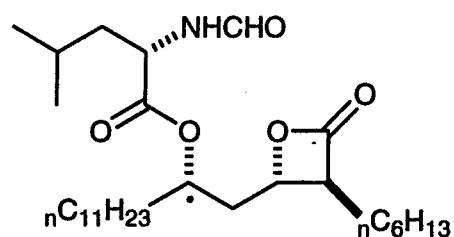
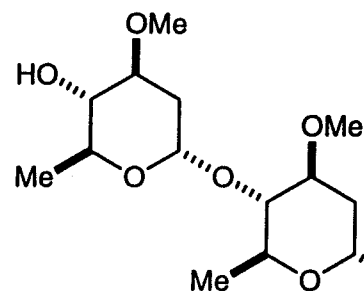
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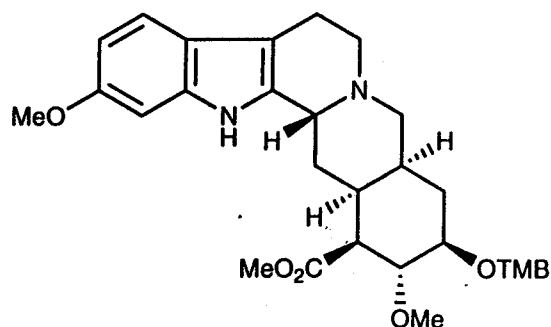
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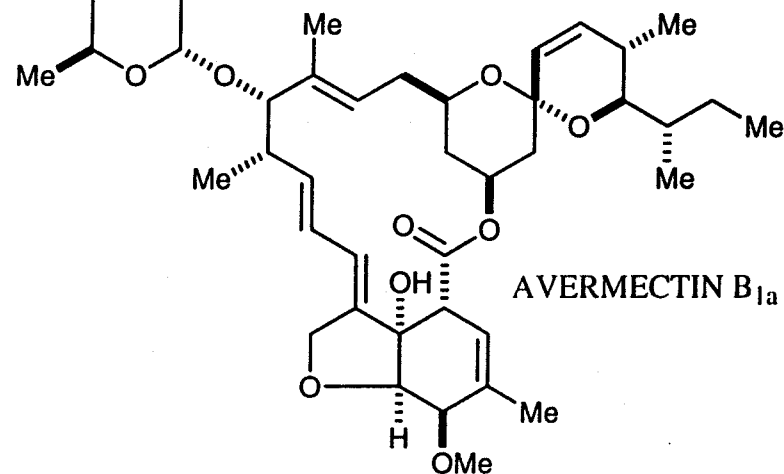
19-*epi*-AJMALICINE



(-)-TETRAHYDROLIPSTATIN



RESERPINE



AVERMECTIN B<sub>1a</sub>

# TOTAL SYNTHESIS IN THE Y2K AND BEYOND

## EXPECTATIONS:

- *Size, stereocenters, intricacies, novelty, elegance, practicality, etc.*
- *Acceptance*

## IMPACT:

- *Biology, medicine, science, mankind*
- *Recognition*

## METHODOLOGY:

- *Innovation, generality, utility*
- *Technology transfer, applications*

## LESSONS LEARNED:

- *Coworker training, logic, observations, failures turned into success*
- *Etc, etc, etc,*

## A Synthesis Chemist's Wish List

- In the lab

1. 100 % yield, 100 % stereoselectivity ( O.K., 99% will do )
2. No protective groups
3. Universally applicable reagents
4. A catalytic version for every asymmetric reaction
5. Orthogonal reactivity and selectivity
6. Reactions at unactivated carbon atoms
7. Avoid end-game obstacles in total synthesis
8. Doing reactions in water at room temperature
9. Prediction of physical properties and structure from chemical composition
10. Truly understand bonding

## A Synthesis Chemist's Wish List

- Collaborations

1. Communicate with biologists and learn their alphabet (acronyms!)
2. Finish the synthesis before the theory changes, or the interest wanes

- Nature

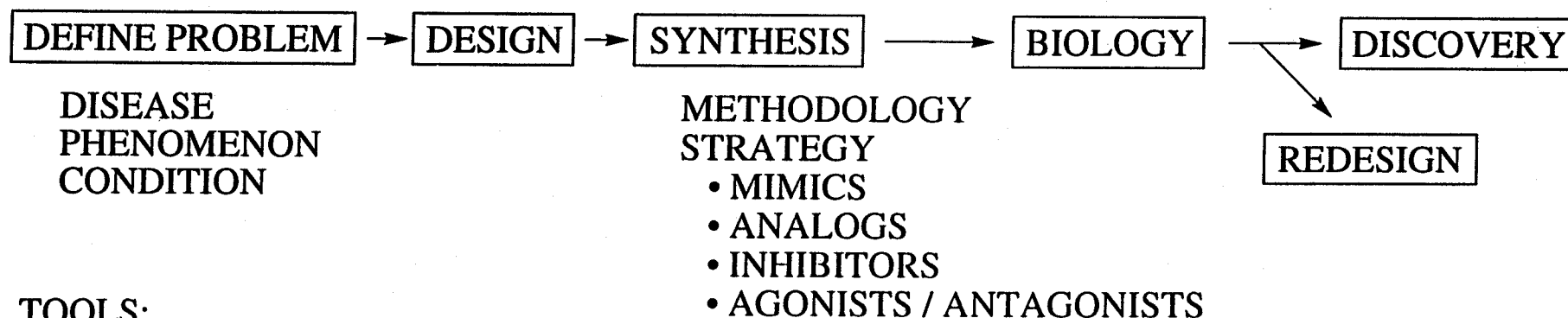
1. Understand events at the molecular level
2. Better drug design based on fact not dogma
3. Use synthesis to solve Nature's mysteries

- Abstract, psychic and personal

1. Seeing better through the mind's eye
2. Presence of mind and attention to detail
3. Exploiting serendipitous and chance observations
4. Keeping up with the literature ( and retrieving information fast )
5. Stretching the day's hours ... and stopping to smell the roses.

# DRUG DISCOVERY

## A SYNTHETIC CHEMIST'S PERSPECTIVE AND INVOLVEMENT:



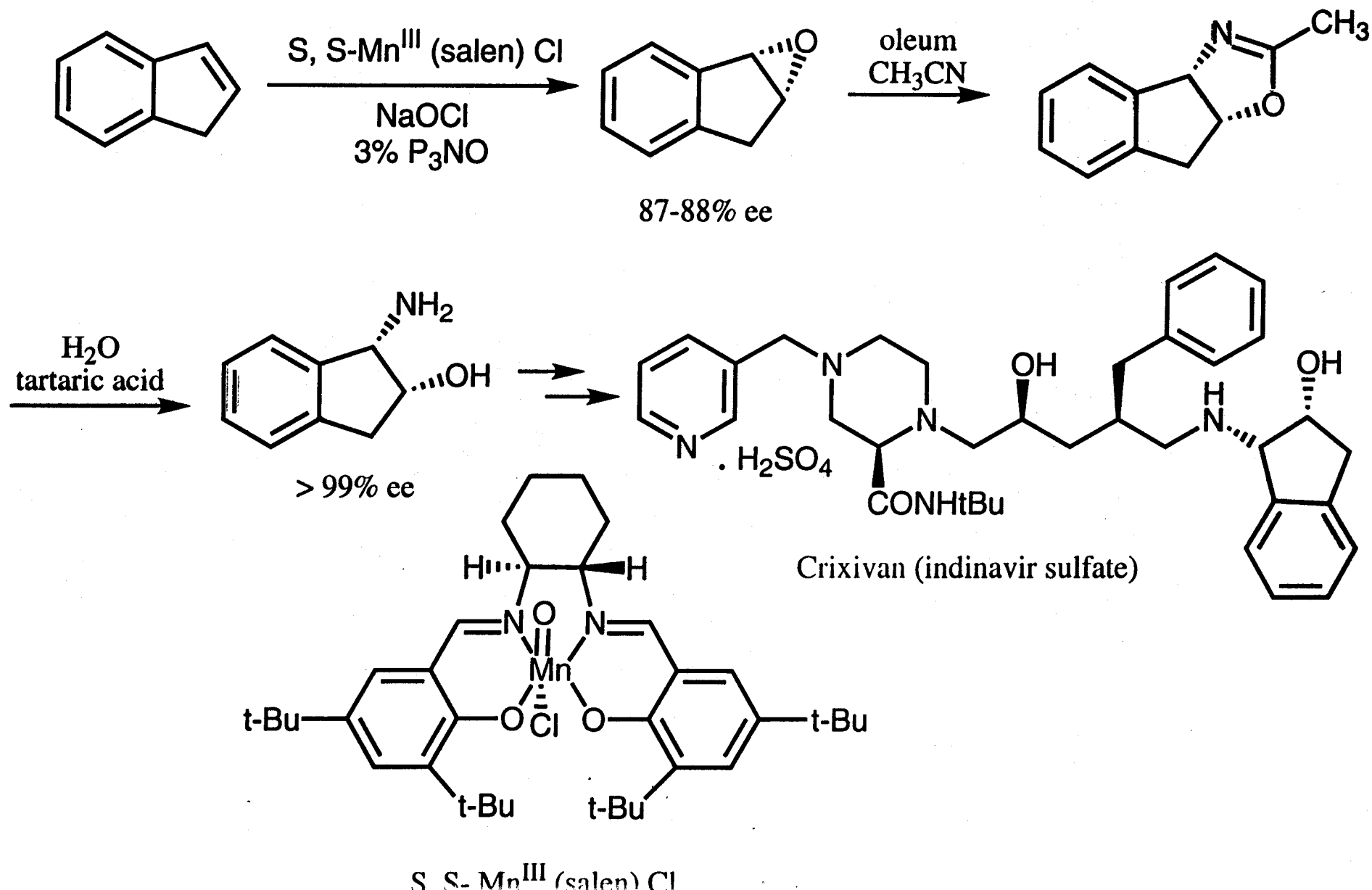
INSTRUMENTAL, COMPUTATION, PHYSICO-CHEMICAL, BIOTECHNOLOGY, GENOMICS, COMBICHEM

### CHALLENGES:

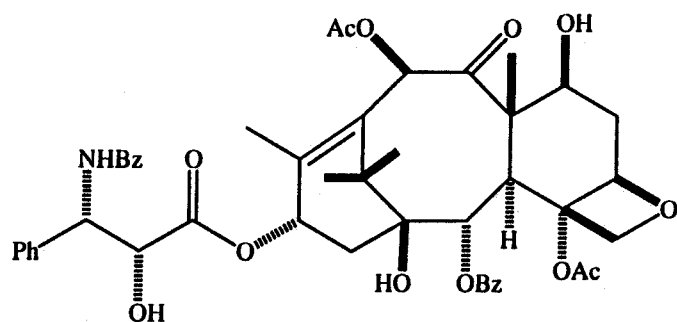
- UNDERSTANDING INTERACTIONS AT THE MOLECULAR LEVEL (RECOGNITION, ETC.)
- CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS TO BIOLOGICAL PROBLEMS (DISEASE)
- BETTER DRUGS (QUALITY OF LIFE)



# EPOXIDATION OF NON-ALLYLIC ALCOHOLS (E. JACOBSEN)

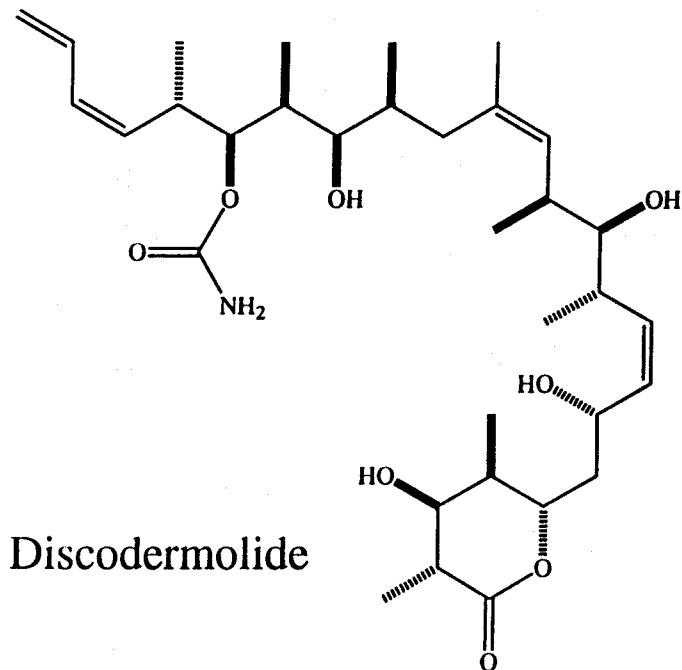


CLINICALLY IMPORTANT TARGETS IN NEED OF  
*PRACTICAL* SYNTHESSES (20 steps or less)



Taxol

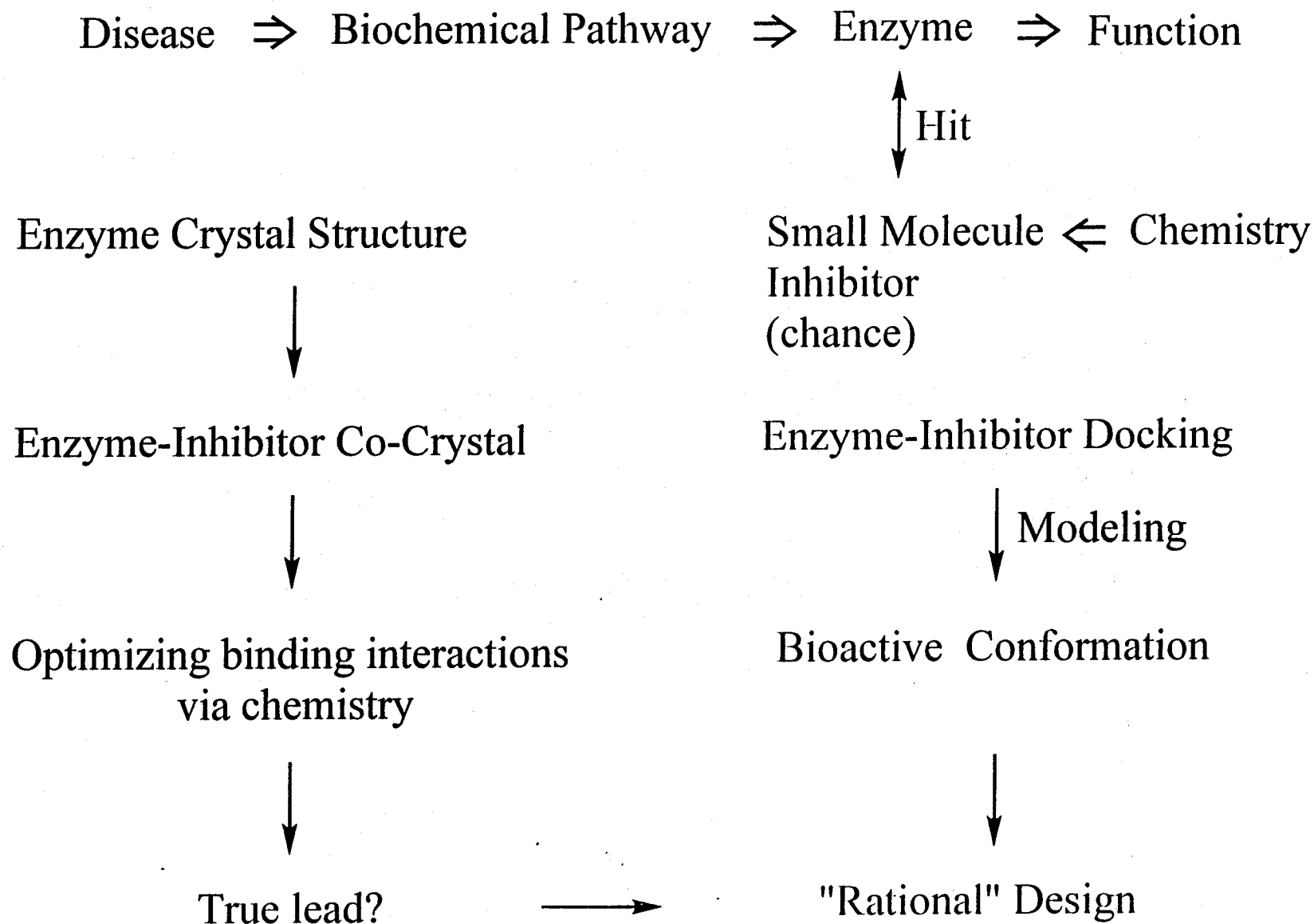
Nicolaou (1994)  
Holton (1994)  
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Wender (1997)  
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(+)- Discodermolide

Schreiber (1996)  
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Smith (1999)  
Paterson (1999)

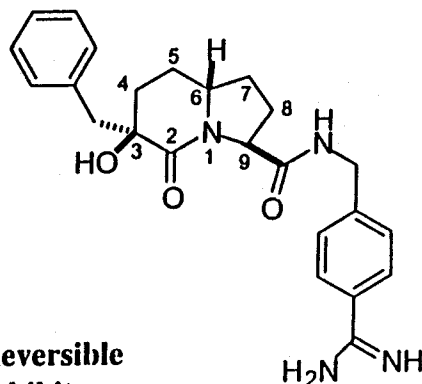
## AN "IDEAL" SCENARIO FOR DRUG DESIGN



# PROTOTYPICAL OF DRUG DESIGN

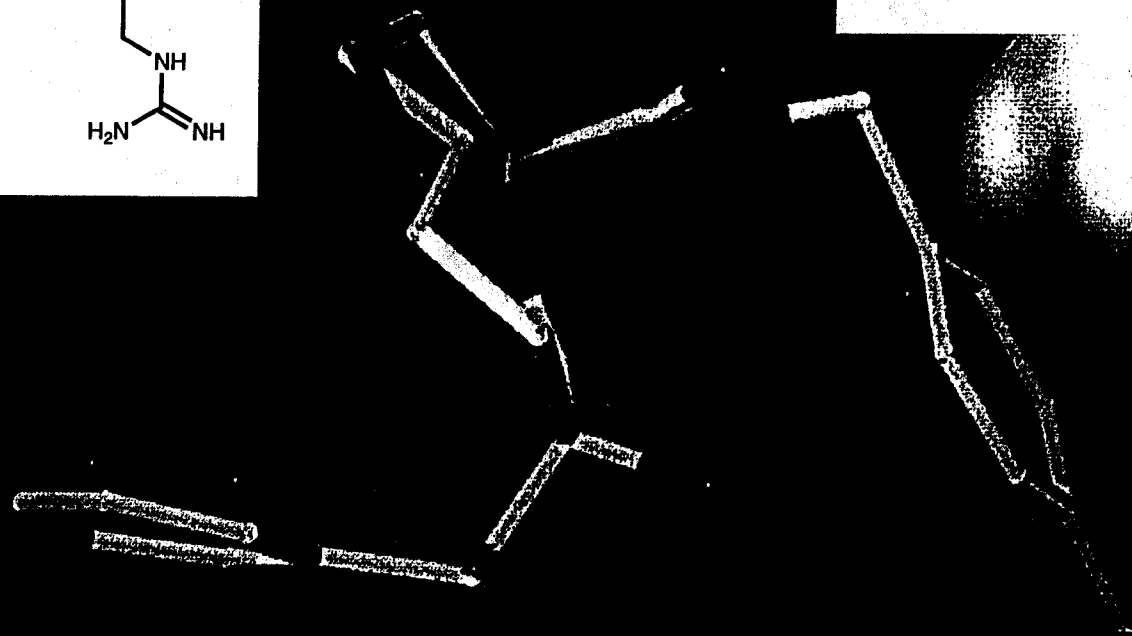
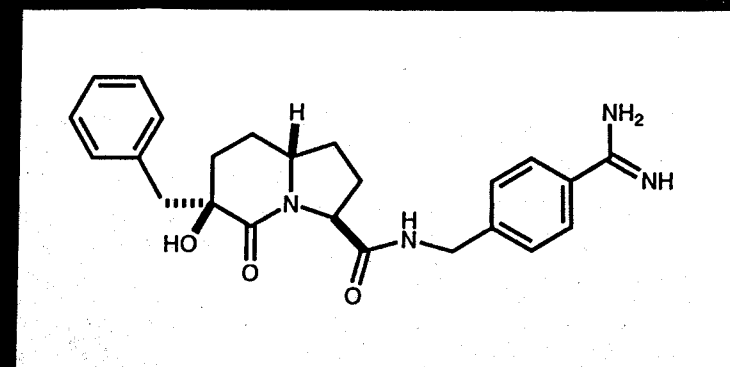
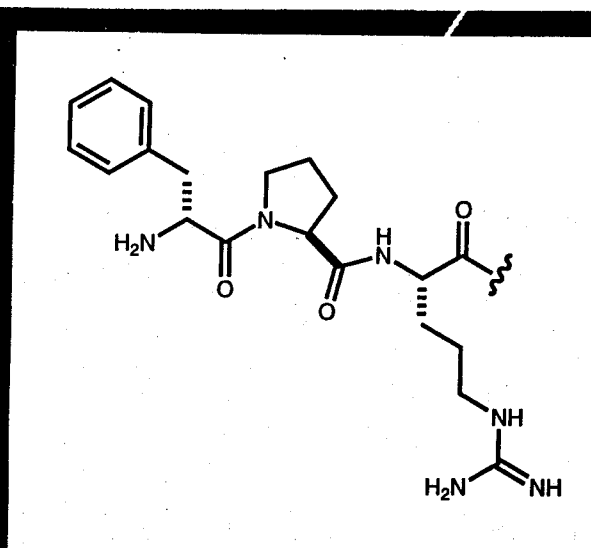
## INHIBITION OF THROMBIN

### Lessons Learned from Modeling and Enzyme-Inhibitor X-ray Crystal Structures



$K_i = 9 \text{ nM}$  (Thrombin)

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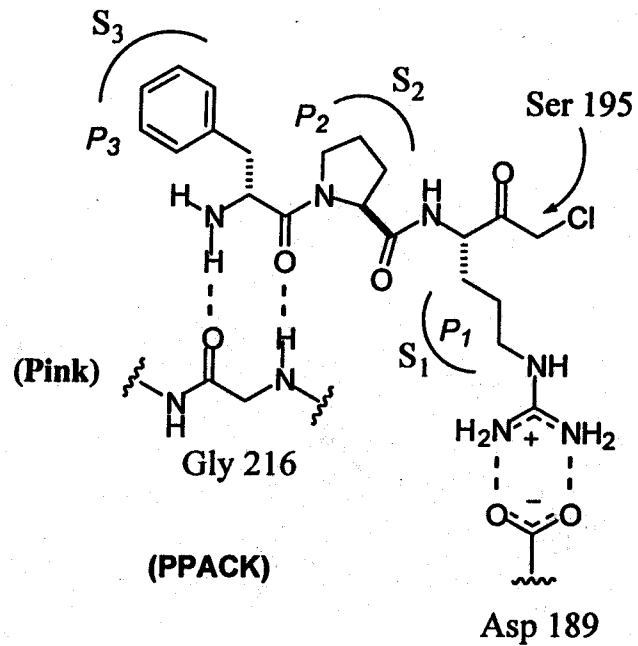


**Mime**

**Exploring the Chiral Space within the Active Site of  $\alpha$ -Thrombin  
with a Constrained Mimic of D-Phe-Pro-Arg — Design, Synthesis,  
Inhibitory Activity, and X-ray Structure of an Enzyme-Inhibitor  
Complex**

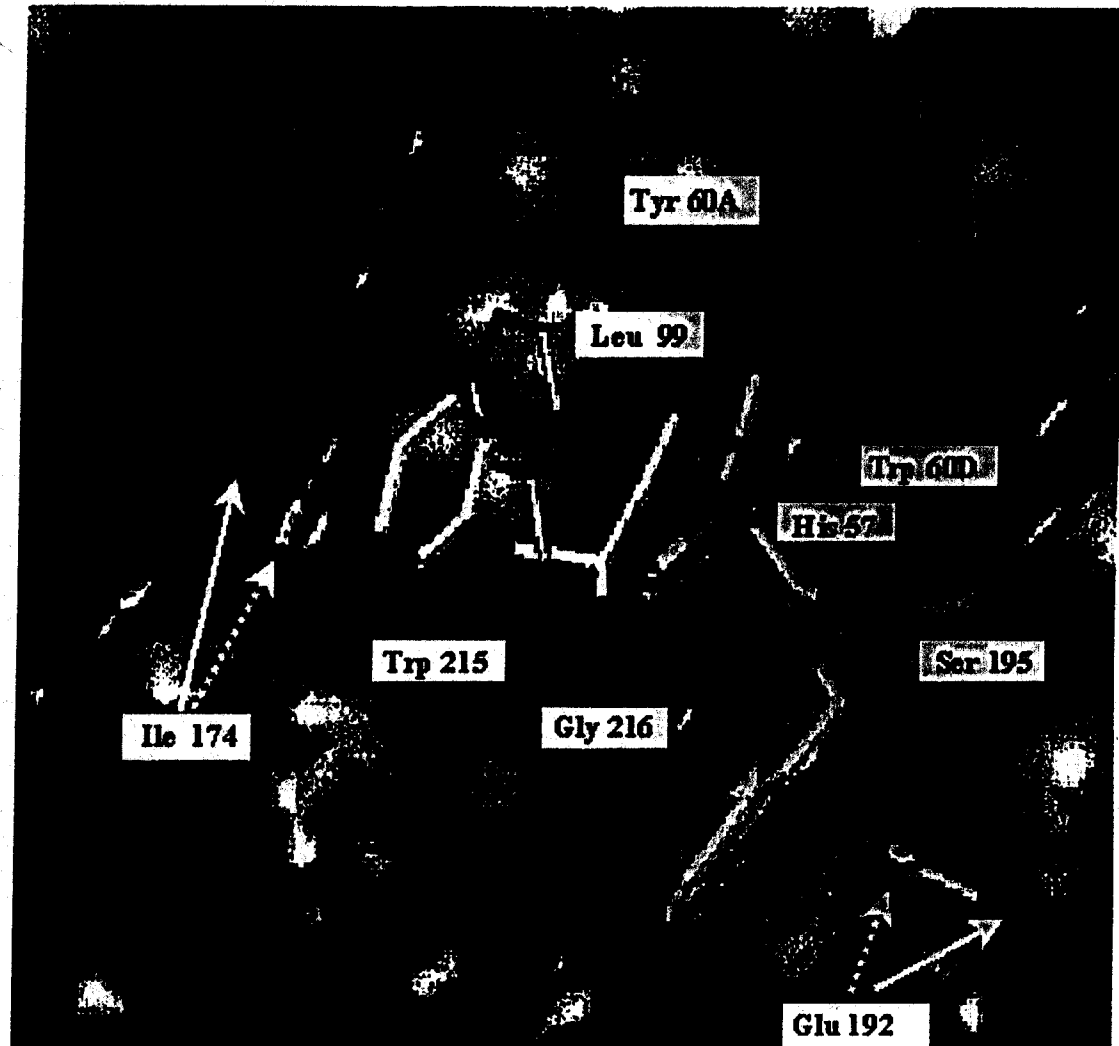
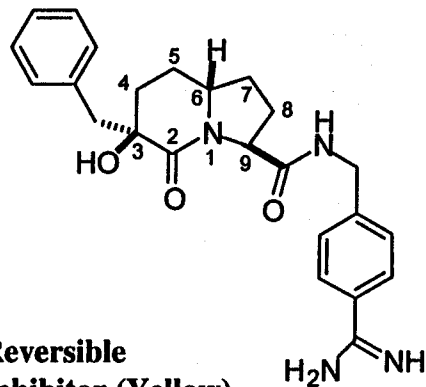
# X-Ray co-Crystal of Thrombin with Prototypical Inhibitor (Yellow)

Irreversible inhibitor



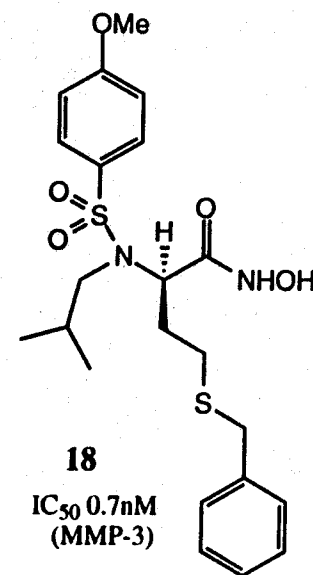
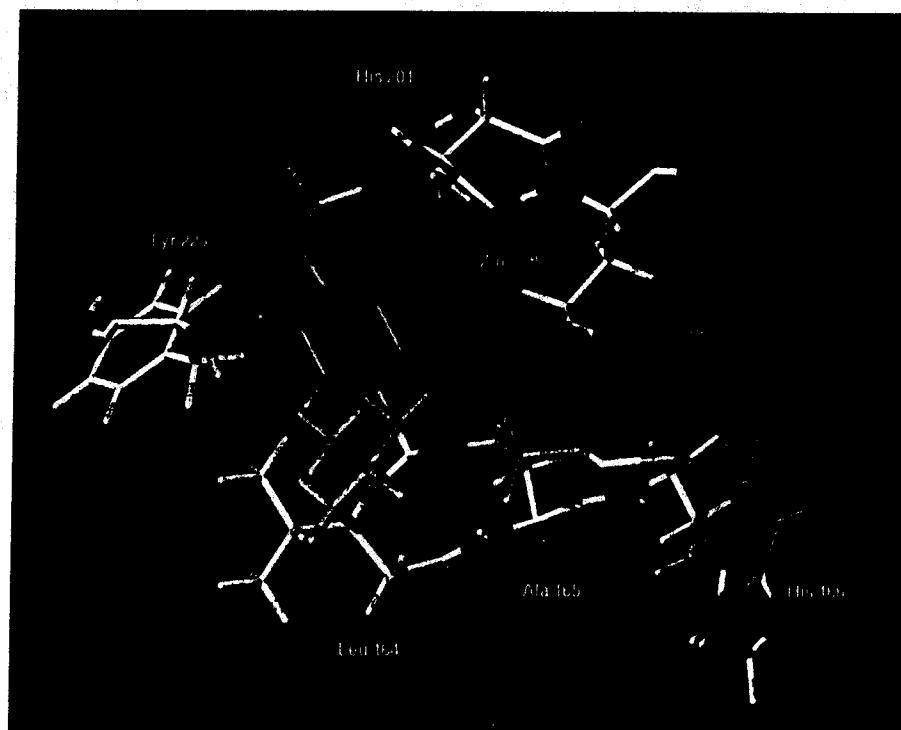
Reversible  
Inhibitor (Yellow)

Ki = 9 nM (Thrombin)



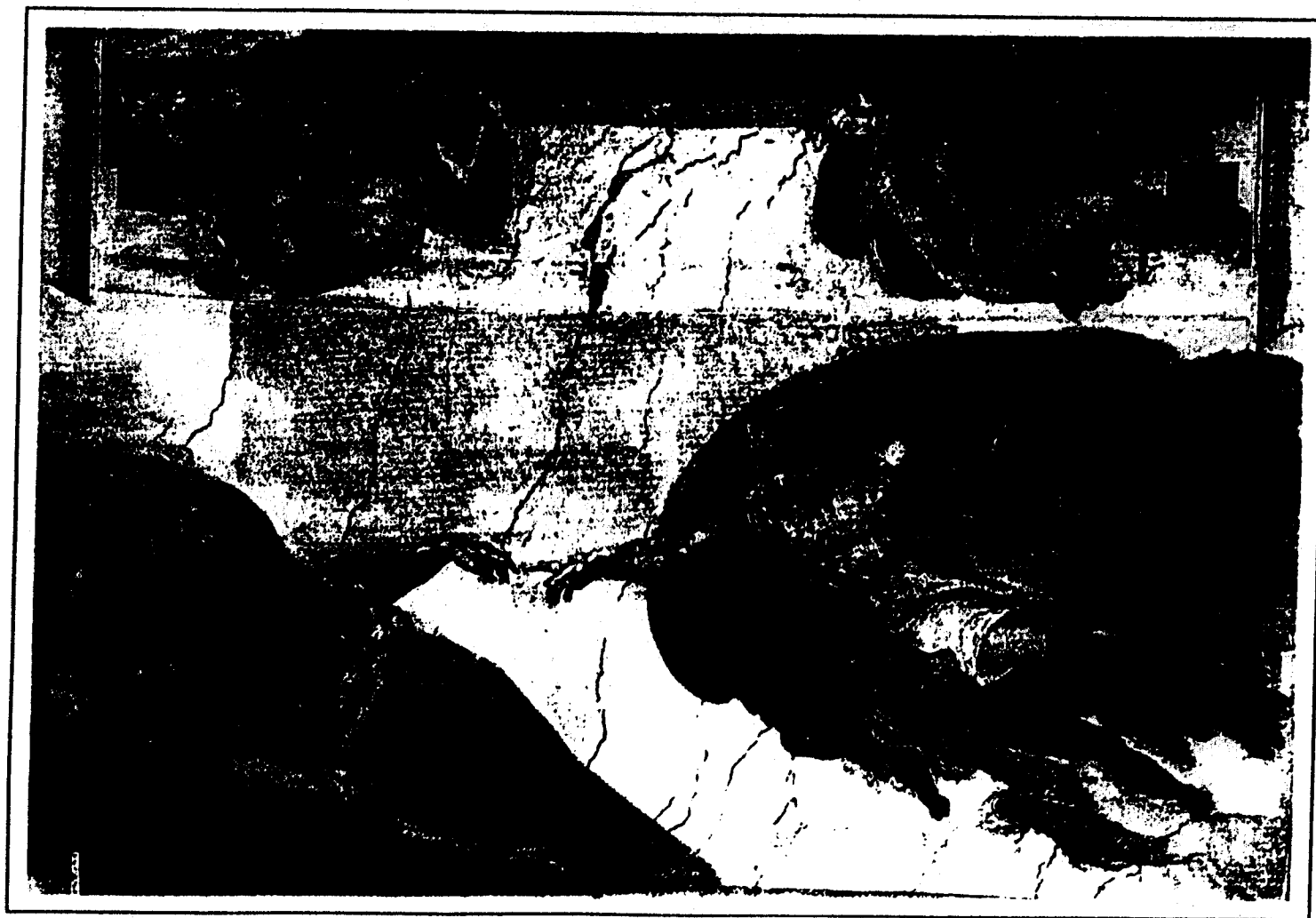
# Prototypical Drug Design

## Inhibition of Matrix Metalloproteases



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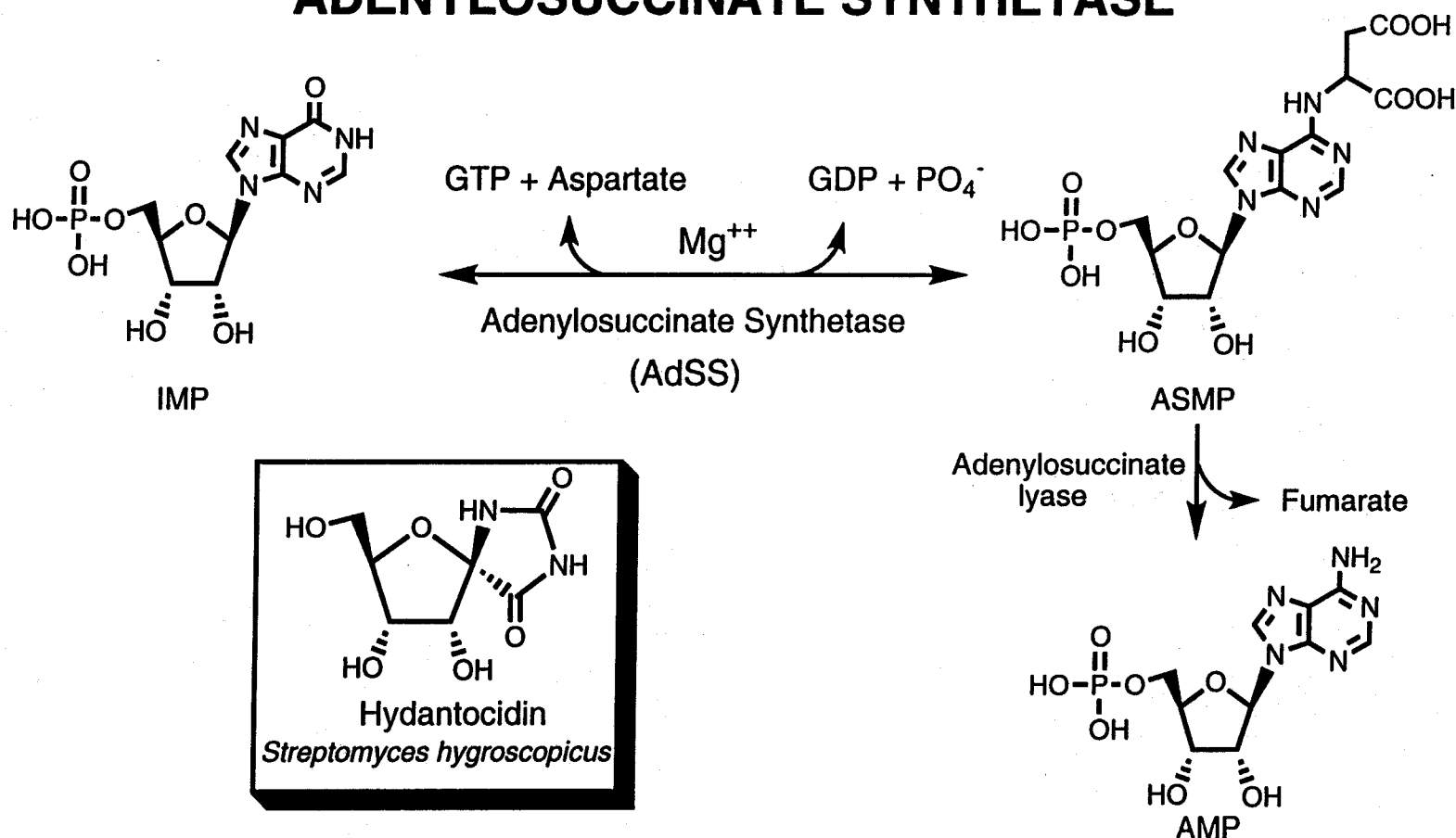
# INHIBITION OF ADENYLOSUCCINATE SYNTHETASE (The « Creation » of an Inhibitor)



S. Hanessian and coworkers, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 1999, 38, 3159.



# ADENYLOSUCCINATE SYNTHETASE



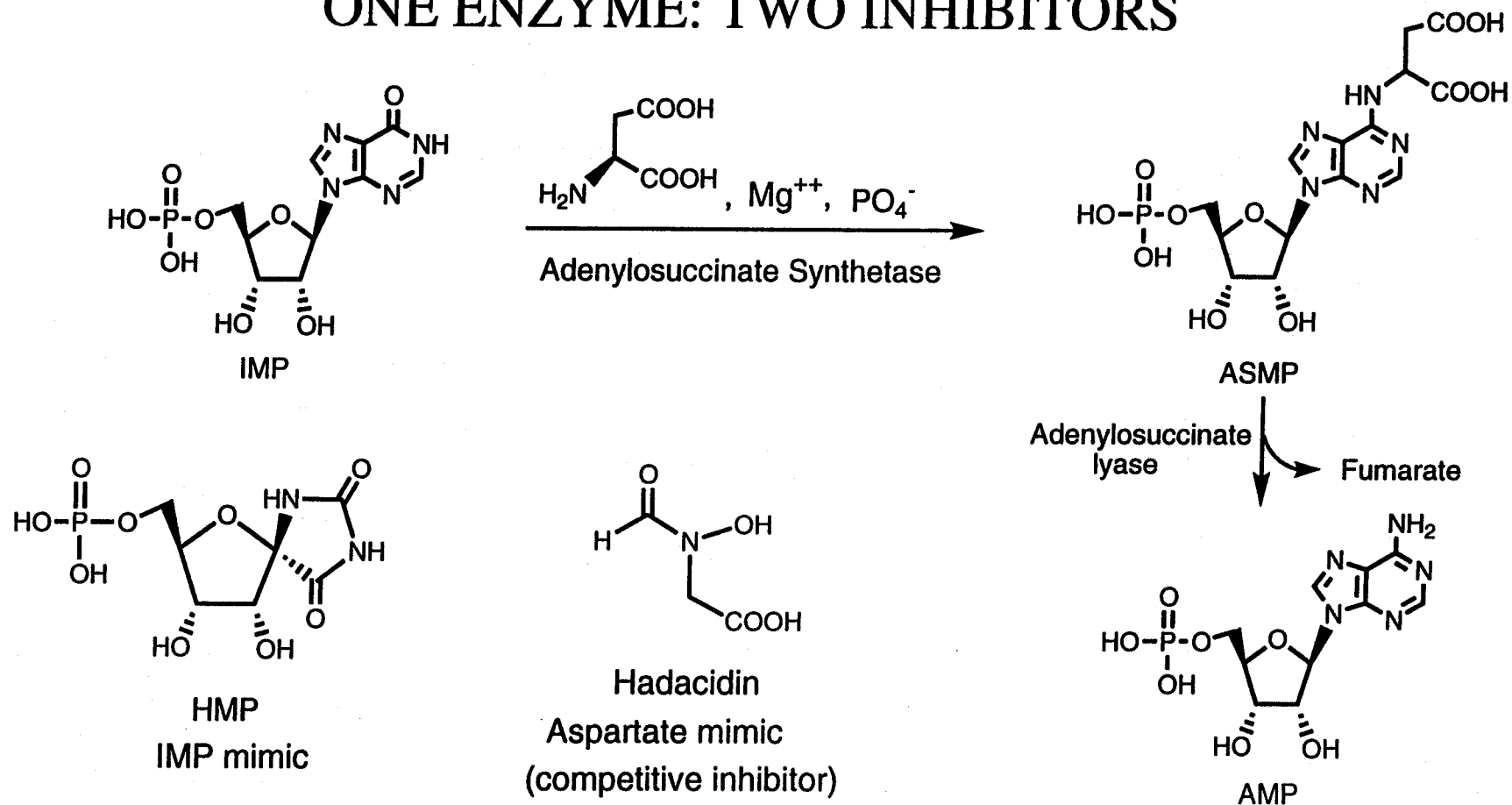
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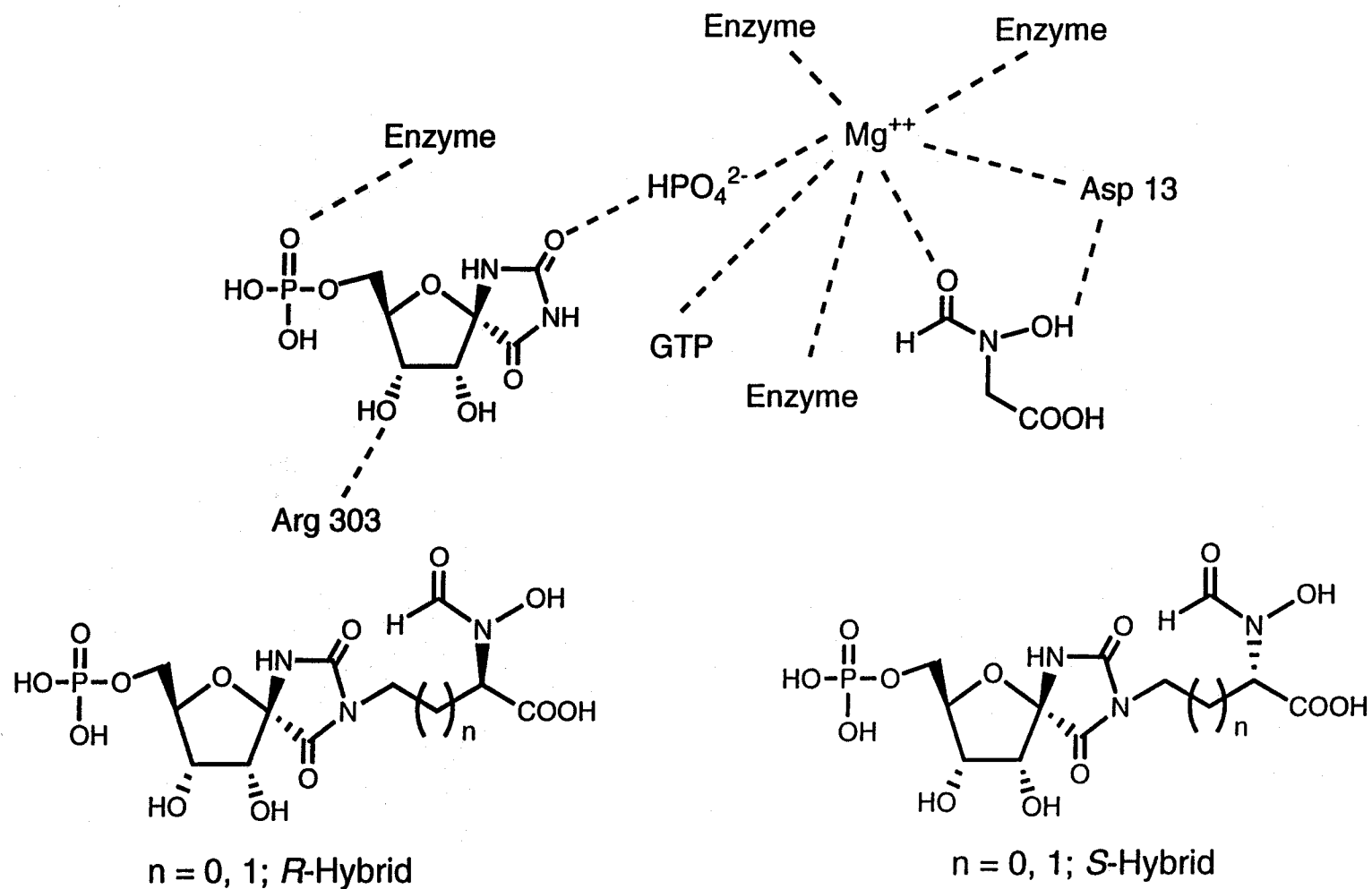
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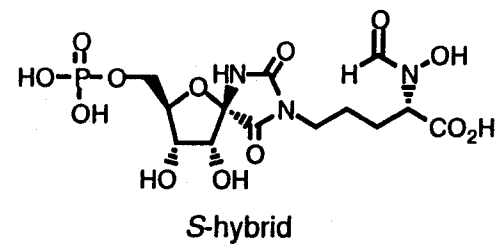
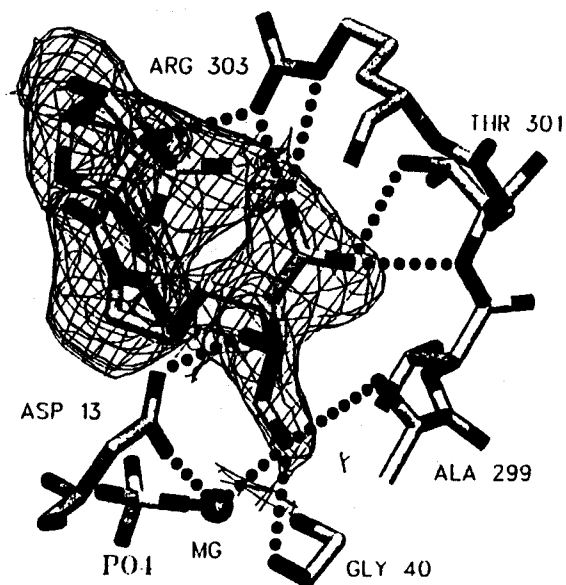
## ONE ENZYME: TWO INHIBITORS



## JOINING FORCES AND BRIDGING THE GAP

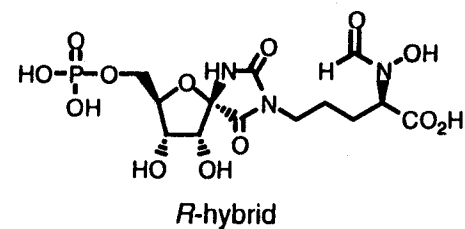
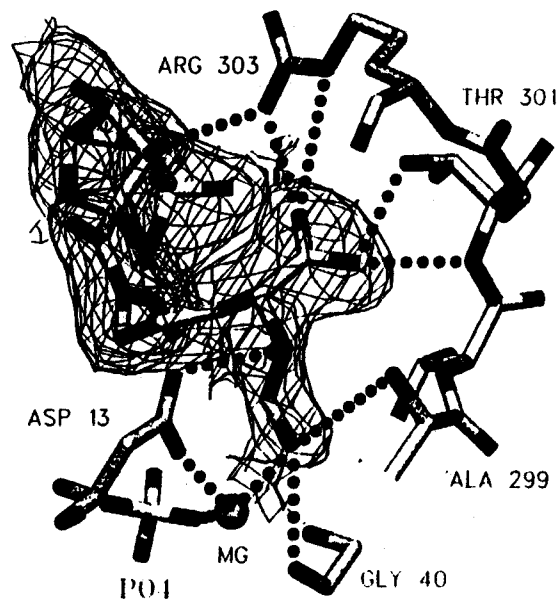


## AdSS - *S*-Hybrid complex



$K_i = 43 \text{ nM}$  (*E. coli* AdSS)

## AdSS - *R*-Hybrid complex



$K_i = 665 \text{ nM}$  (*E. coli* AdSS)