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Total Synthesis of the Naturally-Occurring GRP78 Modulators (+)-Prunustatin A and (+)-Brefeldin A, and Immunosuppressant (+)-SW-163A

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- Total Synthesis of Pharmacologically-Active, Complex, Natural Products of Potential Value to Human Medicine
- Chemical Biology and Medicinal Chemistry
- New Reaction Development
- Physical Organic Chemistry, and the Elucidation of Complex Reaction Mechanisms Through the Use of Novel Small Molecule Reporter Probes

Methods for Linking Small Molecules to Proteins



Total Synthesis of Pharmacologically-Active, Complex, Natural Products of Value to Human Medicine

Some of the Complex Bioactive Natural Products Synthesised By The Hale Group Over The Past Decade



Total Synthesis of Pharmacologically-Active, Complex, Natural Products of Value to Human Medicine

First Asymmetric Total Synthesis of the Antitumour Natural Product, (+)-Azinothricin



M. Domostoj, K.J. Hale, et al. *Org. Lett.* **2004**, *6*, 2615. M. Domostoj, K.J. Hale, et al. *Org. Lett.* **2003**, *5*, 2927.

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For our elucidation of the mechanisms of antitumour action of the A83586C/Azinothricin/Citropeptin Class of antitumour macrolides, see: Hale, Manaviazar, Wood, Chen, and El-Tanani et al. *Org. Lett.* **2009**, *11*, 737.

For a detailed account of our chemical biology and med chem efforts on A83586C and its congeners see: Hale, Manaviazar, and George *Chem. Comm.* **2010**, *46*, 4021.

For our elucidation of the β -catenin downregulatory antitumour mechanism of (-)-agelastatin A, see: El-Tanani, Hale, Domostoj, and Manaviazar et al. *Mol. Cancer Ther.* **2008**, *7*, 548.



Research Interests of the Hale Group New Reaction Development

The Tandem Electrophilic Hydrazination-Nucleophilic Cyclisation Method for Piperazic Acid Assembly



How The (+)-A83586C Venture Spurred Development of The Tandem Electrophilic Hydrazination-Nucleophilic Cyclisation Method

How Our Tandem Asymmetric Electrophilic Hydrazination-Nucleophilic Cyclisation Helped Provide New Insights Into Kutzneride Biosynthesis

The above strategy was used to prepare the *cis*- and *trans*-5-CI-Piz reference standards needed to deduce the stereochemistry of KtzP halogenase mediated piperazic acid chlorination during kutzneride biosynthesis.



Kutznerides Always Have a *Trans*-3,5-CI-Piz in Their Skeleton

Following thioesterase release, NMR correlation of the resulting free 5-CI-Piz with our synthetic 3,5-*trans*-5-chloro-piperazic acid revealed that the kutzneride P halogenase initially installs a *cis*-3,5-chloropiperazic acid into the kutznerides, and that this then undergoes further enzymatic processing to give the 3,5-*trans*-5-chloropiperazic acid residues found in the actual natural products themselves.



Walsh, Hale, Manaviazar, Schroeder et al. Biochemistry, 2011, 50, 6063.

Research Interests of the Hale Group New Reaction Development



A New Mild Method For Ketone Enolate C-Acylation



New Ketone Enolate C-Acylation Method: K.J. Hale, M. Grabski and J.T. Flasz Org. Lett. 2013, 15, 370.

Use of the Ketone Enolate C-Acylation Method with Pentafluorophenyl Carbonates In the Formal Total Synthesis of (-)-Echinosporin



(-)-Echinosporin Total Synthesis: A. B. Smith III, G. Sulikowski. K. Fujimoto et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1992, 114, 2567.

New Reaction Development

The O-Directed Free Radical Hydrostannation Reaction Of Alkylacetylenes With Ph₃SnH/cat. Et₃B/O₂ in PhMe

Use in a Formal Total Synthesis of (+)-Pumiliotoxin B



Deployment of a New "Double O-Directed Free Radical Hydrostannation" in a Synthesis of the C(7)-C(22)-Sector of (+)-Acutiphycin



Physical Organic Chemistry and Elucidating Complex Reaction Mechanisms With Small Molecule Probes

The Definitive Probe Experiment Which Proved That Propargyloxy O-Coordination to the Ph₃SnH Was Responsible for the α-Stannylated Products Preferentially Arising In the O-Directed Free Radical Hydrostannation of Propargylically-Oxygenated Alkylacetylenes



K.J. Hale, S. Manaviazar, P. Dimpoulos et al. Org. Lett. 2005, 7, 5377.



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The Mechanism of the O-Directed Hydrostannation of Alkylacetylenes with Ph₃SnH/cat. Et₃B



N.B. The allylic O-atom does not coordinate to Sn following α -addition to the acetylene.

X-ray crystallography confirms that no such coordination occurs in the α -(Z)-adducts.

This lack of internal O-coordination in the fully developed α -stannylvinyl radical makes the reverse elimination less favourable, and helps promote formation of the α -(Z)-adduct.

Internal 1,5-H-Atom Abstraction by the Vinyl Radicals Can Also Occur.

P. Dimopoulos, K.J. Hale, S. Manaviazar et al. Org. Lett. 2005, 7, 5377.



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The Disfavoured (*E*)- α -Vinylstannane Geometric Isomer Isomerises Under the Reaction Conditions



 β -Stannyl Radical-Addition with C-C Bond Rotation and Elimination

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O-Directed β -C-Addition is Not Favoured Due to Coordinative Elimination of the Intermediary β -Stannyl(alkyl)vinyl Radicals



Strong internal O-coordination in the β -stannylvinyl radical adducts weakens the C-Sn bond and this, along with the geminal repulsion indicated, almost certainly favours the reverse retro-stannation reaction:

i.e. β -elimination of the intermediary vinylstannyl radical to its O-coordinated stannyl radical acetylene precursor.

P. Dimopoulos, K.J. Hale, S. Manaviazar et al. Org. Lett. 2005, 7, 5377.





➢ Isolated from fermentation broths of *Streptomyces violaceoniger* (4521-SVS3) by Shin-ya et al. ^[1,2]

Streptomyces violaceoniger (4521-SVS3) is indigenous to soil of the Okinawan island of Kumejima.^[1,2]

> (+)-Prunustatin A is a very powerful downregulator of GRP78 expression in stressed (glucose-deprived) HT1080 human fibrosarcoma cells at very low drug concentrations ($IC_{50} = 11.5 \text{ nM}$) and, at the 100 nM level, it causes full cancer cell apoptosis.^[1]

> GRP78 (78 kDa glucose-regulated protein) is an endoplasmic reticulum (ER) protein that is produced in response to cell stress and hostile environments.

> It is massively upregulated in untreatable, drug-resistant, hypoxic solid tumours.

➢ High GRP78 levels switch on the unfolded protein response within tumours, which renders them recalcitrant to treatment with drugs and radiotherapy.

> As a result of this profile, (+)-prunustatin A might be of potential value for treating currently incurable hypoxic solid human tumours.

>(+)-Prunustatin A has recently been synthesised by the groups of Kawanishi and Usuki.^[3,4]

[1] Isolation and Biological Activity: (a) K. Shin-ya et al. J. Antibiot. 2005, 58, 206.

[2] Structure Determination: K. Shinya et al. Org. Lett. 2007, 9, 4239.

[3] First Total Synthesis: S. Yamakoshi and E. Kawanishi Tetrahedron Lett. 2014, 55, 1175.

[4] Second Total Synthesis: Y. Usuki et al. Asian JOC 2015, 4, 737.





(+)-SW-163A

 \succ (+)-SW-163A was first isolated by Takahashi *et al.* in 2001 from culture broths of *Streptomyces sp.* SNA15896, a soil microbe from the Yuuki region of Japan.^[1,2]

> (+)-SW-163A inhibits the immune response of murine splenic lymphocytes with an IC_{50} value of 62 nM.^[1]

➤ (+)-SW-163A also inhibits lymphocyte blastogenesis with an IC₅₀ value of 48 nM.^[1]

➤ Unlike, (-)-FK506 and cyclosporin A, which both suppress the immune response by blocking T-cell function, (+)-SW-163A prevents T-cells and B-cells from simultaneously becoming primed and activated.

➢ As such, (+)-SW-163A is of considerable pharmaceutical interest, since (-)-FK506 and cyclosporin A are both extremely toxic.

> The introduction of (+)-SW-163A could potentially herald a new safe era for human transplant surgery and improve many patient outcomes, since (+)-SW-163 is non-cytotoxic towards unstressed eukaryotic cells.



[1] Isolation and Biological Activity: K. Takahashi *et al. J. Antibiot.* 2001, *54*, 867.
[2] Structure Determination: K. Shinya *et al. Org. Lett.* 2007, *9*, 4239.



Objectives of the Present Research Programme



Background

> (+)-Prunustatin A and (+)-SW-163A are both in extremely short supply and presently inaccessible to the wider scientific community and the pharmaceutical industry.

> The producing organisms are also not generally accessible and closely guarded by the owners.

> To enter human clinical development, new, <u>easily executed</u>, total syntheses of both agents urgently need to be developed.

➤ The two recent total syntheses of (+)-prunustatin A by Kawanishi¹ and Usuki² are tricky to carry out and, in the case of the 2014 Kawanishi synthesis, no experimental details of the route have ever been reported, making its repetition extremely difficult.

Objectives of Present Research Programme

 \succ To develop a practical, easy to execute, new total synthesis of both compounds to help expedite their future clinical evaluation and allow future med chem refinement.

 \succ To use these new synthetic routes to prepare novel probes and analogues that could allow the biological targets of these agents to be isolated and identified.



[1] First Total Synthesis: S. Yamakoshi and E. Kawanishi *Tetrahedron Lett.* 2014, 55, 1175.
 [2] Second Total Synthesis: Y. Usuki *et al. Asian JOC* 2015, *4*, 737.

Early Defeats! These Outcomes Revealed The Nature of the Problem That We Were Confronting!





Our Revised Retrosynthetic Planning for (+)-Prunustatin A





Our New Synthetic Route (+)-Prunustatin A



DHQD-MEQ Ligand: K.B. Sharpless et al. J. Org. Chem. 1991, 56, 4585.

This is best for ADs in sterically-hindered systems such as this alkene here.



Our New Synthetic Route (+)-Prunustatin A





Our New Synthetic Route (+)-Prunustatin A





Completion of Our New Total Synthesis of (+)-Prunustatin A











Completion of The First Total Synthesis of (+)-SW-163A





Origin of the Stereoselectivity of Reduction In the Total Synthesis of (+)-SW-163A









For our recent published total synthesis of (+)-prunustatin A and (+)-SW-163A, see: S. Manaviazar, P. Nockemann, and K.J. Hale *Org. Lett.* **2016**, *18*, 2902.



Retrosynthetic Analysis of (+)-Brefeldin A







Our Initial Foray On (+)-Brefeldin A





For our (-)-echinosporin synthesis Padwa [3+2]-cycloadditive elimination, see: J. T. Flasz and K.J. Hale *Org. Lett.* **2012**, *14*, 3024.

For Padwa's seminal publications on his allenylsulfone [3+2]-cycloadditive elimination, see:
A. Padwa and P. E. Yeske *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1988, *110*, 1617.
A. Padwa and P. E. Yeske *J. Org. Chem.* 1988, *56*, 6386.
A. Padwa, S. H. Wattlerson, and Z. Ni *J. Org. Chem.* 1994, *59*, 3256.

None of these Padwa publications attempted to apply the [3+2]-cycloadditive elimination on chiral substrates.



Revised Retrosynthetic Analysis of Advanced Iodide





Attempted Implementation and a Quick Evaluation of Double Mitsunobu Inversion Feasibility



Clearly the C(4)-OH in the above di-O-benzoate is far too hindered to undergo Mitsunobu Inversion. C(4)-inversion would thus have to be postponed until after the pyranoside ring had been fragmented.



Revised Retrosynthetic Plan





Attempted Implementation of the C(9)-Aldehyde Epimerisation and Olefin Cross-Metathesis Tactics







Further Revised Retrosynthetic Plan









A New Improved Synthesis of the N-Phenyltetrazolylsulfone









Completion of the Total Synthesis of (+)-Brefeldin A



Z. Xiong and K.J. Hale Org. Lett. 2016, 18, 4254.



¹H NMR spectrum of Kim's synthetic (+)-brefeldin A (1) in CD₃OD at 500 MHz:



¹H NMR spectrum of our synthetic (+)-brefeldin A (1) in CD₃OD at 600 MHz:



6.5 3.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 6.0 5.5 4.5 3.5 4.0 2.5 5.0 2.0