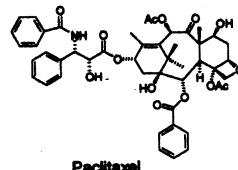


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THE LESSON OF TAXOL**

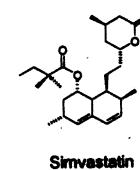
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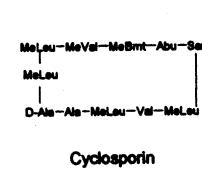
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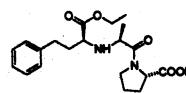
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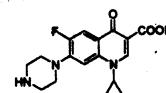
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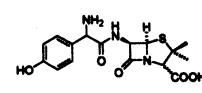
Cyclosporin



Environ



### **Ciprofloxacin**



### **Amoxicillin**

HTS

## **Problems**

### **Too few (ca. 180,000)**

### **Difficult to obtain**

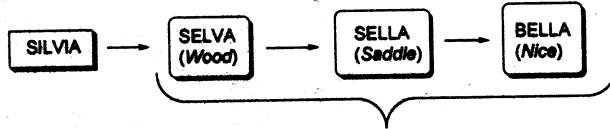
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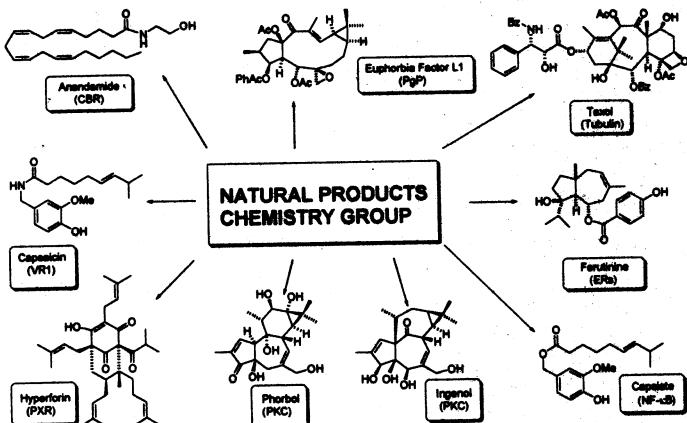
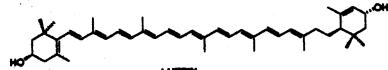
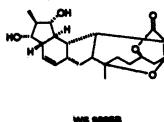
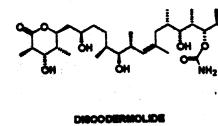
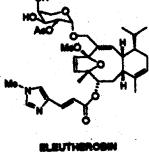
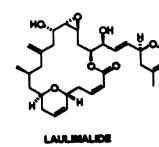
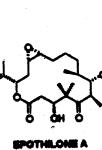
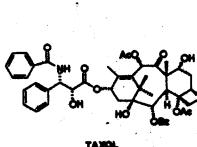
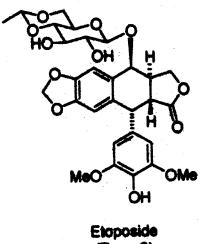
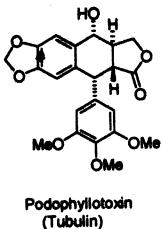
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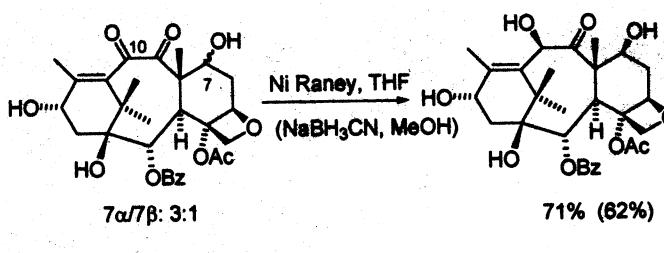
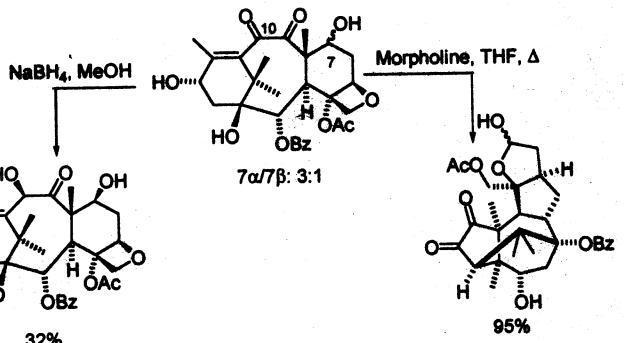
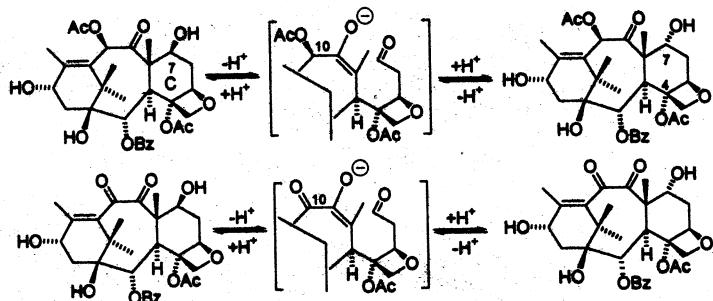
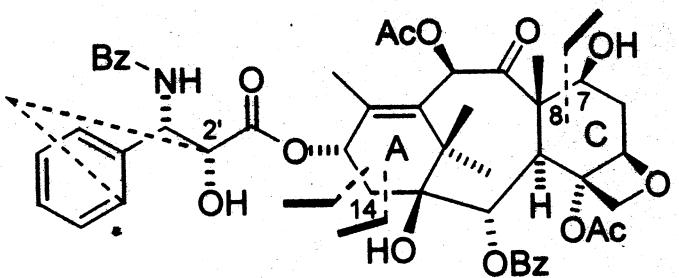


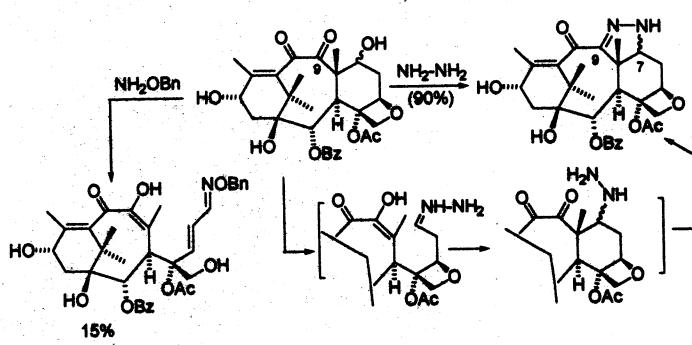
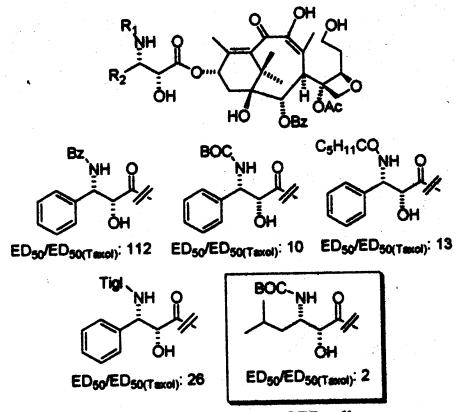
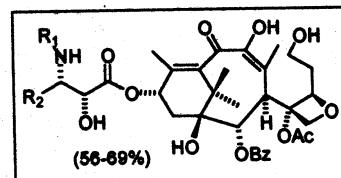
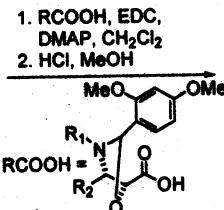
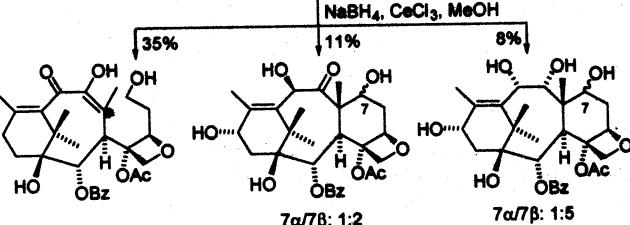
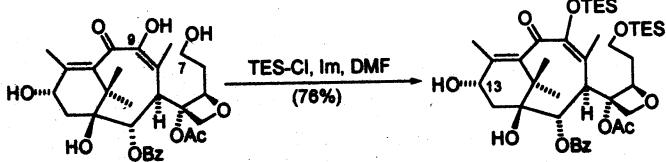
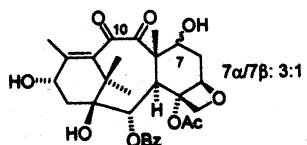
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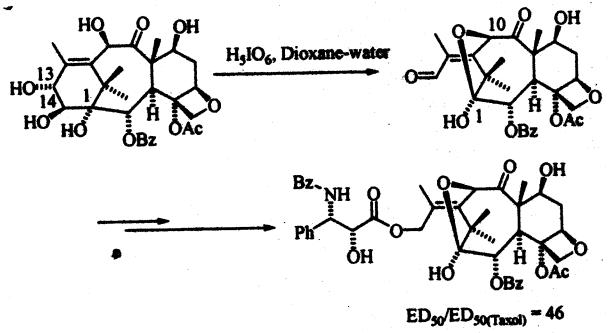
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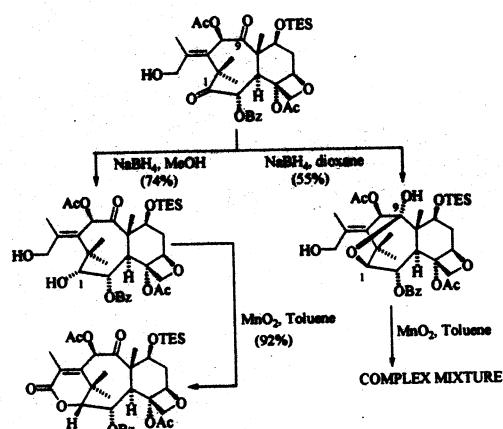
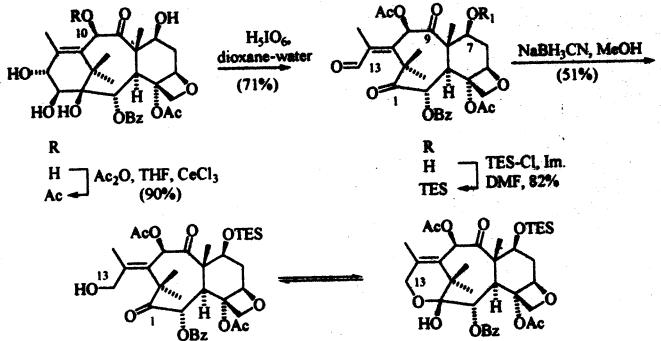
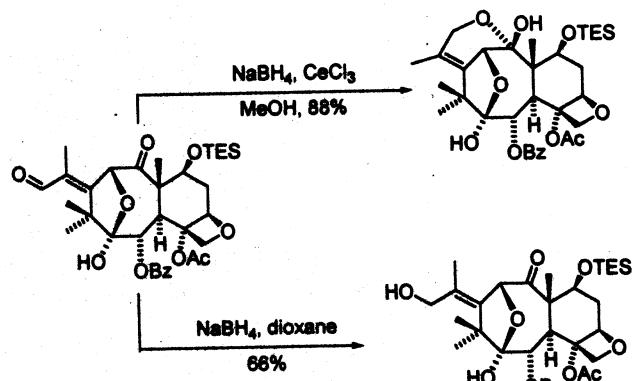
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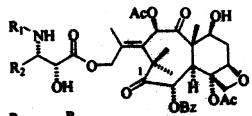




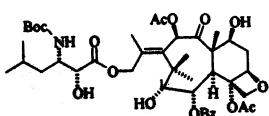


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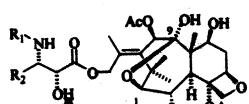




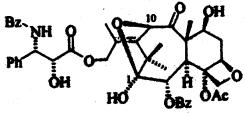
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Bz    Ph  $ED_{50}/ED_{50}(\text{Taxol}) = 470$   
Boc    iBu  $ED_{50}/ED_{50}(\text{Taxol}) = 530$



$ED_{50}/ED_{50}(\text{Taxol}) > 6000$

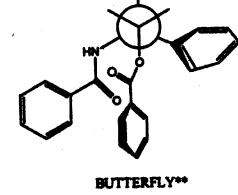
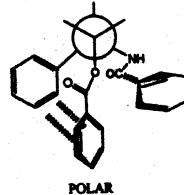
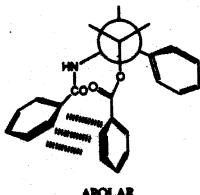


$R_1$      $R_2$   
Bz    Ph  $ED_{50}/ED_{50}(\text{Taxol}) = 382$   
Boc    iBu  $ED_{50}/ED_{50}(\text{Taxol}) = 647$



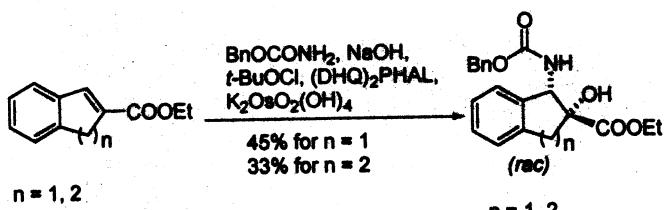
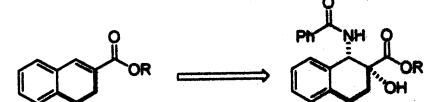
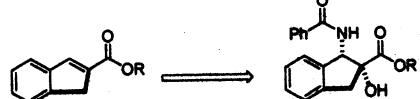
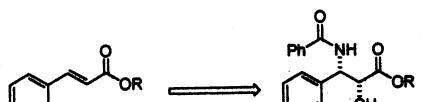
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- Definite S/A relationships exist in A-secotaxoids
- Opening of ring A can be compensated by specific modifications on ring B

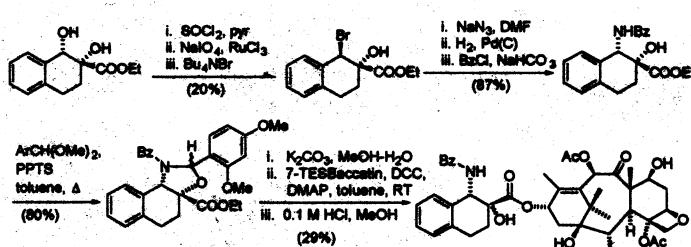
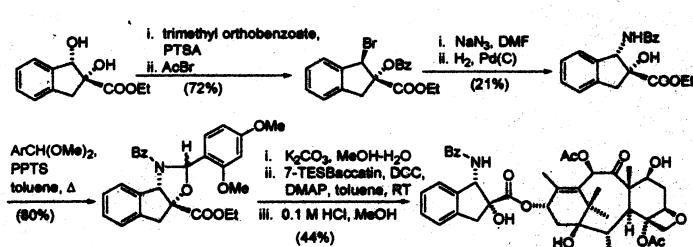
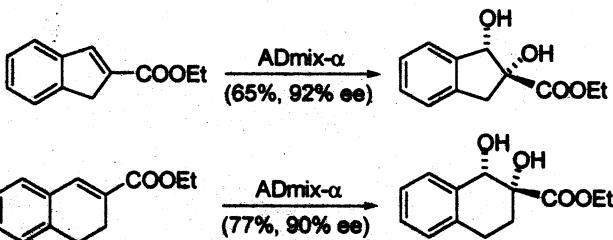
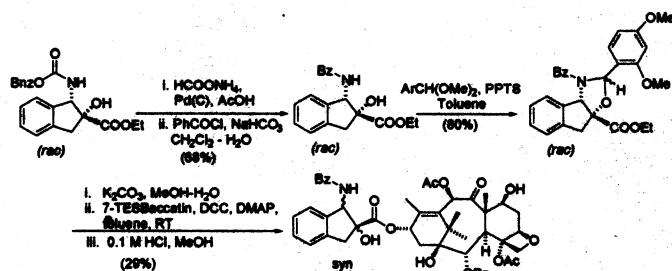


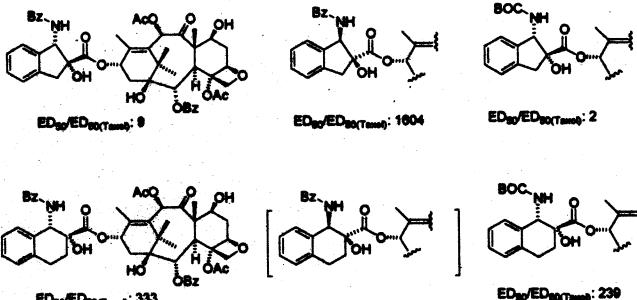
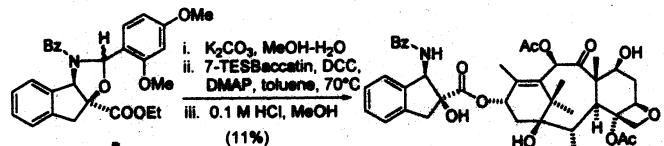
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## CONCLUSIONS

- THE STRUCTURE-ACTIVITY RELATIONSHIPS OF TAXOIDS ARE COMPLEX, AND DIFFERENT FOR COMPOUNDS WITH DIFFERENT SIDE CHAINS.
- C-SECOTAXOIDS WITH NORSTATIN SIDE CHAINS ARE A NEW CLASS OF ANTICANCER AGENTS WHOSE *IN VIVO* PROFILE SUBSTANTIALLY DEVIATES FROM THAT OF TAXOL.
- IN A-SECOTAXOIDS, THE 1,10-OXIDO BRIDGE CAN COMPENSATE FOR THE OPENING OF RING A.
- TETHERING EXPERIMENTS SUGGEST THAT THE T-CONFORMATION OF TAXOL IS THE MOST SUITABLE TO BIND TUBULIN.

**Luciano Barboni, Katia Lambertucci:** Constrained analogues

**Emanuela Belloro:** A- and C- Seco analogues

**Giorgio Bettoni, Alain Noncovich:** C-seco analogues

**Prof. Bruno Danieli (Università di Milano):** Side chain chemistry

**Dr. Jasmin Jakupovic (Analyticon, Potsdam):** NMR spectroscopy

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*"Money is like a sixth sense, without which you cannot make a complete use of the other five."*