# **DIVERSITY ORIENTED SYNTHESIS**

Scope: To develop synthetic protocols able to generate efficiently relatively complex molecules in few steps introducing at the same time various "diversity inputs"

# Main features:

- 1) High rate of complexity increase *per* synthetic step (minimize the use of protecting groups)
- 2) Possibility of introducing diversity inputs (decoration diversity or scaffold diversity) without changing the general protocol
- Branched synthetic pathways
   Forward synthetic analysis
   Image: Scaffold of the synt

# **MULTI DIVERSITY GENERATION REACTIONS (MDGR)**

In a traditional combinatorial synthesis the various diversity inputs are added in a sequential way to build up a scaffold sorrounded by diverse "decorations"



A multi diversity generation is a reaction that allows the simultaneous joining, in one synthetic step, of more than 2 diversity inputs



### **MULTICOMPONENT REACTIONS**

Reactions are defined as multicomponent when three or more substrates combine in just one step to give a product that contains essential parts of all components.

Multicomponent reactions are often, but not always, also multi diversity generation reactions (MDGRs).



The Strecker reaction is the oldest multicomponent reaction, but it is not a multi diversity generation reaction. Two components are "fixed".



On the contrary, the Ugi reaction is a true MDGR, since it involves the introduction of 4 diversity inputs

# MAIN ISOCYANIDE BASED MULTI COMPONENT REACTIONS

Isocyanides are simple bifunctional synthons, well suited for type 2 MCRs empty orbital



# MAIN ISOCYANIDE BASED MULTI COMPONENT REACTIONS



How to modify Passerini and Ugi reactions in order to obtain diverse scaffolds?



 Intramolecular variants
 Substitution of one component with different reagents
 Post-condensation transformations

Through these modifications, a lot of new scaffolds, especially drug-like nitrogen heterocycles, have been obtained, most of them during the last 7-8 years

#### **Strategy # 2: Substitution of a component**





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#### **Strategy # 3: Post-condensation transformations**





# These structures are very important as protease inhibitors. Their previous syntheses required at least 7-8 steps!

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**Post-condensation transformations: acyl transfer** 

New synthesis of densely substituted aziridines





Post-condensation transformations: S<sub>N</sub>2'

Use of the isocyanide-derived secondary amide for cyclization through nucleophilic substitution



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#### **Post-condensation transformations: acylation**

The post-condensation transformation may be a simple intramolecular acylation



# Synthesis of functionalised pyrrolidines through an intramolecular Ugi reaction

#### Use of Aminoaldehydes (cyclic imines) as components



Entry <sup>a</sup>	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	Yield	D. r.
1	SiMe <sub>2</sub> <i>t</i> Bu	<i>n</i> C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	Bn	45%	68:32 <sup>b</sup>
2	Tr	<i>n</i> C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	Bn	70%	53:47 <sup>c</sup>
3	SiMe₂ <i>t</i> Bu	Ph	CH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> <i>t</i> Bu	62% <sup>d</sup>	53:47 <sup>e,f</sup>
4	SiMe₂ <i>t</i> Bu	Ph	nC₄H <sub>9</sub>	44% <sup>d</sup>	64:36 <sup>b</sup>
5	SiMe₂ <i>t</i> Bu	Ph	<i>t</i> Bu	46% <sup>d</sup>	63:37 <sup>b</sup>
6	SiMe₂ <i>t</i> Bu	CH <sub>2</sub> =CH(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Bn	60%	68:32 <sup>e</sup>
7	SiMe₂ <i>t</i> Bu	Fmoc-L-Ala	Bn	80%	64:36 <sup>e</sup>
8	SiMe₂ <i>t</i> Bu	Fmoc-D-Ala	Bn	69%	65:35 <sup>e</sup>
9	SiMe <sub>2</sub> <i>t</i> Bu	Boc-L-Asp(OBn)	Bn	85%	64:36 <sup>e</sup>

Note: <sup>a</sup> all the reactions were carried out in MeOH (0.30 M) at r.t. for 1-2 h; <sup>b</sup> by GC-MS; <sup>c</sup> by weight; <sup>d</sup> yield from azidoaldehyde; <sup>e</sup> by HPLC; <sup>f</sup> Determined after SiMe<sub>2</sub>*t*Bu removal (HF/CH<sub>3</sub>CN or *n*Bu<sub>4</sub>NF).

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# Post-condensation transformations: acylation









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#### Synthesis of cyclopeptides grafted onto tetrahydroazoninones



# RGD cyclic peptide based on tetrahydroazoninones proved to be selective ligands for Integrin $\alpha_{v}\beta_{3}$

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#### Enantioselective synthesis of tetrahydroazoninones







#### Development of a new chiral auxiliary for the Ugi reaction



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