



# ***“Use of natural products as building blocks, leads or preferred scaffolds in drug design”***

*Drugs from natural sources: the potential of Brazilian plants used in traditional medicine*

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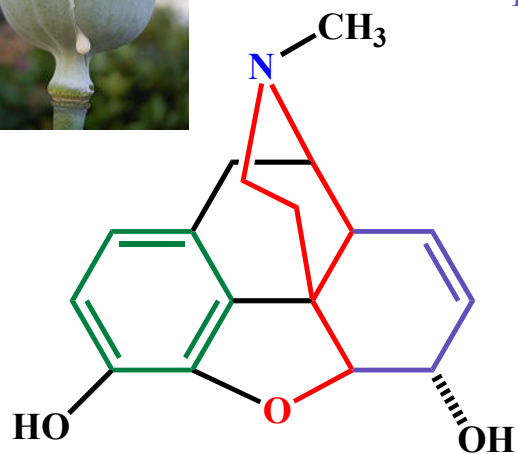


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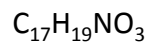
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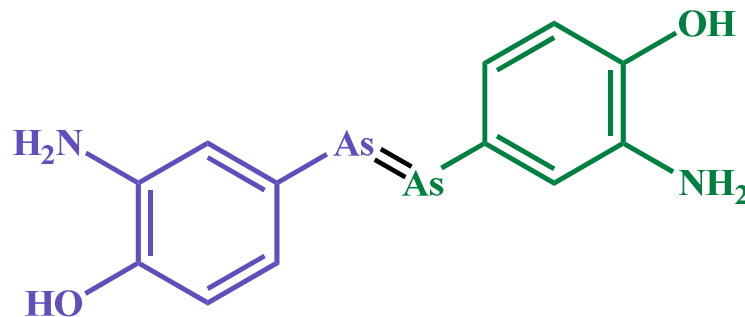
# The first drug molecules...



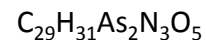
morphine



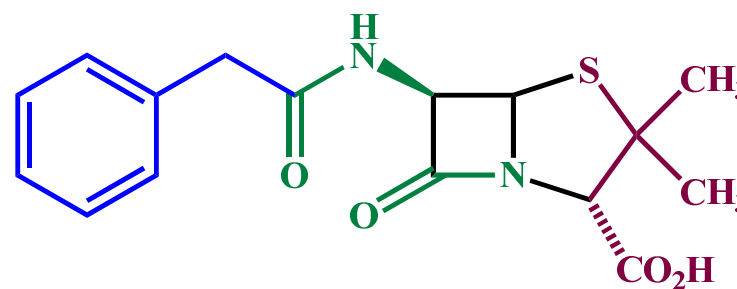
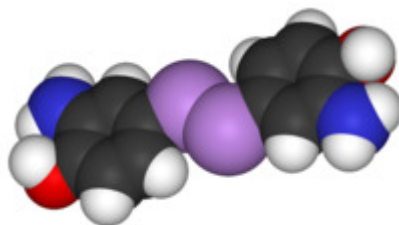
Marco Polo  
ca.1284- 1324



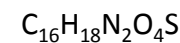
arsphenamine



Paul Ehrlich  
1854-1915  
Nobel 1908



penicillin

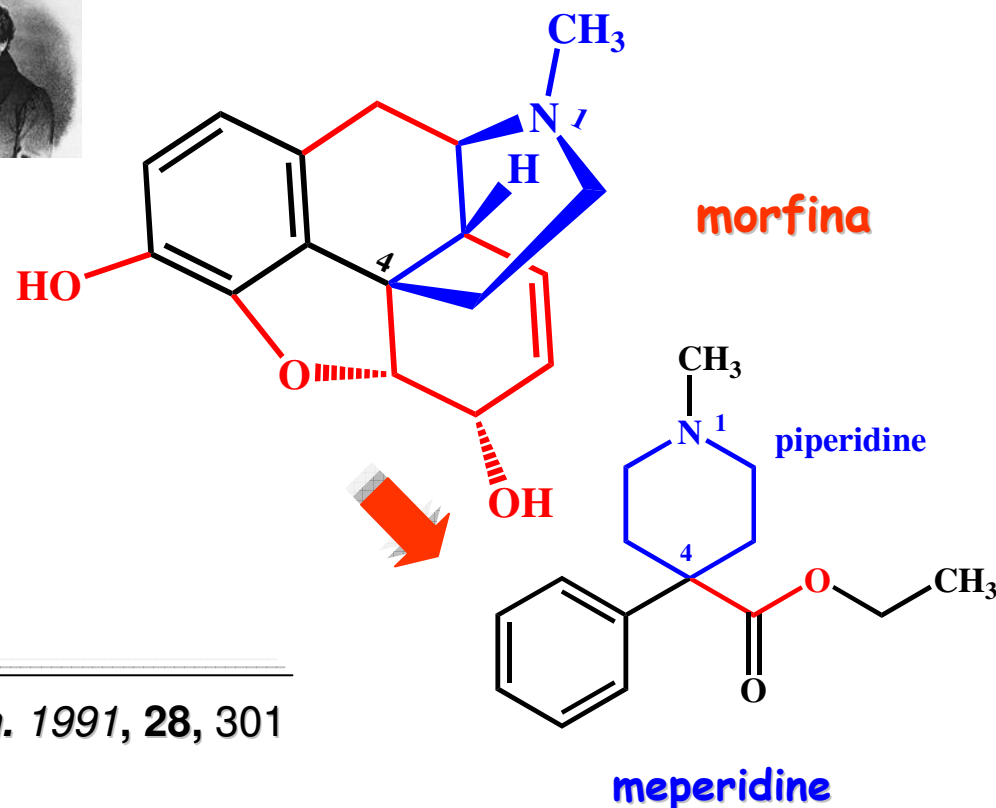
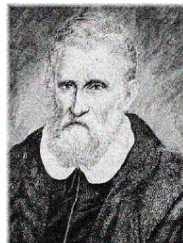


Alexander Fleming  
1881-1955  
Nobel 1945



# Morphine

- 1493-1541 Marco Polo, Venezia, IT opium
- Friedrich WA Sertürner – 1806
- M Gates, synthesis 1952
- Beckett & Casey opiate effects were receptor mediate - 1954
- $\delta$ ,  $\kappa$ ,  $\mu$  - 1970



P. W. Schiller, *Progr. Med. Chem.* 1991, 28, 301



MedChem



Paul Ehrlich  
1854-1915

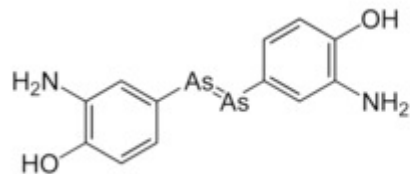
1908



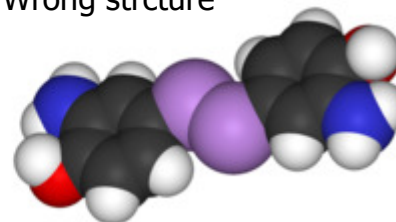
Chemotherapeutics: scientific principles,  
methods and results. *Lancet* 1913, 2, 445



medicinal chemistry



Wrong structure

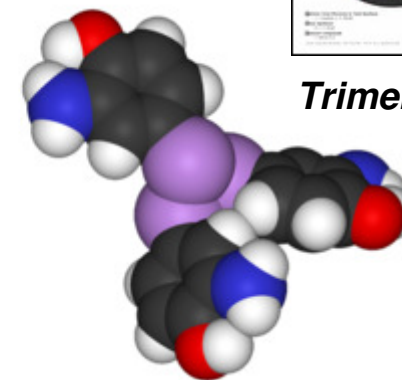
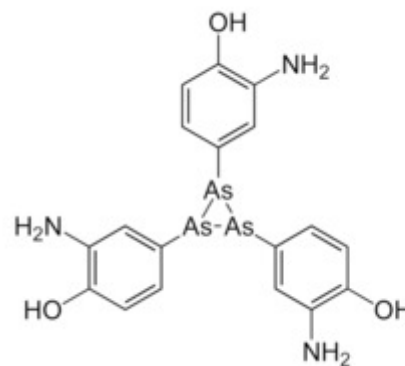


### Arsphenamine

1908 - Anti-syphilitic activity

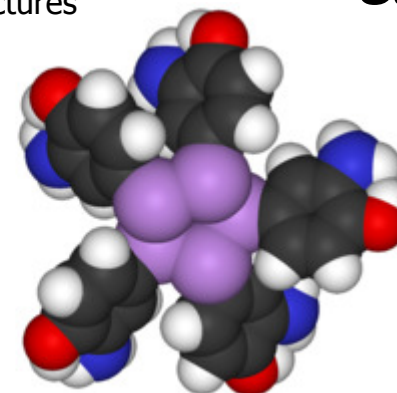
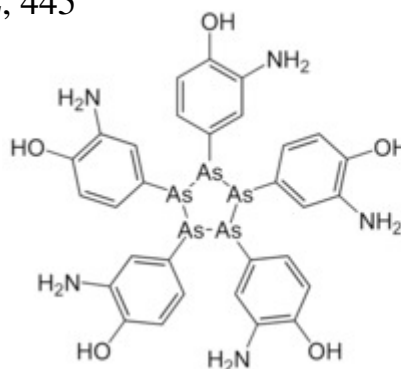


Trimere



### Salvarsan<sup>R</sup>

Correct structures



Pentamere

Lloyd NC, Morgan HW, Nicholson BK, Ronimus RS "The composition of Ehrlich's salvarsan: resolution of a century-old debate". *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* 2005, 44, 941.



# Antibiotic therapy



Alexander Fleming  
1881-1955

A. Fleming, Br. J. Exp. Pathol., 10, 226 (1929)



<http://nobelprize.org>

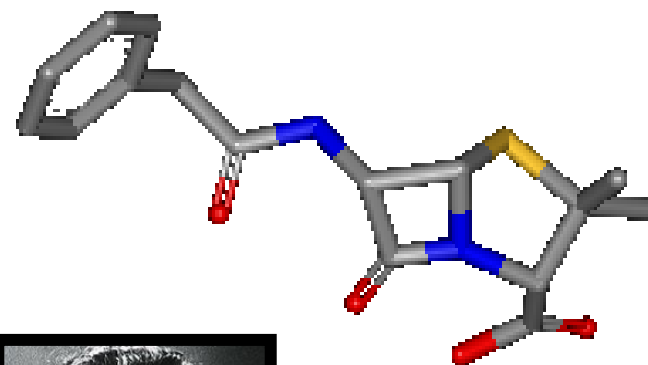
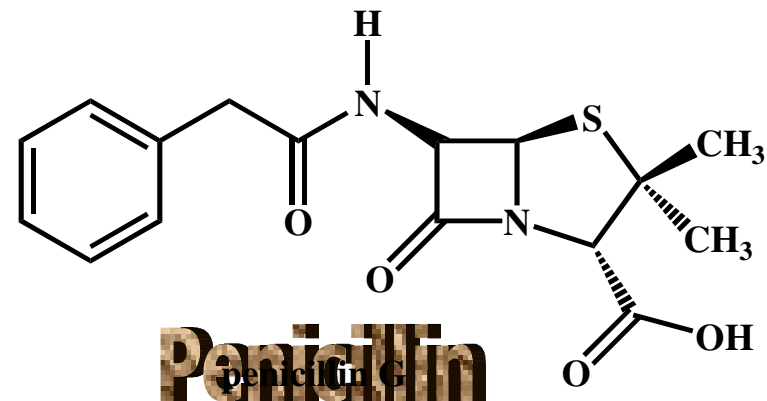
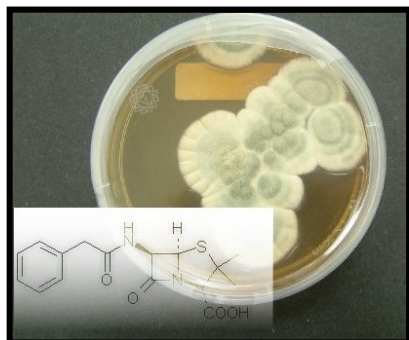
## 1929



Howard Walter Florey  
1898-1968



Ernst Boris Chain  
1906-1999



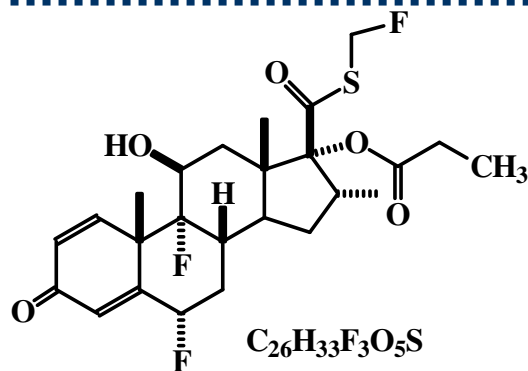
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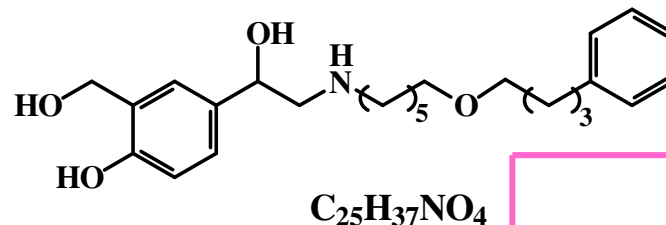
# Nobel Prize of Medicine 1945



# 5 Top-selling drugs in WPh market 2009



Seretide<sup>®</sup>  
Salmeterol/Fluticasona propionato



**clopidogrel**



1975:cimetidine



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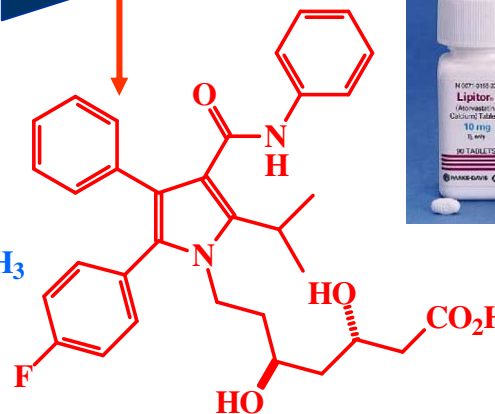
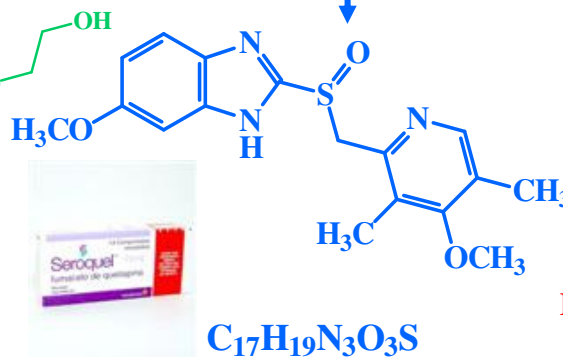
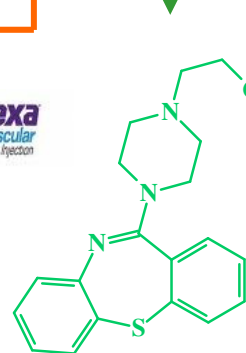
**Etanercept**  
(biofármaco)

**Olanzapine**

**Infliximab**  
(biofármaco)

**Montelukast**  
**Rosuvastatin**

**68.1**  
(8,2%)



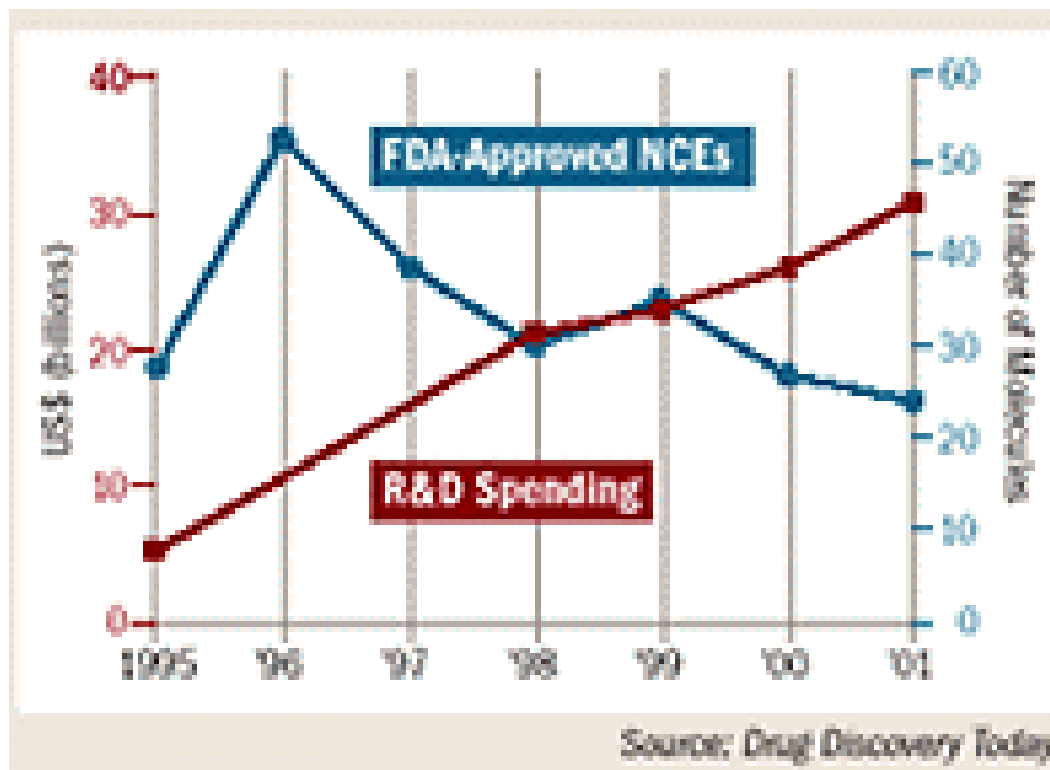


*“...The rate of introduction of new chemical entities has slowed despite the wealth of new technologies ...”*

Donald Kennedy, *Editor-in-Chief*

Drug Discovery – Editorial

*Science* 2004, 303, 1717

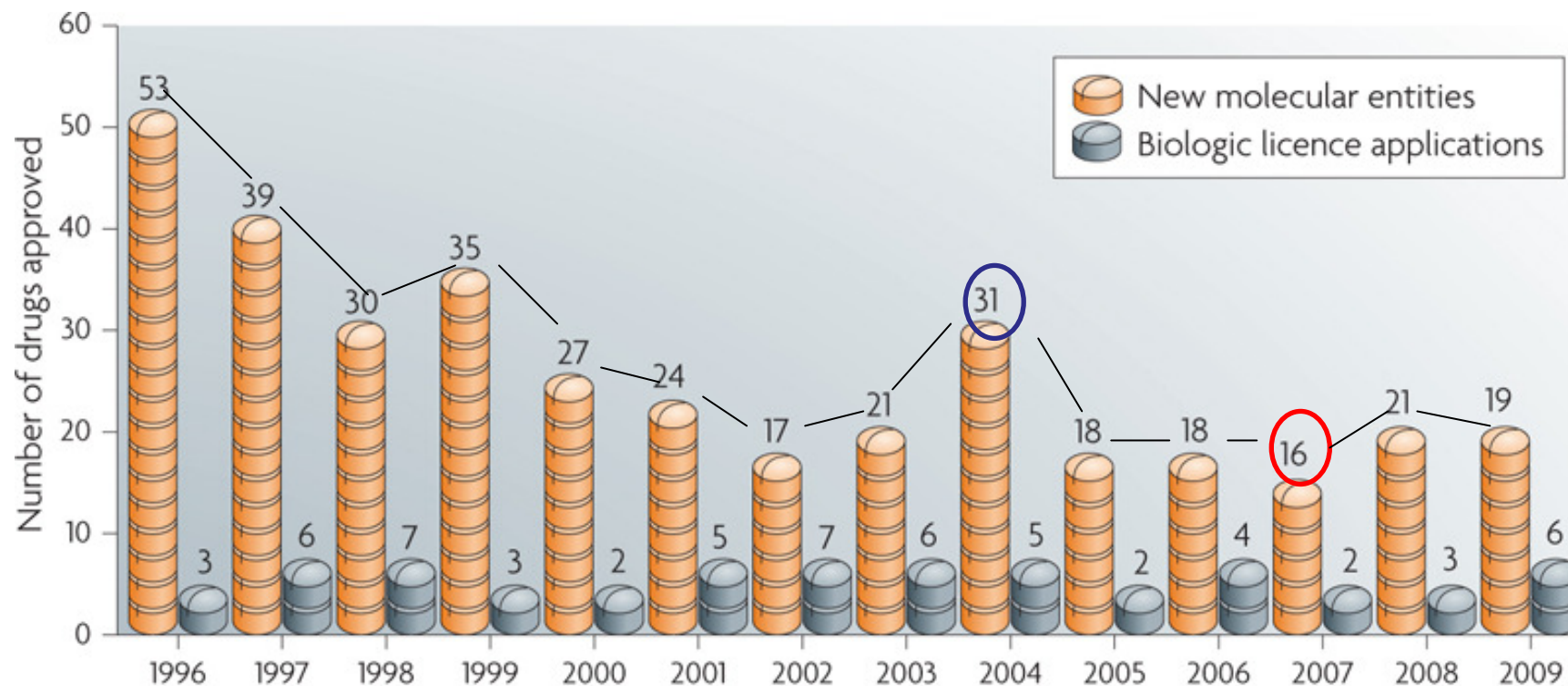


Fragment-based approach

M. Vieth *et al.*, Characteristic Physical Properties and Structural Fragments of Marketed Oral Drugs, *J. Med. Chem.* 2004, 47, 224



## The Big-pharma criativity crisis



New molecular entities...

Nature Reviews | Drug Discovery

B. Hughes, 2009 FDA drug approvals, *Nature Rev. Drug Discov.* **2010**, 9, 89-92 doi:10.1038/nrd3101

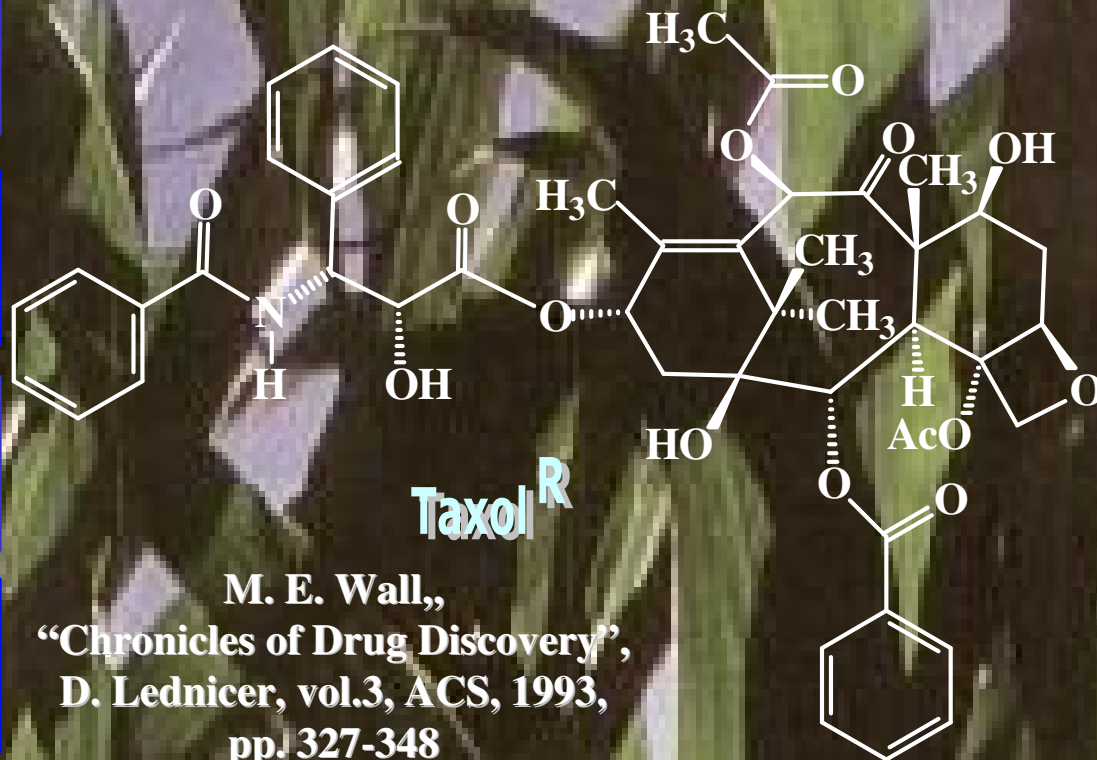
...or the *blockbuster syndrome*





Cancer

# Paclitaxel



M. E. Wall,  
“Chronicles of Drug Discovery”,  
D. Lednicer, vol.3, ACS, 1993,  
pp. 327-348



M. E. Wall & M. C. Wani  
Res. Triangle Park, 1967

1996 - National Cancer Institute  
Award of Recognition



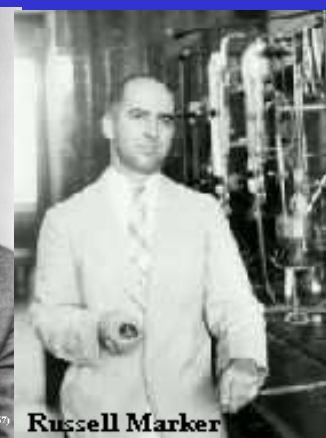
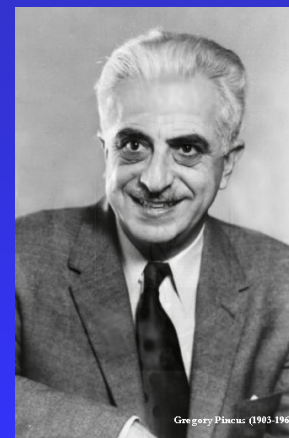
# Terpenos

M. C. Wani *et al.*, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 93, 2325 (1971)





# steroids

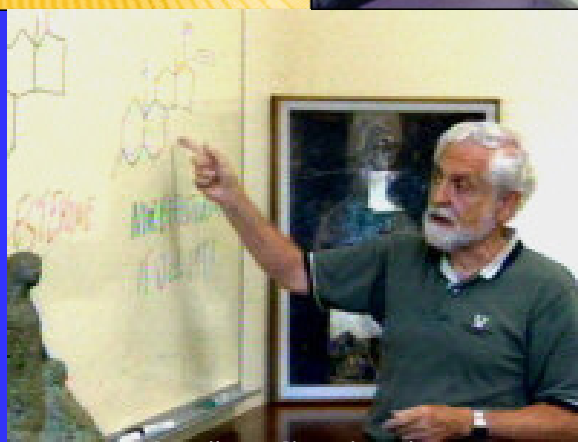


**Russell E. Marker & Gregory Pincus**

*(J. Chem. Educ. 1973, 50, 195).*

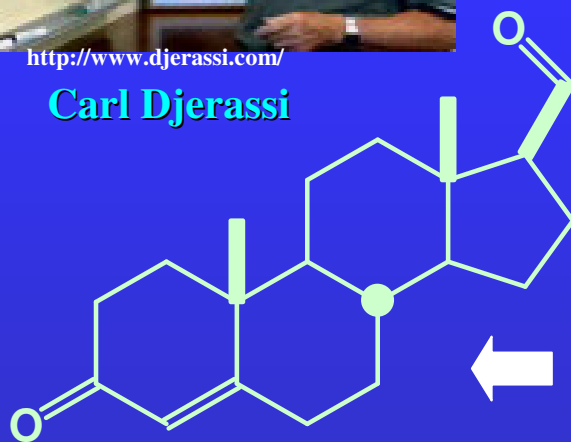
In 1937 at Pond Laboratory, University of Pennsylvania, USA, Marker finished the first synthesis of progesterone using diosgenin as natural building block

## The pill



<http://www.djerassi.com/>

**Carl Djerassi**



**progesterona**

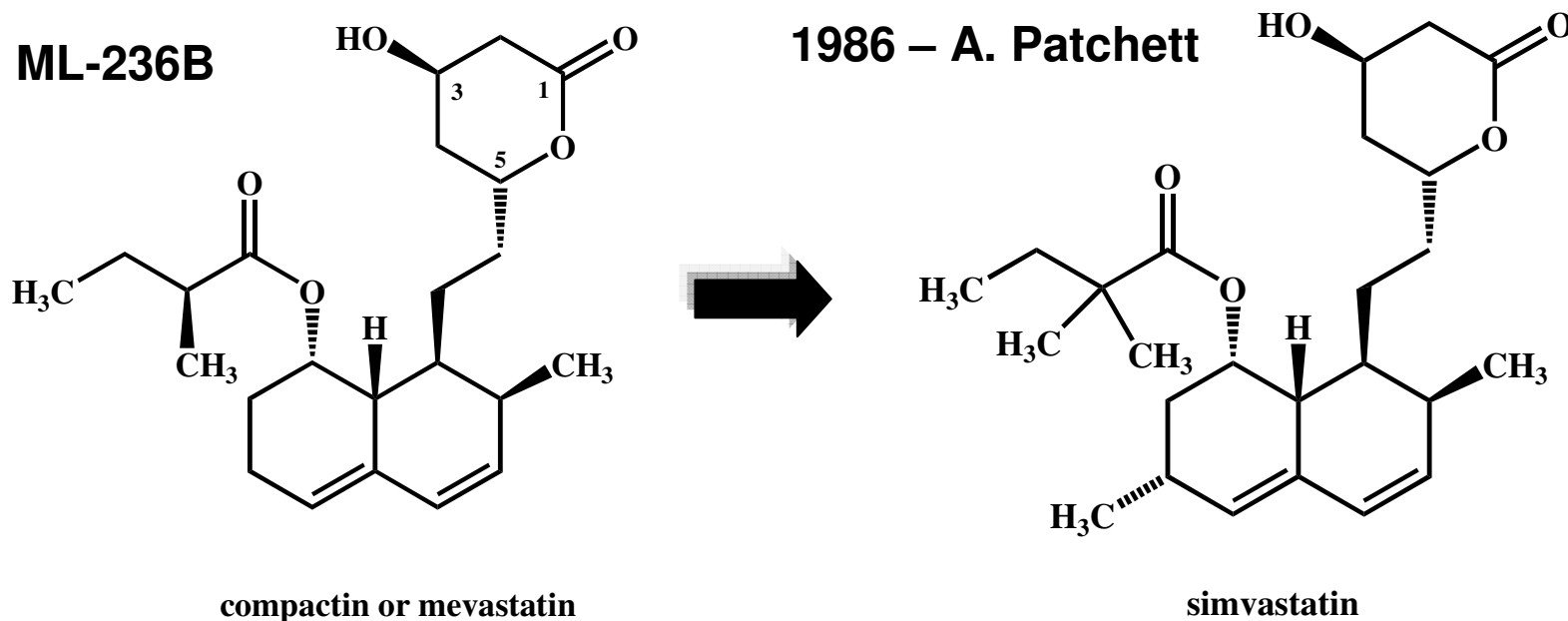


**diosgenina**

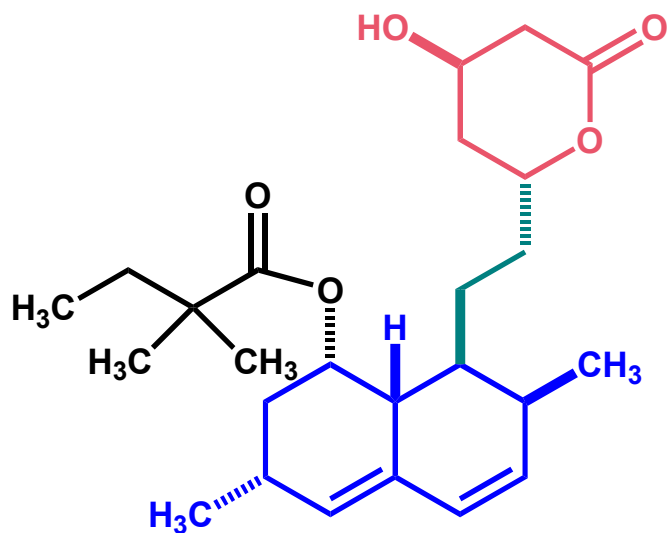


# Statins

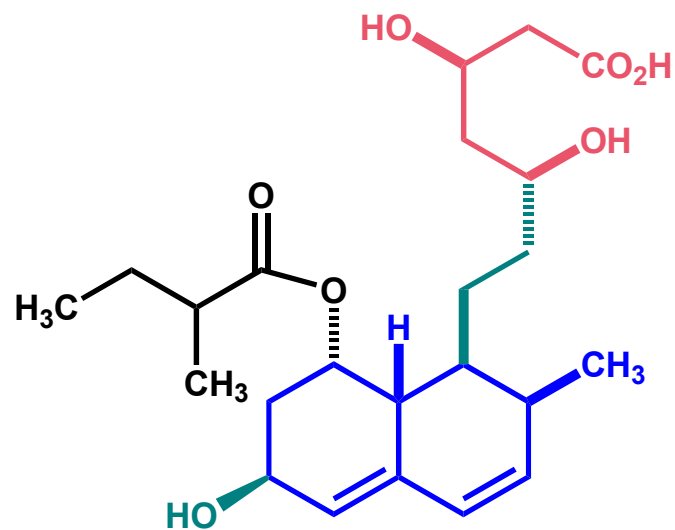
- In 1976: ML-236A, ML-236B, ML-236C, metabolites isolated from a fungus (*Penicillium citrinum*) were found to reduce serum cholesterol levels in rats;
- This work was done by Akira Endo, Masao Kuroda and Yoshio Tsujita at the Fermentation Research Laboratories, Tokyo, Japan (Endo, A.; Kuroda, M.; Tsujita, Y., *J. Antibio.* 1976, 29, 1346; A. Endo, Y. Tsujita, M. Kuroda, K. Tanzawa, *Eur. J. Biochem.*, 77, 31 (1977)).



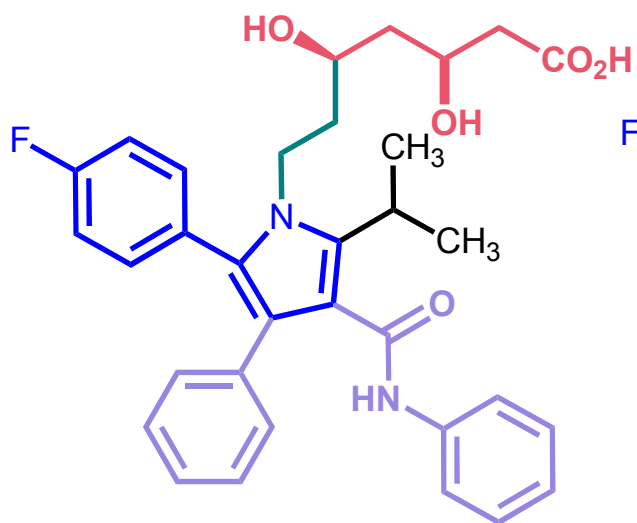
A. A. Patchett, *J. Med. Chem.*, **45**, 5609 (2002); J. A. Tobert, *Nature Rev. Drug Discov.*, **2**, 517-526 (2003); . C. A. S. Menezes, C. M. Avila, E. J. Barreiro, *Lett. Drug Des. Discov.*, **7**, 546-550 (2010).



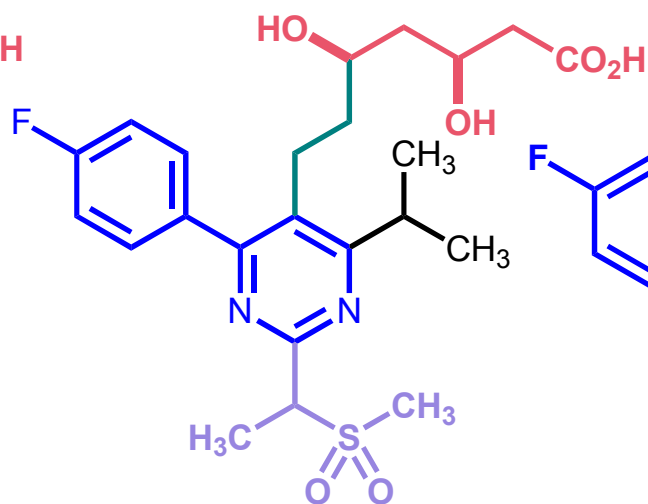
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1986



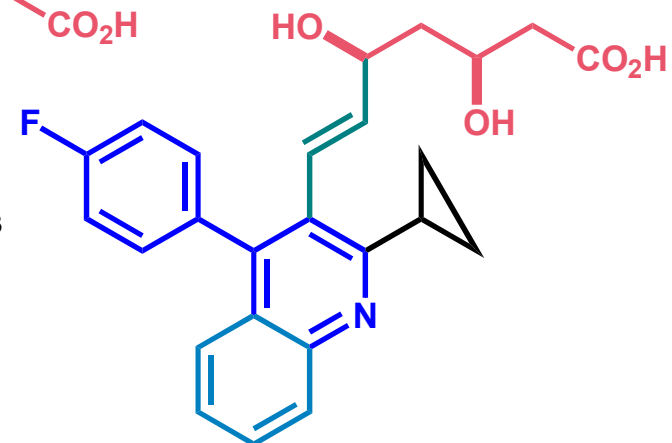
**pravastatina**  
1988



**atorvastatina**  
1991



**rosuvastatina**  
2004



**pitavastatina**  
2009

# Drug development from marine natural products



*Tadeusz F. Molinski\**, *Doralyn S. Dalisay\**, *Sarah L. Lievens\*\*†* and *Jonel P. Saludes\*\*†*

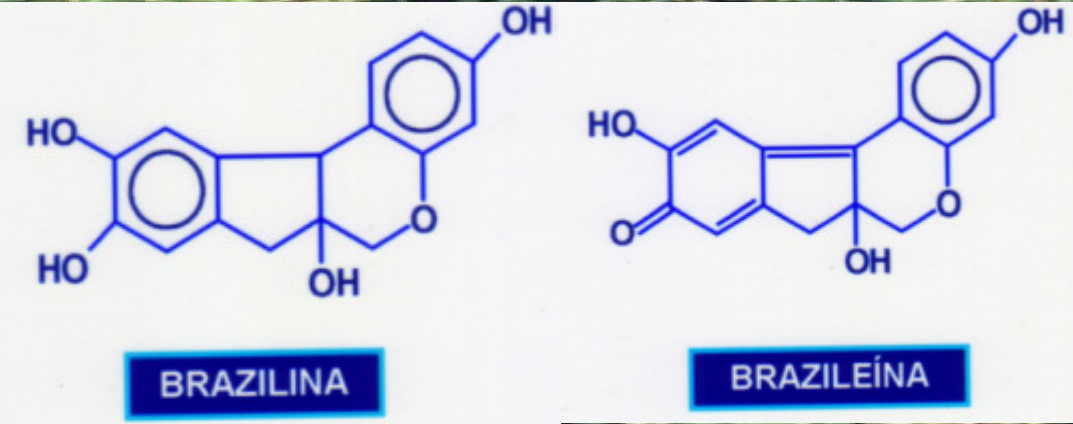
Abstract | Drug discovery from marine natural products has enjoyed a renaissance in the past few years. Ziconotide (Prialt; Elan Pharmaceuticals), a peptide originally discovered in a tropical cone snail, was the first marine-derived compound to be approved in the United States in December 2004 for the treatment of pain. Then, in October 2007, trabectedin (Yondelis; PharmaMar) became the first marine anticancer drug to be approved in the European Union. Here, we review the history of drug discovery from marine natural products, and by describing selected examples, we examine the factors that contribute to new discoveries and the difficulties associated with translating marine-derived compounds into clinical trials. Providing an outlook into the future, we also examine the advances that may further expand the promise of drugs from the sea.



*Nat. Rev. Drug Discov.* **2009**, *8*, 69



**PAU-BRASIL**  
*Caesalpinia echinata*  
IBIRAPITANGA



Red dye from the woods of *C. echinata*



The name of the country: Brasil

From 1128, in Italy, the bressil, bassily, bresilzy or bracilis ink was know.



# Curare

## The drug class of Amazon Natives

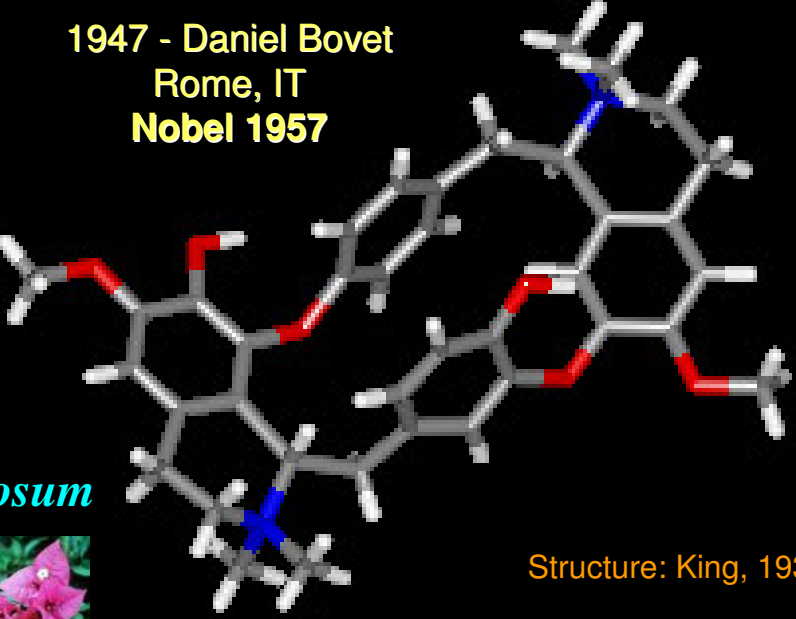


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Institute Pasteur  
Claude Bernard (1851)



1947 - Daniel Bovet  
Rome, IT  
Nobel 1957



Structure: King, 1935



*Chondrodendron tomentosum*  
Loganiaceae  
(urari)



d-tubocurarine



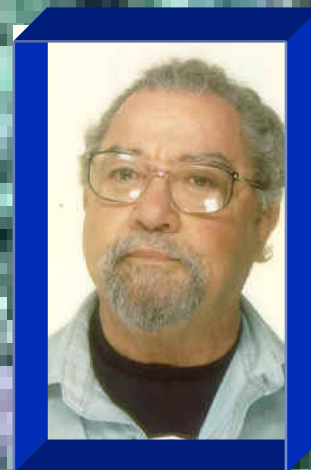
# From the Brazilian jararaca to ACE inhibitors



M. O. Rocha e Silva  
1910-1983



*Bothrops jararaca*



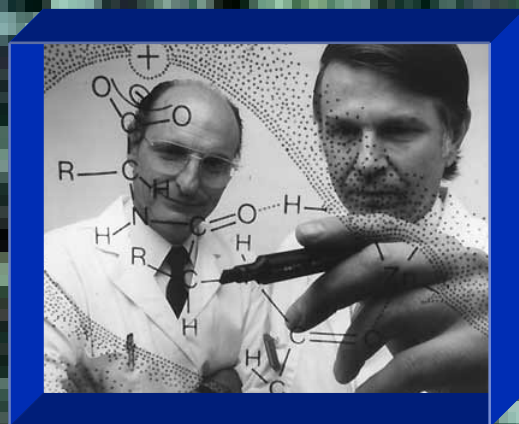
S. H. Ferreira  
1934-

S.H. Ferreira, A Bradykinin-potentiating factor (BFP) present in the venom of *Bothrops jararaca*, *Brit. J. Pharmacol.* 1965, 24, 163.

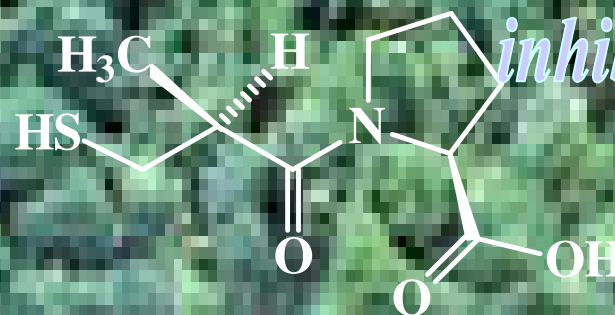
The renine-angiotensine system (RAS)

ACE

inhibitor



D. W. Cushman & M. A. Ondetti



Captopril  
(Capoten<sup>®</sup>)

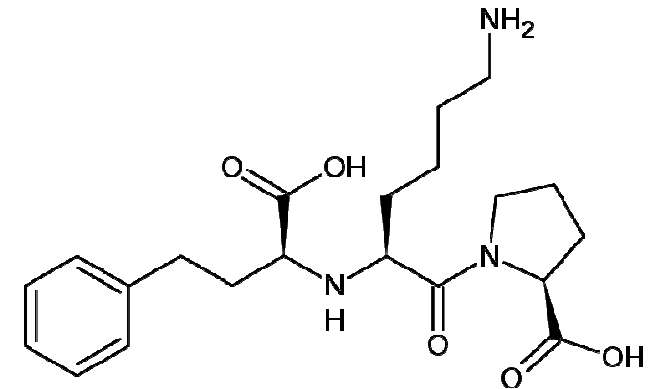
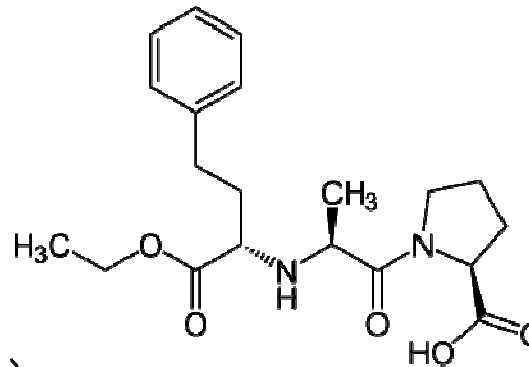
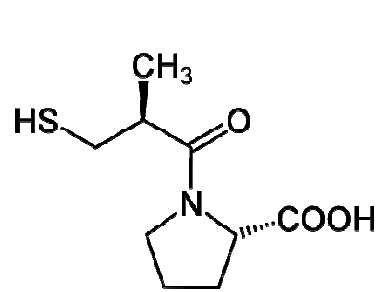


M. A. Ondetti, D. W. Cushman & B. Rubin, *Chronicles of Drug Discovery*, vol. 2, J.S. Bindra & D. Lednicer, Eds., Wiley, Nova Iorque, 1983, p. 1-32





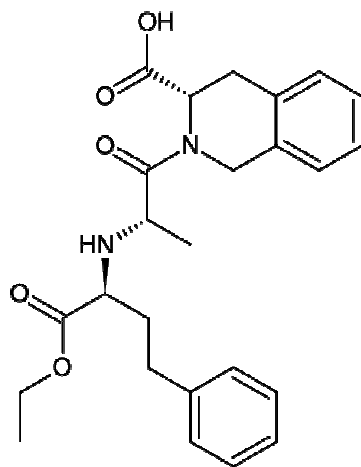
# Inibidores da ECA



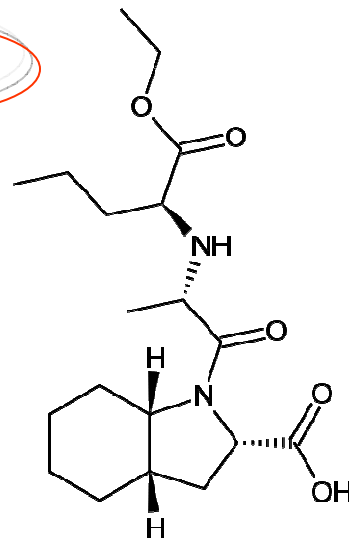
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enalapril

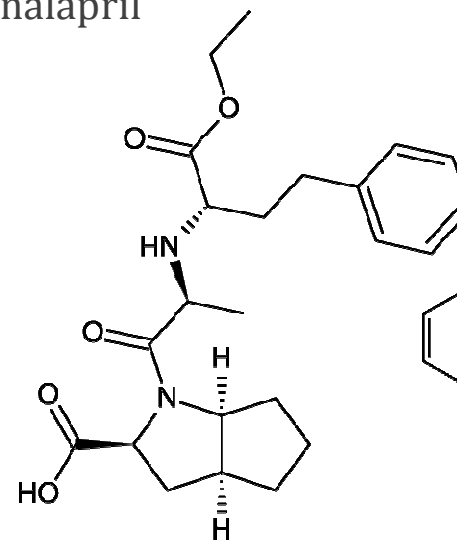
lisinopril



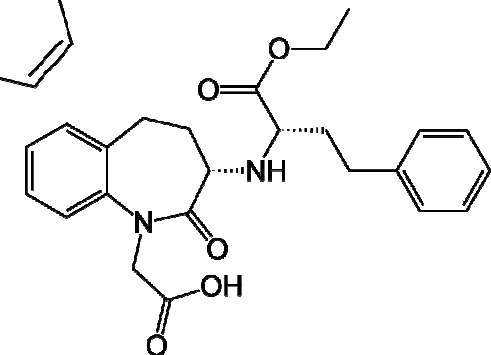
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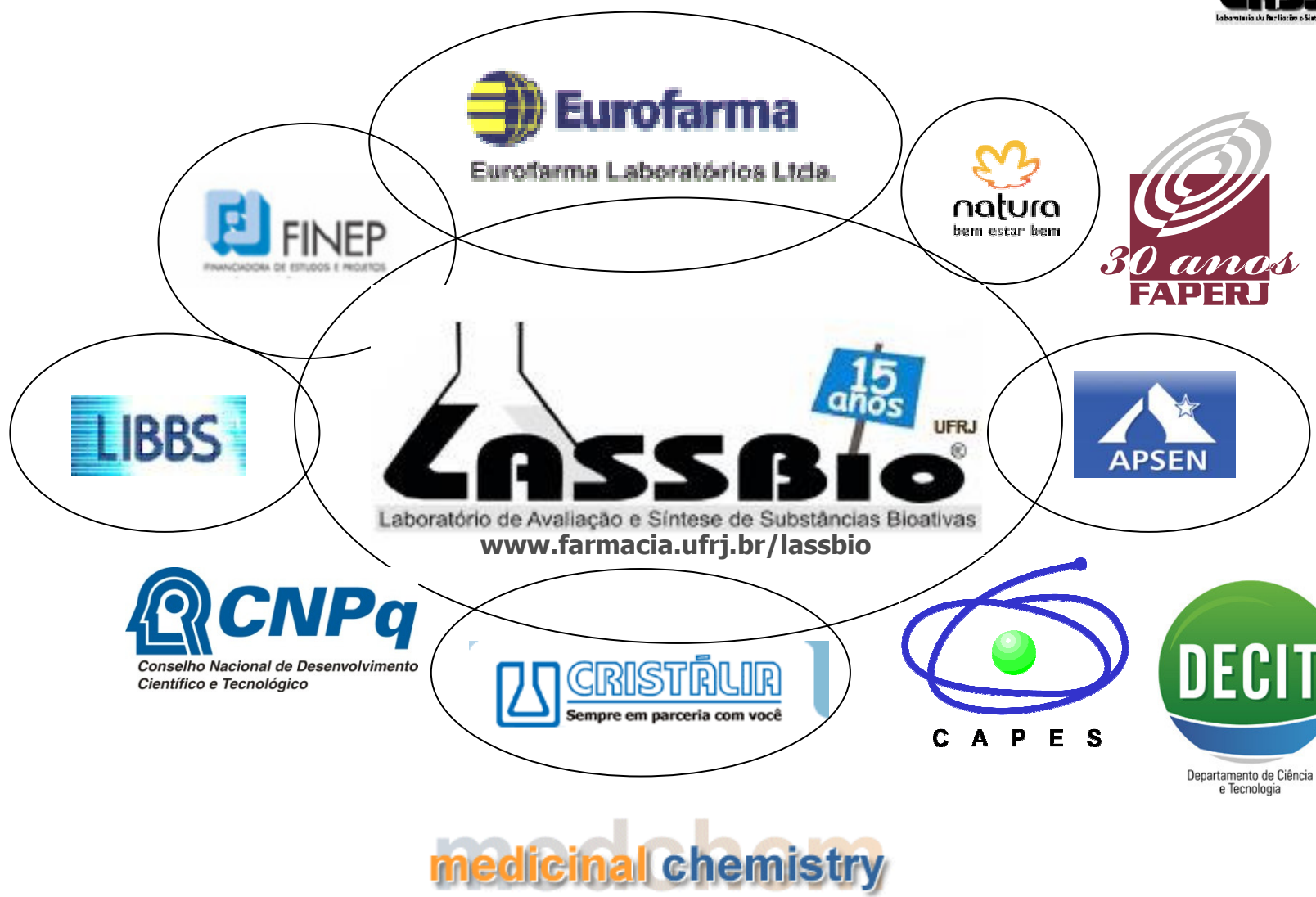
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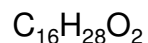
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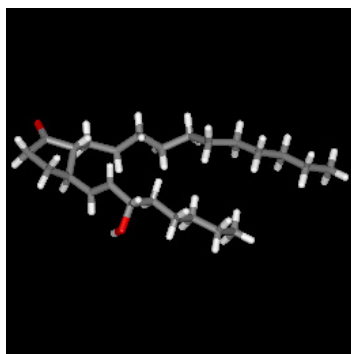
# Natural product as synthetic building block



Hydnocarpic acid



*Carpotroche brasiliensis*, Endl  
Flacourtiácea

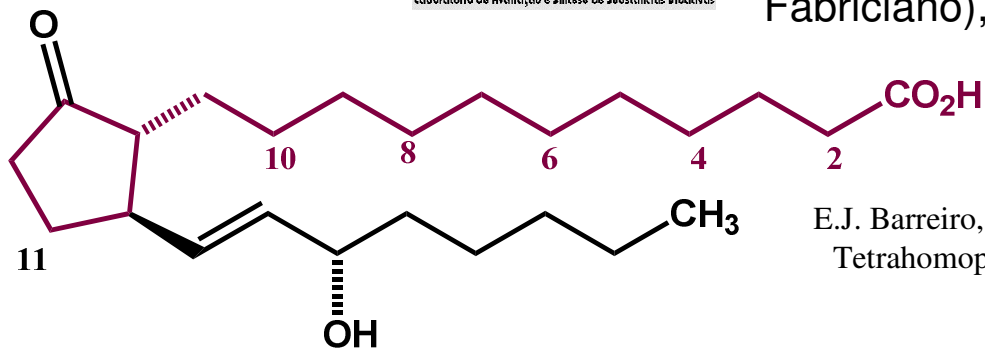


The first Brazilian  
prostaglandins



Obtained from **Sapucainha oil (BR)**  
(chaulmoogra oil, Inde);

Occurs: Rio de Janeiro, Minas Gerais (Coronel  
Fabriciano), Espírito Santo, Bahia



11-deoxy-1,1,1,1-tetrahydro PGE<sub>1</sub>

E.J. Barreiro, L N LF Gomes, Prostaglandin Analogues. Synthesis of  
Tetrahomoprostaglandin Derivatives From Natural Hydnocarpic Acid  
Isolated From Sapucainha Oil..*J. Chem. Res.* **1983**, 2701  
EJ Barreiro, LNFL Gomes, **PI/BR 38201866**, 02/04/1982  
Chem. Abstr., 100, 17452lu (1984)].



## Piperidine alkaloid

# Natural products as building blocks

ethanolamine framework



(-)- Spectaline

$C_{20}H_{39}NO_2$   
PM 325.5

Principal alkaloid component of *Cassia leptophylla*

Instituto de Química, UNESP (Profa. Dra V. S. Bolzani & C. Viegas Jr)

M. S. Alexandre-Moreira, C. Viegas Jr., A. L. P. Miranda, **V. S. Bolzani**, E. J. Barreiro, *Planta Medica*, 69, 795 (2003). C. Viegas Jr., V. S. Bolzani, L. S. B. Pimentel, N. G. Castro, R. F. Cabral, R. F. Cabral, R. S. Costa, C. Floyd, M. S. Rocha, M. C. M. Young, E. J. Barreiro, C. A. M. Fraga, *Bioorg. Med. Chem.*, 13, 4184 (2005); V. S. Bolzani, A. A. L. Gunatilaka, C. Viegas-Jr.; A. C. Viegas-Jr., V. S. Bolzani, E. J. Barreiro, C. A. M. Fraga, *Mini Rev. Med. Chem.*, 5, 915-926 (2005); deRezende, D. H. S. Silva, I. Castro-Gâmboa, V. S. Bolzani, E. J. Barreiro, A. L. P. Miranda, M. S. Alexandre-Moreira, M. C. M. Young, *Quim. Nova*, 29, 1279-1286 (2006); D. H. S. Silva, C. Viegas-Jr, L. A. Santos, I. Castro-Gamboa, A. J. Cavalheiro, V. S. Bolzani, N. G. Castro, M. Pivatto, M. C. M. Young, M. S. Rocha, C. A. M. Fraga, E. J. Barreiro, *Rev. Virtual Quim.*, 2, 38-46 (2010).

Molecular modification

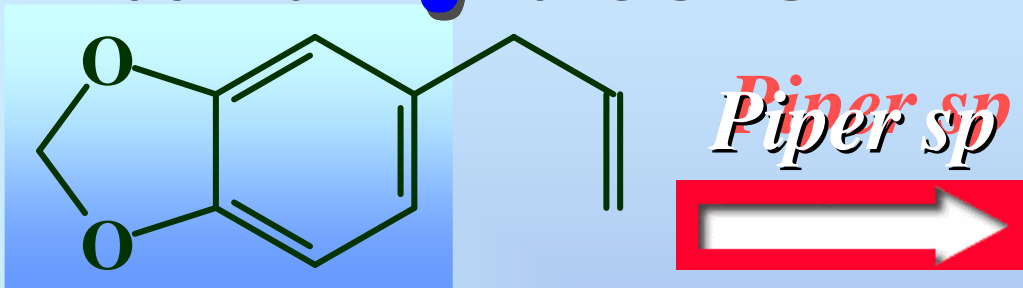
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AChE-inhibitor



# Natural products as building blocks



Alyl-benzene  
 $C_{10}H_{10}O_2$

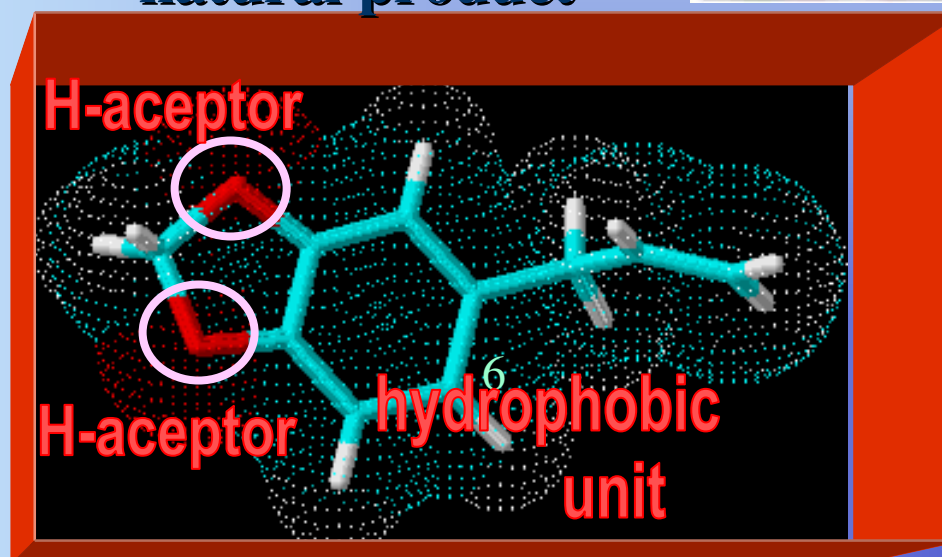
Brazilian abundant natural product

## Sassafras oil

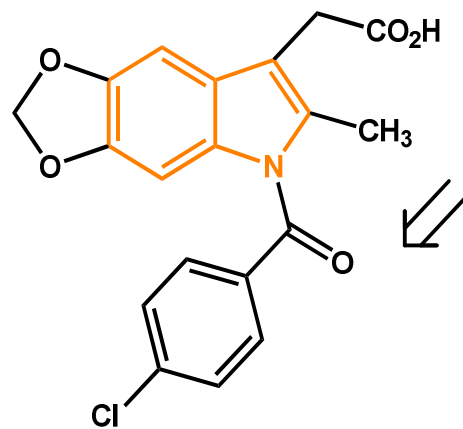
*Ocotea sp.*



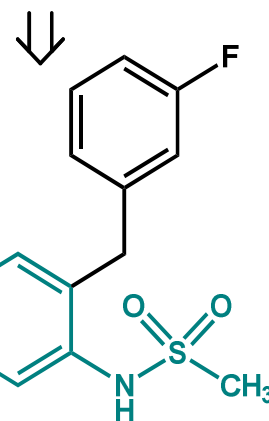
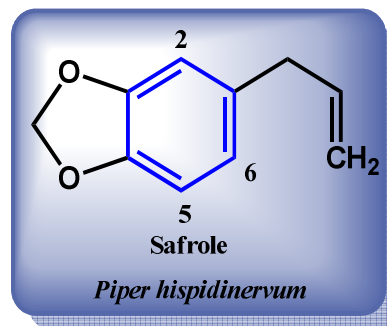
Natural  
biophore



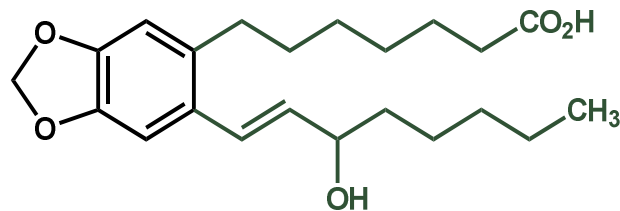
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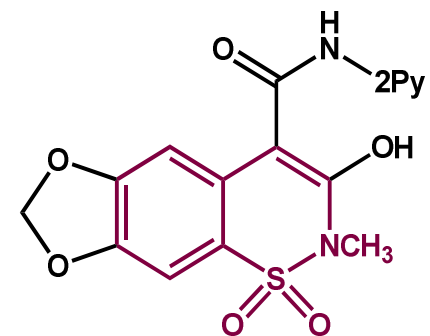
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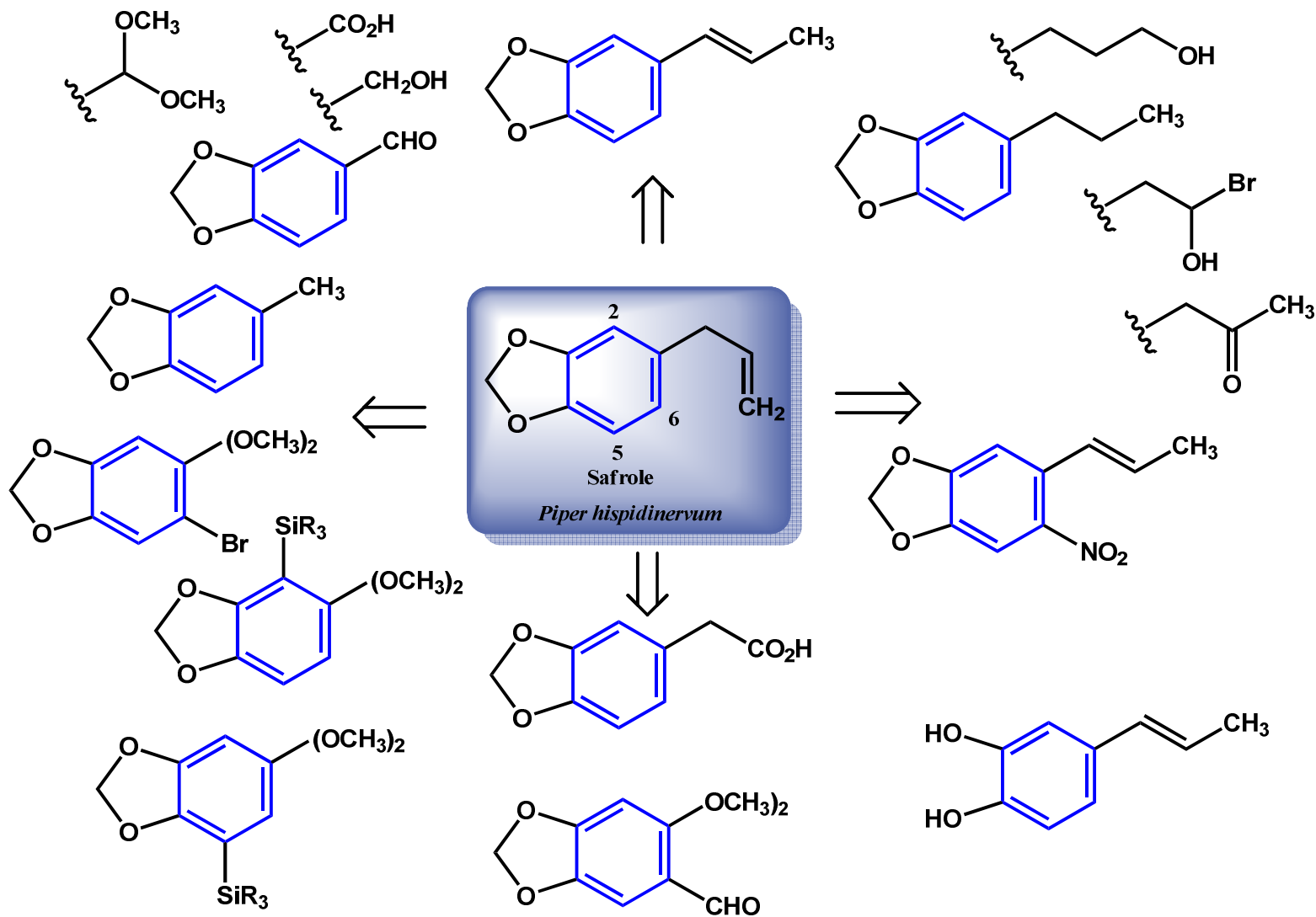
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# The safrole chemical reactivity







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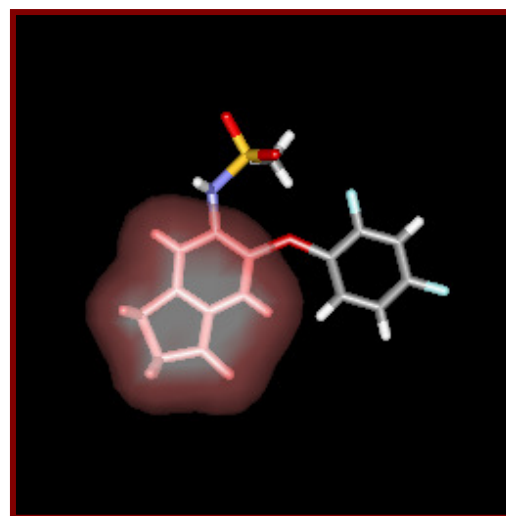
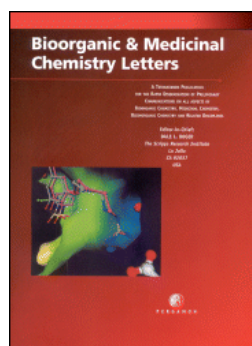
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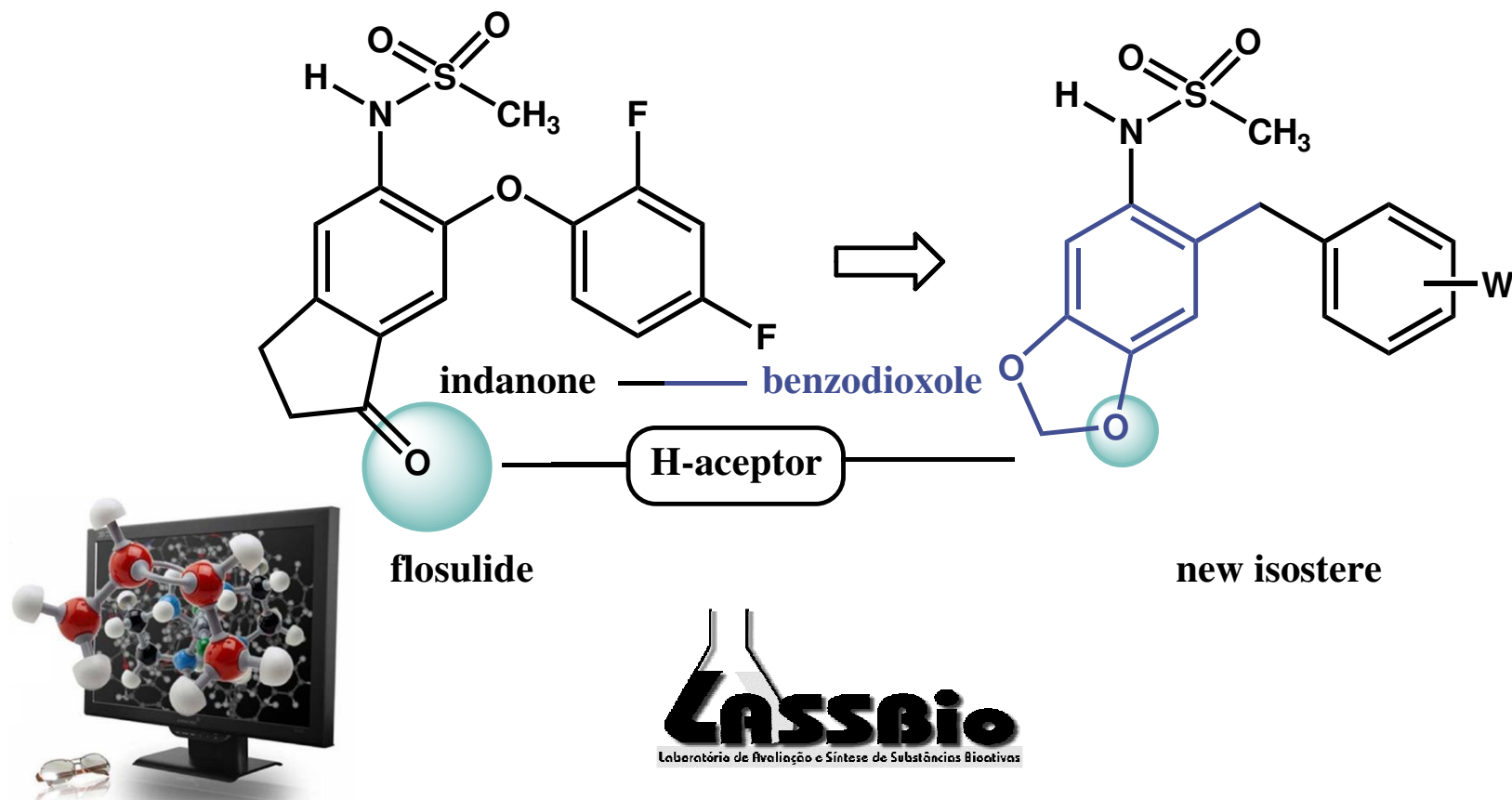
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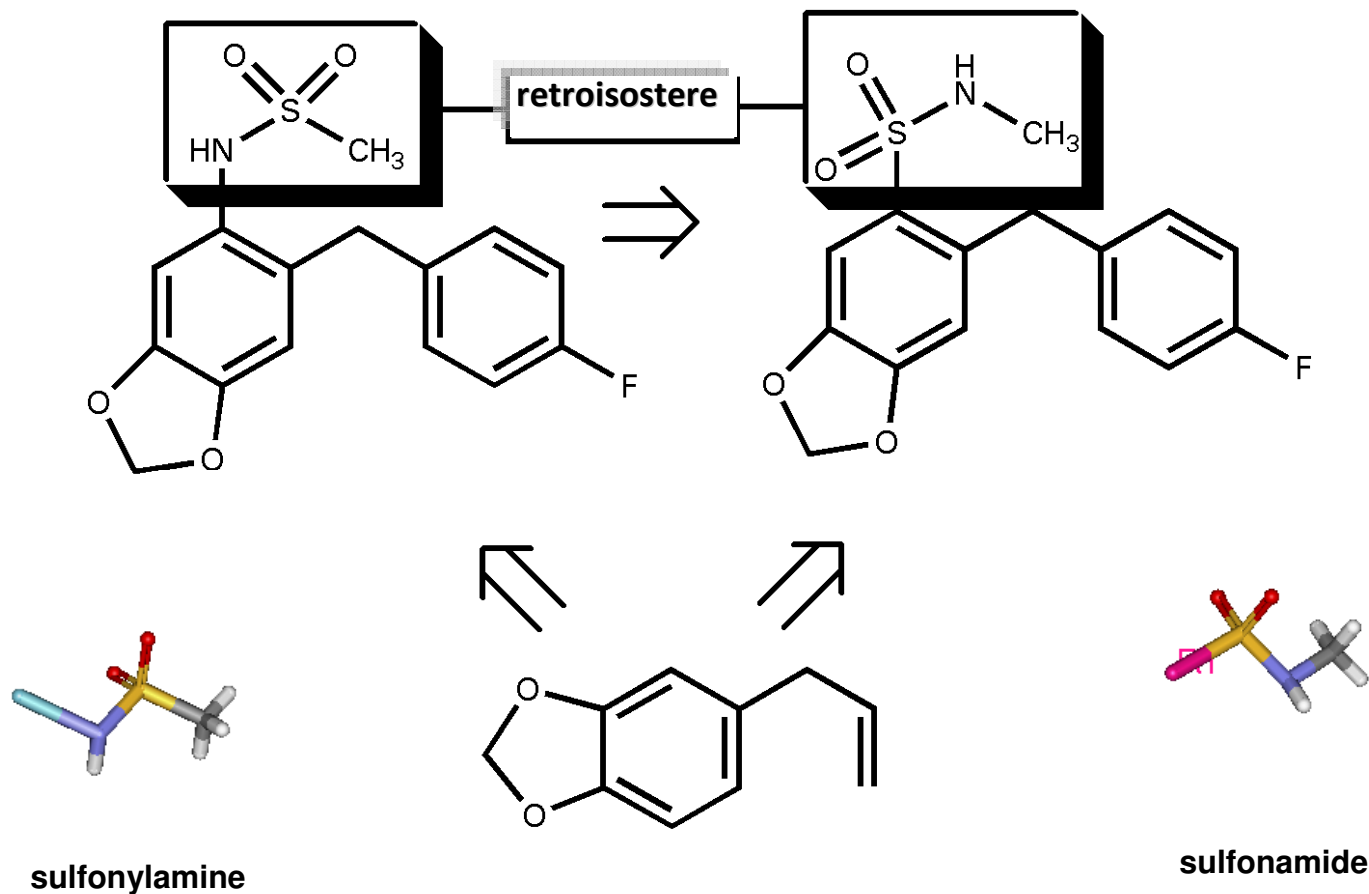
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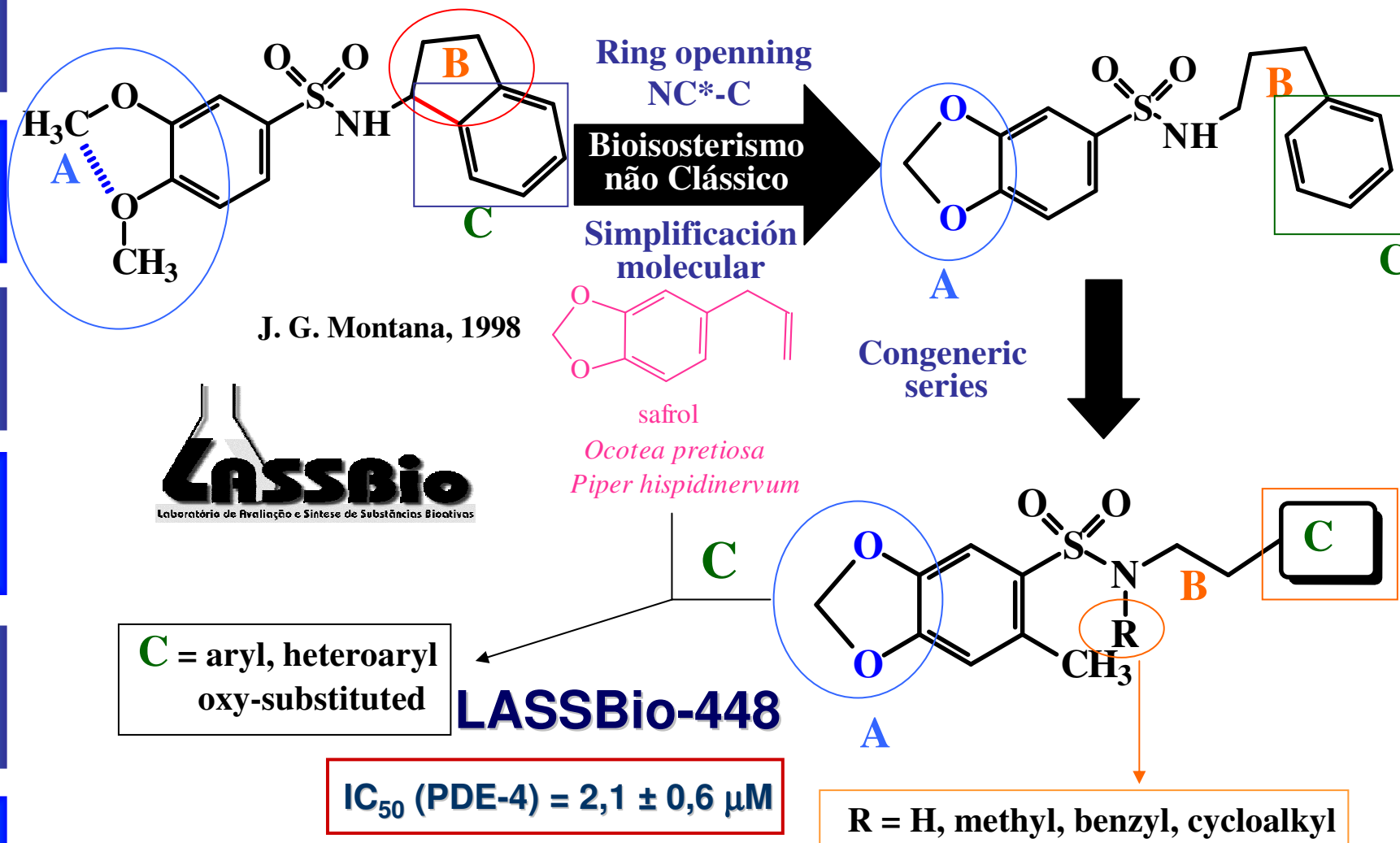


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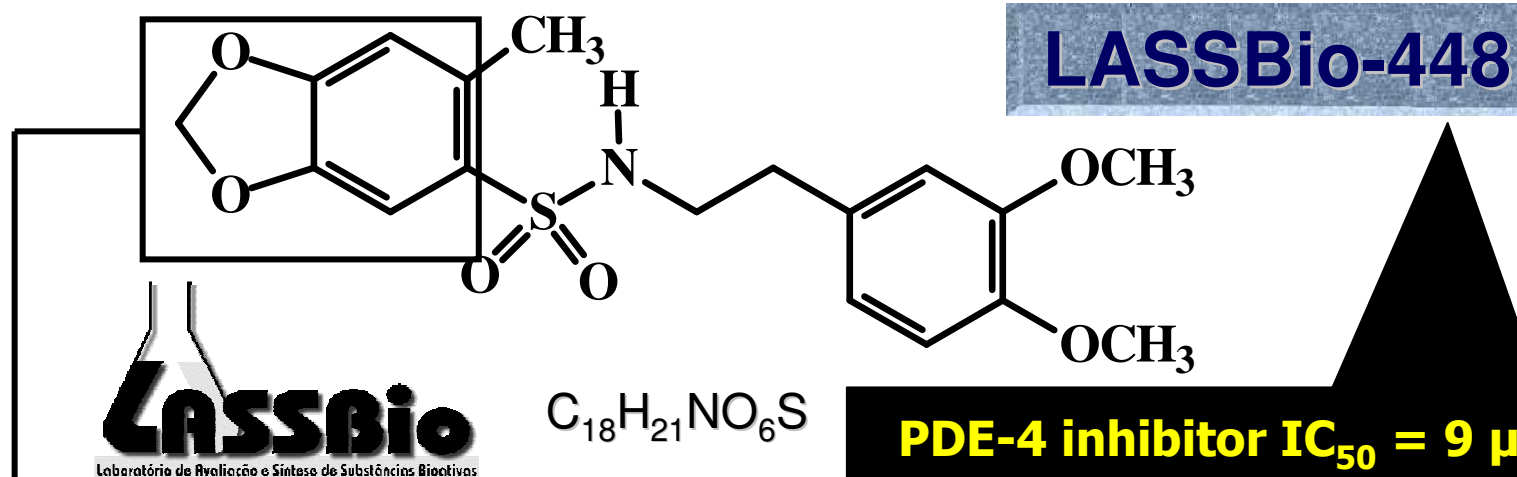


# Design of novel PDE-4 inhibitors



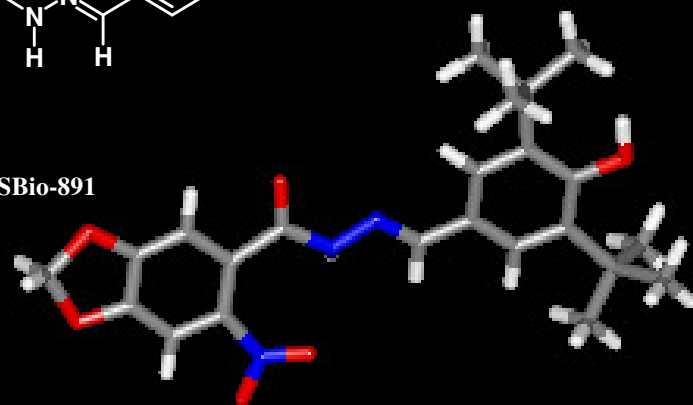
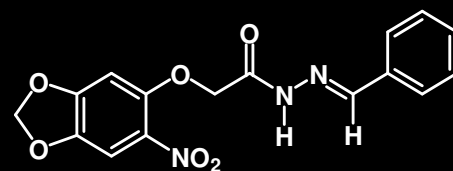
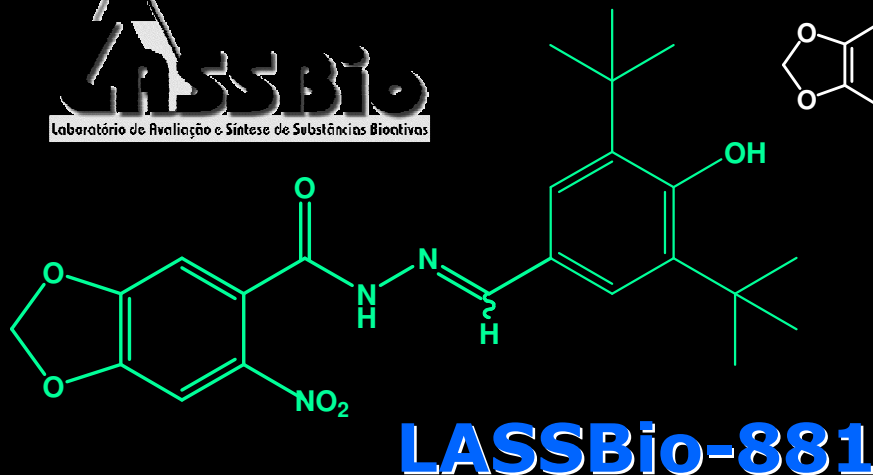


# LASSBio-448 is a new anti-asthma multitarget lead-compound



Natural Biophore

**PDE-4 inhibitor IC<sub>50</sub> = 9 μM;**  
**Inhibit the TNF-α, IL-4 & IL-13 effect;**  
**Powerful antiinflammatory properties with antispasmodic & broncho dilator effect (p.o.);**  
**Promote the remodeling of lung tissue;**  
**Easy to synthesize in M-scale employing classic reactions in good overall yield;**



PI 0601885-8 (15/05/2006; PCT 14/05/2007)



New analgesic /AI NAH derivatives

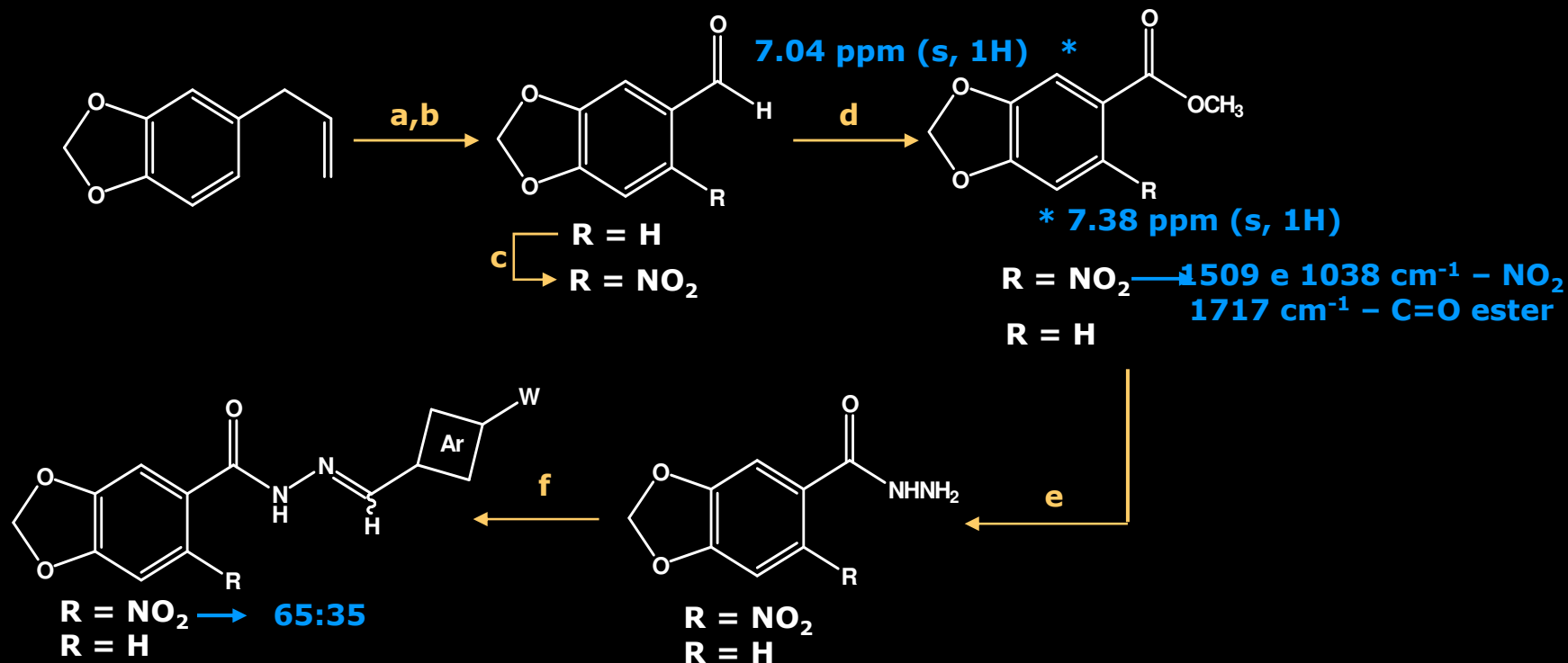
LASSBio-881 represents a new analgesic **lead-compound**, with symbiotic profile, acting at **CB1** and **TRPV-1** receptor level with antagonistic properties, and without any hypnotic or dypirone profiles. This important new scaffold is being used, currently in LASSBio, to design more potent antagonistic – *lead-optimization* – in the discovery of new potent non-narcotic analgesic drugs, useful for the treatment of neuropathic pain.

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# The synthetic route to LASSBio-881



a) KOH aq. 3N, *n*-BuOH, t.a., 3h; b) *i* - O<sub>3</sub>/O<sub>2</sub>, AcOH, 0°C, 1h; *ii* - Zn°, AcOH (75%, 3 etapas); c) HNO<sub>3</sub> 65%, 20-25°C, 0,5h, 95%; d) I<sub>2</sub>, KOH, MeOH, 0°C, 1,5h, 88%; e) NH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O 80%, EtOH, t.a., 1h; 70-78%; f) ArCHO, EtOH, HCl<sub>cat</sub> t.a., 0,5h, 70-95%.



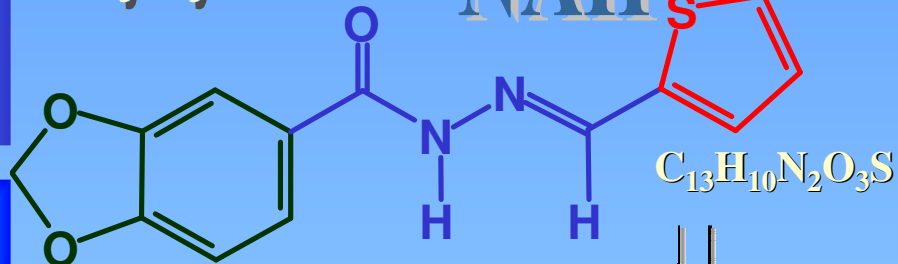
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# New lead-compound with cardioactive profile

N-acylhydrazone

NAH



$C_{13}H_{10}N_2O_3S$

LASSBio-294



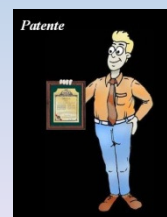
Is a structural simple compound  
(Barry Price's Principle);  
Synthetically accessible in >50%  
Brazilian natural product,  
overall yield by classical methods  
that can be obtained in >85%  
(synthetic medicinal chemistry);  
Designed by classical *MedChem*  
strategies, e.g. molecular simplification  
& classical ring bioisosterism.  
*MedChem* block due its  
biophore character.

Is a novel potent cardioinotropic  
lead-compound, no-digitalic,  
no-adrenergic, that could be  
beneficial in chronic heart failure;  
neuro & fatigue protector;  
Orally active ( $ED_{50} \sim 10 \mu M$ )  
Without acute toxicity  
(po 1000  $\mu M/Kg$   
ip 73  $\mu M /Kg$ , 15 d., twice)

☀ Have a new mechanism of action

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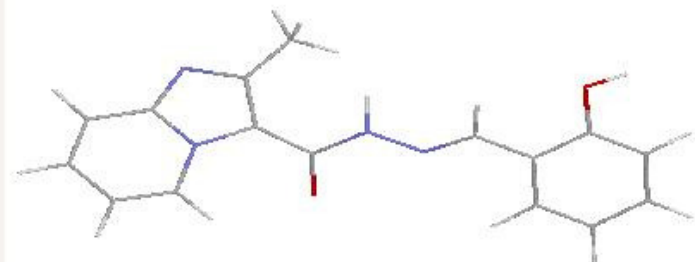
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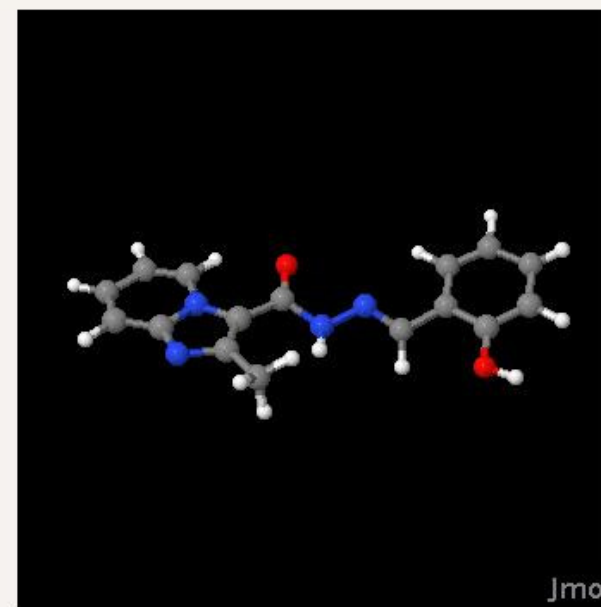


## LASSBio964

The chemolibrary of LASSBio have 1565 bioactive original compounds



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Number of H-Bond Donors	<b>2</b>
Number of H-Bond Acceptors	<b>4</b>
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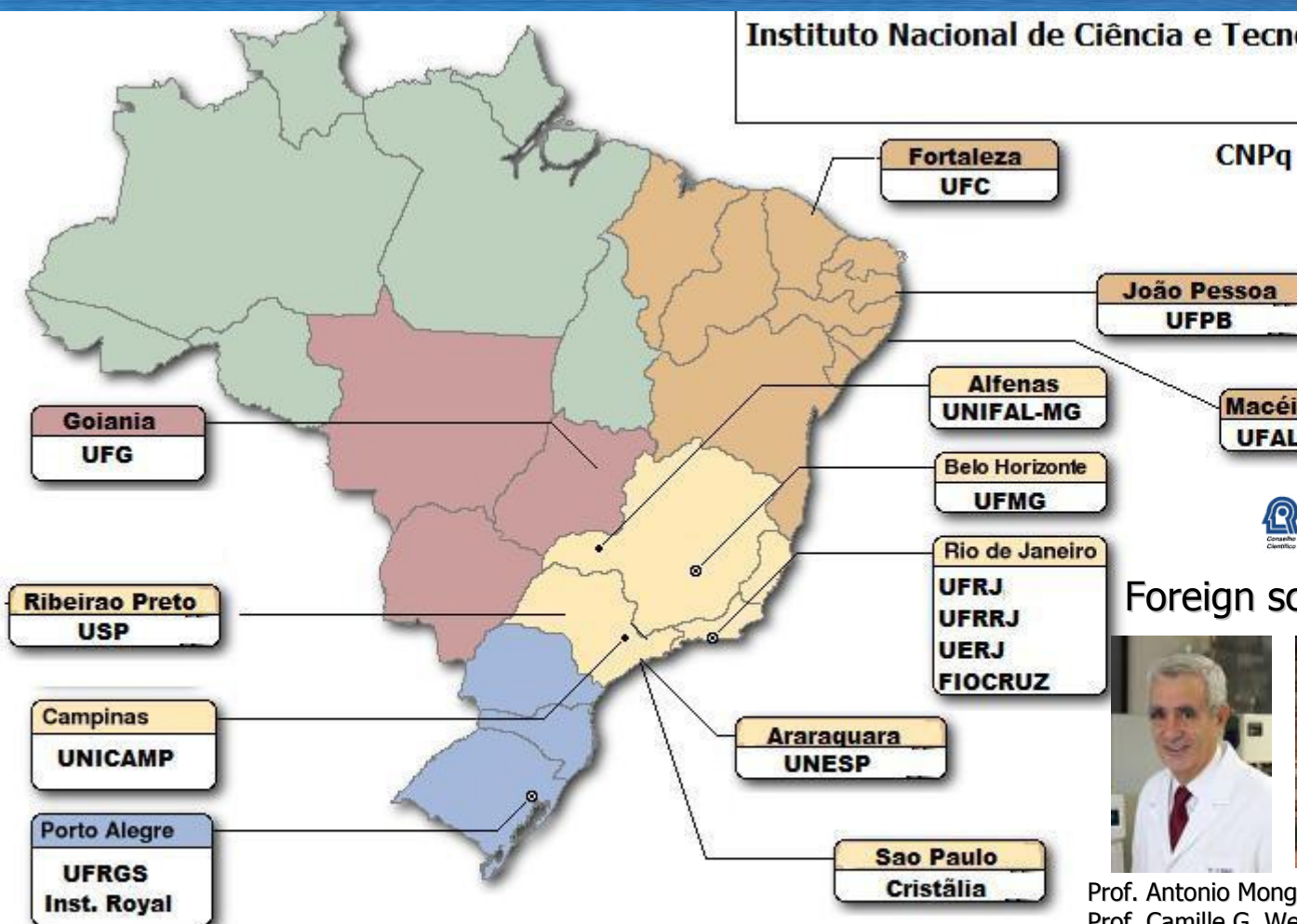


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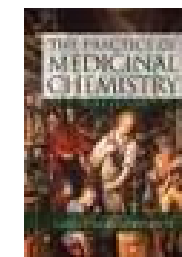


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# Conclusions & acknowledgments



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**Corcovado mountain with the statue of Cristo Redentor  
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