# Spirocycles and the Development of a MDM2 antagonist



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### Outline

- Introduction
- Examples of spirocycle formation/synthesis
- Examples of thiazolidine formation/synthesis; a reoccurring and potent moiety
- Biological Aside
  - western blot, cell cycle, and P53-MDM2 complex
- Specific thiazolidine drug example











cyclopropanes

oxiranes











spirooxindol-3,3'thiazolidine

spiroazetidines



#### Spirocycle features

- Rigidify ligand conformation upon ligation to target
- Conformation restriction within molecule
- Ligand binding entropy
- Greater 3-dimensionality
  - more physical properties
    when compared to
    planar/aromatic derivatives
- Novelty for patentability



Zheng, Y.; Tice, C. M.; Singh, S. B. Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett. 2014, 24, 3673.





1a is twice as potent and more selective than early lead1b due to 3 membered spiro constraint.

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# NHC-catalyzed cycloaddition/Annulation



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#### Cooperative NHC/Lewis Acid Strategy



Question: Please provide a stereochemical model for the observed stereochemistry in the NHC/Lewis Acid strategy case. (the conversion of benzoquinone **38** to spirolactone **47**)

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#### Michael Reaction Strategy complementary spirolactone formation



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#### Zn-ProPhenol Spirolactone Synthesis





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#### **Zn-ProPhenol Spirolactone Synthesis**

#### Scheme 4. Zinc-ProPhenol Complex Is Necessary for the Transesterification



racemic

racemic 11% ee

Trost, B. M.: Hirano, K. Org. Lett. 2012, 14, 2446

#### Asymmetric [3+2] allyIsilane annulation



Takes advantage of the inherent enantioselectivity of allylsilanes

Franz, A. K.; Hanhan, N. V.; Ball-Jones, N.R. ACS Catal. **2013**, *3*, 540 Franz, A.K. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **2012**, *51*, 989



#### Pd catalyzed spirocyclic-pentanes



Franz, A. K.; Hanhan, N. V.; Ball-Jones, N.R. ACS Catal. **2013**, *3*, 540 Trost, B. M.; *J. Am. Chem Soc.* **2007**, *129*, 12396

#### Wall and Flap Model



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#### Trienamine/DA approach



"remarkably broad strategy for the enantioselective synthesis of complex spirocycles"

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#### **Ring Expansion Approach**



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#### Proposed reaction mechanism



Chai, Z.; Rainey, T.J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2012, 134, 3615



### Thiazolidines

- Indoles and its analogous (such as isatin) are good pharmacophores for designing chemotherapeutic
- Spiro[indole-thiazolidines] have broad spectrum of pharmacological properties



R. Sakhuja et al. Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett. 2011, 21, 5465



#### Example synthesis of a thiazolidine



ntantiomeric pair

R. Sakhuja et al. Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett. 2011, 21, 5465



#### Another example of thiazolidine



(a) NaH, DMF, 0°C then ArCH<sub>2</sub>Br or Alk-X; (b) (1) Ar'NH<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, reflux, 6 h; (2) mercaptoacetic (aka thioglycolic acid) acid, toluene, reflux, 16 h; (c) mCPBA (5 equiv), CHCl<sub>3</sub>, rt, 24h (d) mCPBA (1.1 equiv), CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 0°C, 1 h

V.V. Vintonyak et al. Tetrahedron 2011, 67, 6713

#### Thiazolidine synthesis w/ sulfactant



Figure 3. Micelles-promoted green synthesis of 3'H-Spiro[indole-3,2'-[1,3]benzothiazole]-2(1H)-one.



Scheme 1. Synthesis of 3'H-spiro[indole-3,2'-[1,3]benzothiazole]-2(1H)-ones 4a-c.

R. Jain et al. Tetrahedron Letters 2012, 53, 6236



#### Biological Aside Before specific case study

"I try to show the public that chemistry, biology, physics, astrophysics is life. It is not some separate subject that you have to be pulled into a corner to be taught about." -Neil deGrasse Tyson

- 1) cell cycle
- 2) p53 and MDM2
- 3) Western Blot



# Cell Cycle



Phase	Abbreviation	Description
Interphase	I	Includes G <sub>o</sub> , S, and G <sub>1</sub>
Gap 1	G1	cell growth, protein and organelles accumulation
Synthesis	S	DNA replication
Gap 2	G <sub>2</sub>	Cell growth
Mitosis	М	Cell division
Gap 0	G <sub>0</sub>	Quiescent/ senescent



#### P53-MDM2



Crystal structure of the p53-binding domain of MDM2

## Western Blotting

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#### 3) Blotting

- proteins are transferred to a membrane via electroelution.
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cell cycle







Inhibits 30% of p53-MDM2 interaction by mimicking p53 residues Phe19 and Trp23 that bind to MDM2



#### Outline of MDM2 antagonist Discovery



1-4











9'а-е/12'а-е

9а-е/12а-е





(i) Cys-OEt, NaHCO<sub>3</sub> in MeOH, MW; (ii) triphosgene TEA, THF, rt, 10 min, then  $R_2$ -NH<sub>2</sub>; (iii) MeOH, TEA, reflux, 1-3 hr



#### Cytotoxic activity of derivatives

Table 1. Cytotoxic Activity of Spiro[imidazo[1,5-c]thiazole-3,3'-indoline]-2',5,7(6H,7aH)-trione Derivatives 9a-e/12a-e



				$IC_{50} \pm SD^a (\mu M)$		
compd	R	$R_1$	$R_2$	HEK <sup>b</sup>	$M14^{c}$	U937 <sup>d</sup>
9a	Н	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	$4.80 \pm 0.15$	$10.64 \pm 0.04$	$3.90 \pm 0.01$
9b	Н	H	-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-CH <sub>3</sub> )	$4.53 \pm 0.15$	$13.27 \pm 0.03$	$5.91 \pm 0.02$
9c	Н	H	-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	$0.44 \pm 0.01$	$0.53 \pm 0.01$	$0.87 \pm 0.01$
9d	Н	H	-CH2C6H2(3,4,5-OCH3)	$3.80 \pm 0.08$	$4.73 \pm 0.02$	$2.51 \pm 0.05$
9e	н	н	4-dimethylcyclohexyl	$4.22 \pm 0.07$	$7.07 \pm 0.01$	$2.61 \pm 0.05$
10a	CH <sub>3</sub>	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	$3.30 \pm 0.07$	$3.88 \pm 0.02$	$2.09 \pm 0.04$
10b	CH <sub>3</sub>	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-CH <sub>3</sub> )	$3.01 \pm 0.06$	$3.39 \pm 0.03$	$2.77 \pm 0.02$
10c	CH <sub>3</sub>	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	$3.88 \pm 0.05$	$6.65 \pm 0.02$	$3.31 \pm 0.04$
10d	CH <sub>3</sub>	н	-CH2C6H2(3,4,5-OCH3)	$2.04 \pm 0.03$	$2.40 \pm 0.02$	$2.06 \pm 0.04$
10e	$CH_3$	н	4-dimethylcyclohexyl	$16.01 \pm 0.05$	$19.12 \pm 0.07$	$12.48 \pm 0.05$

Cell Lines: HEK, transformed human embryonic kidney cell line; M14, human melanoma cell line; U937, Human leukemia monocyte lymphoma

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compd	R	$R_1$	$R_2$	$HEK^b$	$M14^{c}$	U937 <sup>d</sup>	
11a	Br	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	$8.48 \pm 0.09$	$12.04 \pm 0.03$	$7.58 \pm 0.05$	
11b	Br	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-CH <sub>3</sub> )	$7.61 \pm 0.10$	$10.24 \pm 0.10$	$6.23 \pm 0.14$	
11c	Br	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	$7.13 \pm 0.06$	$7.06 \pm 0.05$	$5.01 \pm 0.03$	
11d	Br	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>2</sub> (3,4,5-OCH <sub>3</sub> )	$9.31 \pm 0.09$	$11.04 \pm 0.02$	$5.02 \pm 0.03$	
11e	Br	н	4-dimethylcyclohexyl	>40	> 40	> 40	
12a	н	$CH_3$	-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	$3.98 \pm 0.05$	$6.37 \pm 0.04$	$2.89 \pm 0.03$	
12b	н	CH <sub>3</sub>	-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-CH <sub>3</sub> )	$10.71 \pm 0.10$	$31.79 \pm 0.04$	$16.75 \pm 0.02$	
12c	Н	$CH_3$	-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	$2.11 \pm 0.05$	$2.47 \pm 0.02$	$2.91 \pm 0.01$	
12d	Н	CH <sub>3</sub>	-CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>2</sub> (3,4,5-OCH <sub>3</sub> )	$6.01 \pm 0.06$	$7.66 \pm 0.23$	$5.70 \pm 0.05$	
12e	Н	CH <sub>3</sub>	4-dimethylcyclohexyl	>40	> 40	> 40	
doxorubicin				$0.9 \pm 0.08$	$1.0 \pm 0.05$	$0.8 \pm 0.01$	

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#### Hit compounds 9c and 10d





To undergo additional *in vitro* testing and derivatization

# Derivatives **9c** and **10d** exhibit good cell selectivity



 a) Human papillary thyroid carcinoma TPC1

b) Normal thyroid TAD-2 cell



#### Derivatives of 9c and 10d

Table 2. Cytotoxic Activity of 1'-Acylspiro[(dihydroimidazo[1,5-c]-thiazolo-5,7-dione)-3,3'-(dehydroindol-2-one)] Derivatives 13f-i/14f-i



compd R			R2′	$IC_{50} \pm SD^{a} (\mu M)$		
	R	R <sub>1</sub> ′		HEK	M14	U937
9c	н		4-C1	$0.44 \pm 0.01$	$0.53 \pm 0.01$	$0.87 \pm 0.01$
13f	н	-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4-C1	$3.50 \pm 0.02$	$3.25 \pm 0.36$	$3.12 \pm 0.07$
13g	н	-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-CH <sub>3</sub> )	4-C1	$2.50 \pm 0.10$	$2.08 \pm 0.10$	$2.01 \pm 0.15$
13h	н	-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	4-C1	$5.01 \pm 0.15$	$3.37 \pm 0.37$	$2.61 \pm 0.05$
13i	н	-CH2CH2CH3	4-C1	$2.01 \pm 0.05$	$2.04 \pm 0.34$	$2.10 \pm 0.09$
10d	CH <sub>3</sub>		3,4,5-OCH3	$2.04 \pm 0.03$	$2.40 \pm 0.02$	$2.06 \pm 0.04$
14f	CH <sub>3</sub>	-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	3,4,5-OMe	$4.22 \pm 0.14$	$7.84 \pm 0.02$	$4.31 \pm 0.02$
14g	CH <sub>3</sub>	-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-CH <sub>3</sub> )	3,4,5-OMe	$3.81 \pm 0.05$	$5.95 \pm 0.01$	$2.42 \pm 0.04$
14h	CH <sub>3</sub>	-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	3,4,5-OMe	$4.71 \pm 0.15$	$8.14 \pm 0.02$	$3.11 \pm 0.01$
14i	CH <sub>3</sub>	-CH2CH2CH3	3,4,5-OMe	$4.42 \pm 0.16$	$7.40 \pm 0.0126$	$4.10 \pm 0.02$

<sup>a</sup> Data represent mean values (SD) of three independent determinations.

#### Video Time Lapse Microscopy



treated cells experienced reduced cell division, but what was the cause of the reduced cell division?



# Determining mode of Cytotoxicity

a)





#### Determining mode of Cytotoxicity





#### Determining mode of Cytotoxicity



Both treated cells exhibit and increase in p53 concentration



9c c) 10d d) nutlin-3 treated



#### Further Development of 9c





#### Derivatization





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(i) Cys-OEt, NaHCO<sub>3</sub> in EtOH; (ii) R<sub>2</sub>-COCI, TEA, THF, 2 h, rt

What about stereoselectivity? => lets look at a similar system Bertamino, A. *et al. J. Med. Chem.*, **2013**, *56*, 5407



#### Facile Ring Opening of Spirooxindoles a look at a similar system



Yujun Zhao et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2013, 135, 7223 and J. Med. Chem. 2013, 56, 5553





Stable cis-cis isomer

#### Open ring intermediate

Figure 3. Absolute stereochemistry from X-ray crystallography.

#### Isomerization Mechanism a look at a similar system



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Figure 3. ROE interaction observed between H-4' and H-1" in the ROESY spectrum of compound 4n.

Question: Please provide a mechanistic rational for the observed isomerization.

#### Synthesis of Series 5



(i) 4-CI-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>COCI, TEA, THF, 2h, rt; (ii) Cys-OEt, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, EtOH



#### **Biological effects**

Table 1. Antiproliferative Activity of Spiro[indoline-3,2'-thiazolidine] (4 and 5) and Spiro[indoline-3,2'-thiazole] (6) Derivatives



				$IC_{50} \pm SD \ (\mu M)^a$	
compd	R	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	MCF-7 <sup>b</sup>	HT29 <sup>2</sup>
3	н	н		$1.21 \pm 0.6$	$1.60 \pm 0.4$
4a	н	н	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	>5	$1.00 \pm 0.2$
4b	CH <sub>3</sub>	н	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	4.81 ± 1.0	0.78 ± 0.2
4c	Br	н	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	$2.90 \pm 0.8$	$0.66 \pm 0.1$
4d	н	н	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	$2.15 \pm 0.7$	3.69 ± 0.9
4c	CH <sub>3</sub>	н	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	$2.12 \pm 0.7$	1.09 ± 0.6
4f	Br	н	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	$0.90 \pm 0.2$	0.11 ± 0.09
4g	Br	н	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	$3.00 \pm 0.2$	$2.00 \pm 0.8$
4h	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	$4.52 \pm 1.1$	0.18 ± 0.09
41	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	$1.23 \pm 0.4$	0.12 ± 0.07
4j	Br	CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	0.52 ± 0.3	0.08 ± 0.01
4k	Br	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	0.27 ± 0.1	0.36 ± 0.09
41	Br	CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	0.31 ± 0.1	0.21 ± 0.2
4m	Br	CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (4-CH <sub>3</sub> )	0.06 ± 0.05	0.09 ± 0.05
4n	Br	CH <sub>3</sub>	cydohexyl	0.04 ± 0.01	0.07 ± 0.01
40	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	cydohexyl	$1.20 \pm 0.6$	$1.10 \pm 0.6$
4p	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	cydohexyl	$2.30 \pm 0.8$	1.90 ± 0.8
4q	Br	н	cydohexyl	0.22 ± 0.1	0.56 ± 0.1
4r	Br	CH <sub>3</sub>	cydohexyl	2.01 ± 0.9	1.90 ± 0.7

MCF-7: Human breast adenocarcinoma cell. HT29: Human colon carcinoma cell



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3	н	н		$1.21 \pm 0.6$	$1.60 \pm 0.4$
5a	н	COC_H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	H	$1.01 \pm 0.6$	$1.03 \pm 0.8$
5b	CH <sub>3</sub>	COC_H_(4-Cl)	H	3.46 ± 0.9	0.23 ± 0.1
5c	Br	COC_H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)	H	0.15 ± 0.1	$0.02 \pm 0.01$
5d	Br	cyclohexyl	H	$2.08 \pm 0.8$	1.40 ± 0.8
6b	CH <sub>3</sub>	COC_H <sub>4</sub> (4-Cl)		$2.78 \pm 0.9$	0.21 ± 0.1
6c	Br	COC_H_(4-CI)		0.86 ± 0.4	0.20 ± 0.1
6d	Br	cyclohexyl		$1.63 \pm 0.6$	0.85 ± 0.4

<sup>a</sup>Data represent mean values (±SD) of three independent determinations. <sup>b</sup>Human breast adenocarcinoma cell line. 'Human colon carcinoma cell line.

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# Hit compound 4n

#### Table 2. Antiproliferative Activity of 4n on Multiple Human Tumor Cell Lines and One Normal Cell Line

		$IC_{50} \pm SD \ (\mu M)^a$				
	cell line	4n	nutlin-3	Dox		
origin tumor						
breast	MCF-7	$0.04 \pm 0.01$	$2.9 \pm 0.31^{27a}$	$0.02 \pm 0.01$		
prostate	PC3	$0.41 \pm 0.21$	$30.3 \pm 2.9^{27b}$	$0.75 \pm 0.10$		
leukemia	U937	$0.07 \pm 0.01$	15.6 ± 1.9	$0.12 \pm 0.03$		
lung	Calu	$0.10 \pm 0.06$	$27.2 \pm 5.3$	$1.81 \pm 0.33$		
liver	HEPG2	$0.14 \pm 0.06$	$10.2 \pm 5.1^{27c}$	$0.08 \pm 0.01$		
anaplastic thyroid	C643	$0.55 \pm 0.08$	$23 \pm 11.2$	$0.07 \pm 0.01$		
origin normal						
human gingival fibroblast	HGF	$1.60 \pm 0.15$	$1.40 \pm 3.6$	$0.50 \pm 0.15$		

<sup>a</sup>Data represent mean values  $(\pm SD)$  of three independent determinations at 24 h.



#### **Binding Model**



Br S N N N





#### Cell cycle progression



a) 24 hr b) 48hrs c)72 hrs d) 24 hr and varying concentration



#### Apoptotic cell death





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### Mechanism of apoptosis





# Summary

- Examples of spirocycle formation/synthesis
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- Biological Aside
  - western blot, cell cycle, and P53-MDM2 complex
- Specific thiazolidine drug example
  - 4n high efficiency in breast, colon, lung, and leukemia cancer cell lines
  - Docking studies allowed to predict bind mode
  - 4n induces apoptosis



#### THANK YOU





#### **Question 1**



# **Question 2: Western Blotting**

- 1) Cell lysis and separation to extract protein
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#### **Question 2: Transfer Method: Blotting**



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#### **Question 3**

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Scheme I









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Observed isomerization:



Figure 3. ROE interaction observed between H-4' and H-1" in the ROESY spectrum of compound 4n.

"Base-catalyzed isomerization of thiazolidines through Schiff Base intermediates (I) is a well-known process"

#### Trost, B.M. et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 2011, 50, 6167



#### Wall and Flap Model



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