# Sustainable Chemistry in Pharmaceutical Industry

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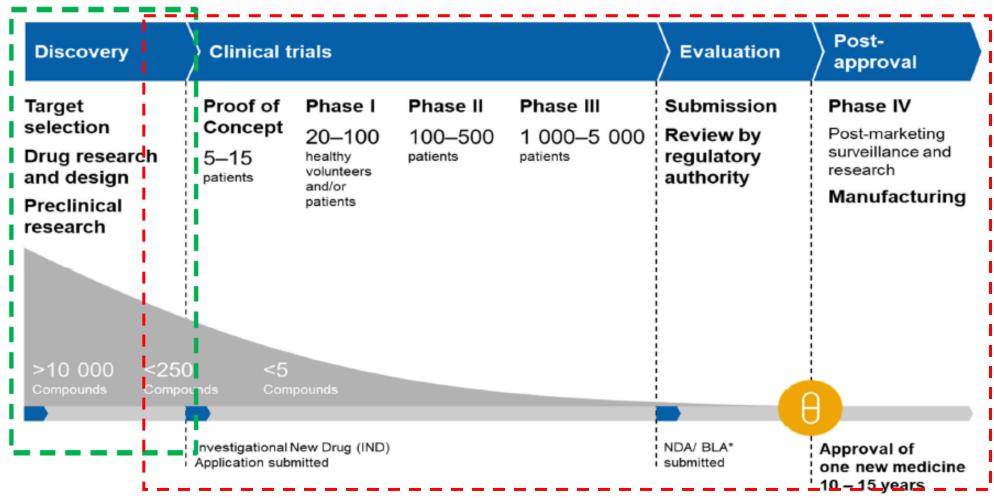






**Reimagining Medicine** 

#### The Path to a New Medicine



<sup>\*</sup>New Drug Application / Biologics License Application



**Reimagining Medicine** 

### **Agenda**



#### Introduction

What is development? What is a process chemist? What are the pharma industry main constrains?



#### **Assignment**

Presentation of synthesis routes. Comment on pros & cons of each routes, select your favorite.



#### **Theory**

Sustainability metrics, synthesis, process development



#### **Questions/Answers**

I will try to take the temperature and ask few questions throughout the talk, please do the same!



#### **Case Studies**

Bedaquiline (commercial drug from Jansen) & Novartis internal compounds (IDH305, LOU064)



# Pharmaceutical industry 101



# **Technical Research and Development**

#### **Drug Substance = Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API)**

- → Chemical composition (main + impurity profile)
- → Physical form (polymorph, particle size distribution)



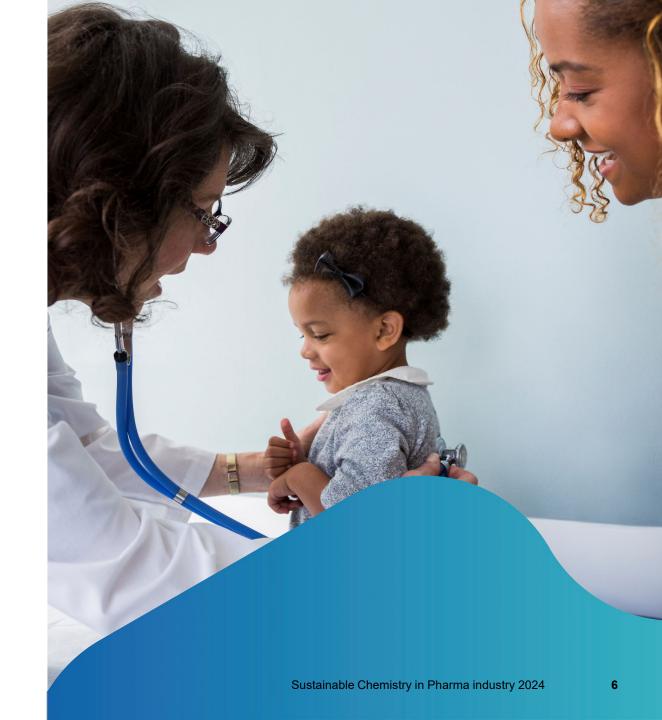
#### **Drug Product = what the patient see (API + excipients)**

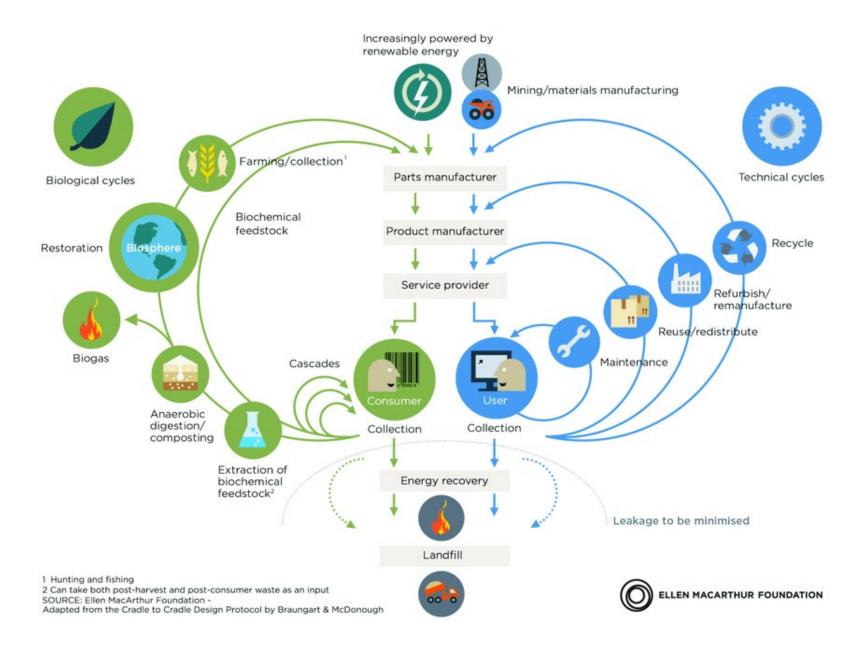
- → Tablets, capsules, suspension, powder...
- → Choice of excipients (fillers, lubricants, coatings...)
- → Packaging (blisters, dessicants...)



# Pharma vs other industries

- Highly regulated industry:
  - Fragile population
  - Optimized uptake of product
  - "Therapeutic advantage" is fading away
- Usually higher molecular complexity
  - Longer synthesis
  - Complex transformation
- Relatively low volumes to produce

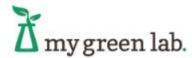




# Sustainability in Pharmaceutical Development

#### - **R&D**

- Optimization of care pathways
- Waste, energy consumption...



#### - Manufacturing

 sustainable route of manufacturing, source of raw materials, green logistics, clean energy sources, waste treatment, recycle/recover...



#### Packaging

 materials, units per package, collection, recycability of devices and packaging...

#### Clinical trial drug supply

- waste reduction, stock management, shipment optimisation,...



# **Chemical and Analytical Development**

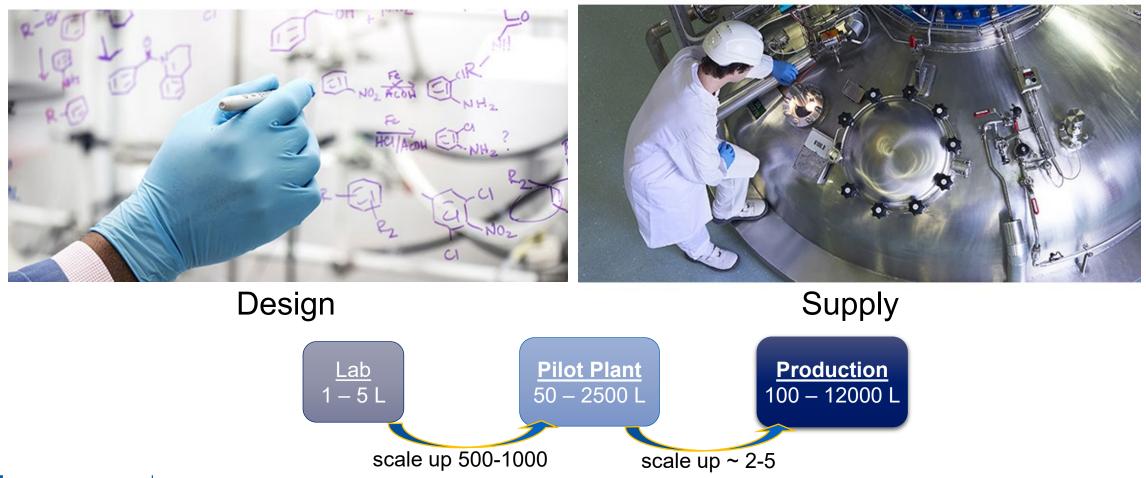
#### From Research to Production





# **Chemical and Analytical Development**

#### From Research to Production





# **Drug Substance Quality Requirement**

#### **ICH Q3A guidelines** for impurities in new drug substance:

- Reporting Threshold: A limit above which an impurity should be reported.
- Identification Threshold: A limit above which an impurity should be identified.
- Qualification Threshold: A limit above which an impurity should be qualified.

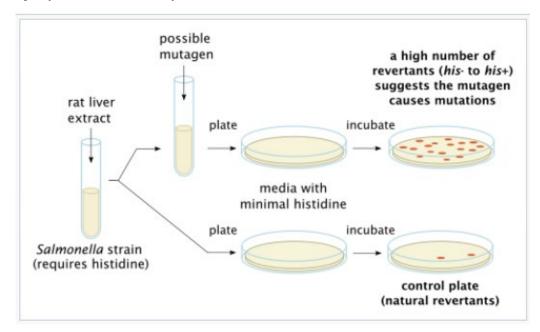
Maximum Daily Dose <sup>1</sup>	Reporting Threshold (3)	Identification Threshold <sup>3</sup>	Qualification Threshold <sup>3</sup>
≤ 2g/day	0.05%	0.10% or 1.0 mg per day intake (whichever is lower)	0.15% or 1.0 mg per day intake (whichever is lower)
> 2g/day	0.03%	0.05%	0.05%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Lower thresholds can be appropriate if the impurity is unusually toxic.



# **Mutagenic impurities (MI)**

- Mutagenicity is associated with cancer as it often stems from a DNA-mutation.
- When identified, all impurities present in drug substance are first screened in-silico for structural features favoring mutagenicity.
- All molecules giving an in-silico alert are treated as mutagenic unless they are proven non-mutagenic via a bacterial reverse mutation assay (Ames test).
- In absence of specific carcinogenicity data, mutagenic impurities must be controlled according to the conservative threshold of toxicological concern (TTC).



# **Mutagenic impurities (MI)**

 TTC (threshold of toxicological concern): 1.5 μg/day, which correspond to a statistical risk of 10<sup>-5</sup> of cancer for lifetime exposure.

• From the TTC limit, acceptable intake are defined for development:

Duration of treatment	$\leq 1$ month	>1 - 12 months	>1 - 10 years	>10 years to lifetime
Daily intake [µg/day]	120	20	10	1.5

• Limit concentration of an MI in paracetamol (MDD = 4 g): 0.375 ppm (0.000038%)



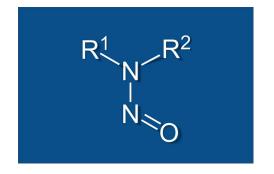
# Nitrosamines – a new level of complexity

Nitrosamine are suspected highly carcinogenic compounds.

They can easily be formed from secondary amines and a nitrosating species.

Known nitrosating species are present in the air (NOx), water and a significant number of inorganic bases and salt, excipients...

Nitrosamines needs to be controlled on even lower level.





# Sustainability vs other priorities





#### Where can we act?

#### **Synthesis route design:**

- Convergence
- Starting materials from biorenewable feedstock
- Benign by design

#### **Process:**

- Choice of reagents
- Choice of solvents
- Reaction conditions
- Optimisation

#### Waste:

- 3 Rs principle









# **Synthesis Route**



# General concept in development

### Two stage concept

#### **Fast lock of the pratical synthesis:**

- Suboptimal for commercial needs
- Allow for a fast clinical trial supply with adequate quality
- Low risk synthesis that will ensure steady supply
- Ensure all quality aspects



#### Final synthesis for pivotal trials:

- Use clinical development time to identify and develop an optimal synthesis
- Maximizes R&D time while having enough clinical supplies left to improve, optimize and understand the final process

# What is a good synthesis route?



# Aspects to be considered for the ideal synthesis

Safety

**Number of steps** 

**Yield** 

Ease of scale-up

Robustness

**Ecologically** bening

Availability / origin of raw materials

Complexity of synthesis

**Environmentally** acceptable



# Which synthetic route is the best one? Comparison of synthetic routes

How do we assess how «good» a synthesis is? How do we compare two synthetic routes?

# Which synthetic route is the best one?

### Comparison of synthetic routes

#### Examples for route assessment tools:

#### Kepner-Tregoe decision analysis (Astra-Zeneca)

J. S. Parker, J. D. Moseley, *Org. Proc. Res. Dev.* **2008**, *12*, 1041-1043; J. D. Moseley, D. Brown, C. R. Firkin, S. L. Jenkin, B. Patel, E. W. Snape, *Org. Proc. Res. Dev.* **2008**, *12*, 1044-1059; J. S. Parker, J. F. Bower, P. M. Murray, B. Patel, P. Talavera, *Org. Proc. Res. Dev.* **2008**, *12*, 1060-1077.

→ Define «Musts» (e.g. safety) and «Wants» (e.g. high yield), weigh the «Wants» (score 1-10), evaluate synthetic routes regarding «Wants» (score 0-10)

#### **Holistic route selection (Dow)**

R. B. Leng, M. V. M. Emonds, C. T. Hamilton, J. W. Ringer, Org. Proc. Res. Dev. 2012, 16, 415-424.

→ List route selection criteria (RSC), define metrics for each RSC, weigh RSC, rate each route on a 1-3-9 scale

# Which synthetic route is the best one?

### Comparison of synthetic routes

#### **Route ideality**

- T. Gaich, P. S. Baran, *J. Org. Chem.* **2010**, *75*, 4657-4673.
- → Evaluation of «ideality» of synthesis (in %) by comparing the number of construction and strategic redox steps with the total number of steps

#### **Current complexity (Bristol-Myers Squibb)**

- J. Li, M.D. Eastgate, *Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2015**, *13*, 7164-7176.
- → Assessment of synthetic complexity, taking into account intrinsic challenges (structure) and current synthetic methodology

#### **Process complexity (Boehringer Ingelheim)**

- F. Roschangar, R. A. Sheldon, C. H. Senanayakea, *Green Chem.* **2015**, *17*, 752-768.
- → Number of construction reactions and strategic redox steps

# Which synthetic route is the best one?

# Comparison of synthetic routes

#### **SELECT (Astra Zeneca)**

M. Butters, D Catterick, A. Craig, A. Curzons, D. Dale, A. Gillmore, S. P. Green, I. Marziano, J.-P. Sherlock, W. White, *Chem. Rev.* **2006**, *106*, 3002-3027.

→ Six criteria: Safety, Environmental, Legal, Economics, Control, Throughput

Criteria		
Safety	<ul><li>Process Safety</li><li>Exposure to substances harmful to health</li></ul>	
Environmental	<ul><li>Volume of wasted natural resources</li><li>Substances harmful to the environment</li></ul>	
Legal	<ul><li>Infringement of intellectual property rights</li><li>Regulations that control use of reagents and intermediates</li></ul>	
Economics	<ul><li>Meeting cost of goods target for future market</li><li>Investment costs to support development quantities</li></ul>	
Control	<ul><li>Control of quality parameters</li><li>Control of chemistry and physical parameters</li></ul>	
Throughput	<ul><li>Time scale of manufacture in available plant</li><li>Availability of raw materials</li></ul>	

# **The Novartis Labelling Process**

**PMI** 

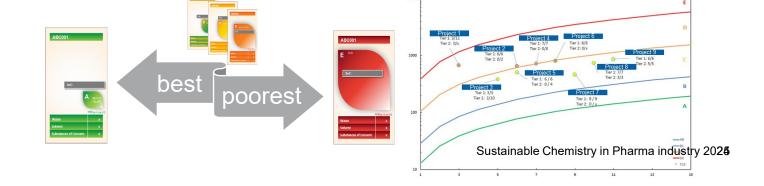
- Process Mass Intensity (all materials used for synthesis, isolation, purification)
- $PMI = \frac{\text{Quantity of raw materials input (kg)}}{\text{Quantity of bulk API out (kg)}}$

**TCR** 

- Total Carbon Dioxide Release (CO<sub>2</sub> release by waste incineration per kg API)
- TCR =  $PMI_{organic} \times 2.3 \text{ kg CO}_2 + PMI_{aqueous} \times 0.63 \text{ kg CO}_2$

Steps

• Number of chemical transformations required to reach the respective molecule



# Which synthetic route is the best one? Comparison of synthetic routes

 $iGAL = mGAL/1000 \times FMW = 0.403 \times FMW$ 

iGAL: ideal green aspiration level

mGAL: API complexity adjusted pharmaceutical waste index

FMW: free molecular weight (i.e. MW without salt, solvate...)

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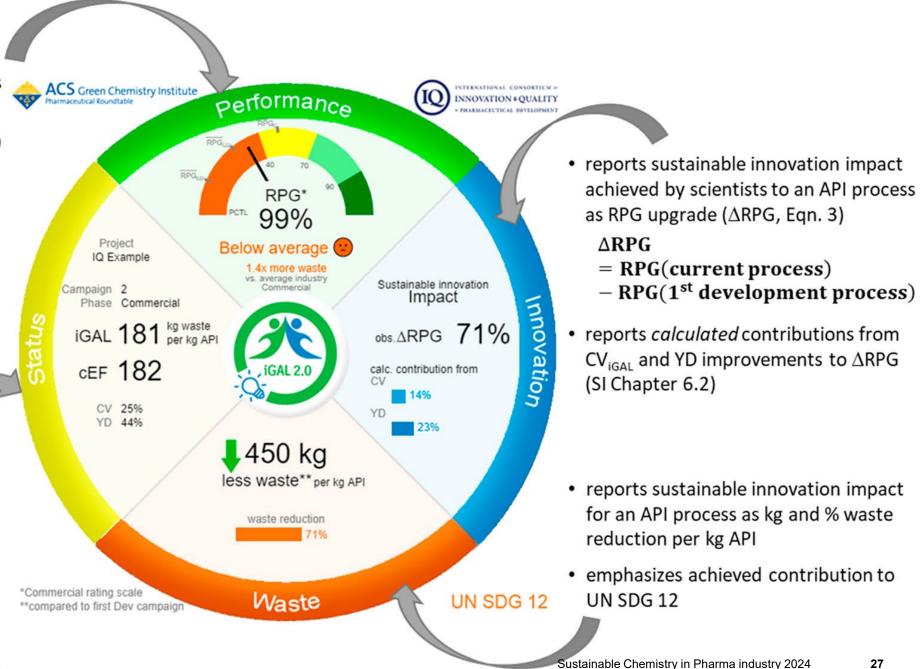
 reports % Relative Process Greenness (RPG) comparison to commercial industry average from our database as speedometer dashboard

$$RPG = iGAL/cEF \times 100\%$$
 (Eqn. 2)

- reports sustainability rating (excellent, good, average and below average) based on RPG rating matrix (Table 5)
- displays how much more/less waste is generated compared to processes in the same phase (Eqn. S9 and S10)

- captures API development phase, process waste (cEF), yield (YD) and convergence (CV<sub>iGAL</sub>)
- reports iGAL waste goal

 $iGAL = 0.403 \times FMW$ (Ean. 1)



# Break?



# Aspects to be considered for the ideal synthesis

Safety

**Number of steps** 

**Yield** 

Ease of scale-up

**Robustness** 

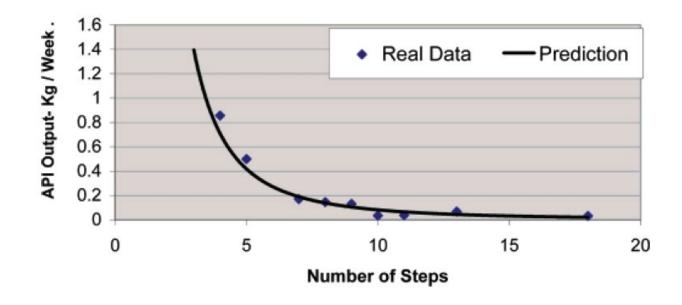
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**Environmentally** acceptable

# Effect of sequence length on throughput



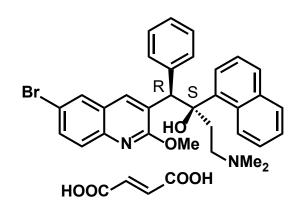
Why?

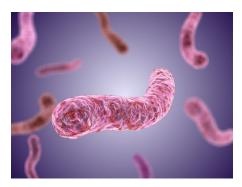
- 1. Matematical effect
- 2. «Campaign» set-up

Yield?

# Case study: Bedaquiline

- Janssen drug approved for MDR-TB (2012/2014)
- Lethal infectious disease caused by Mycobacteria Mainly affects the lungs but not only (pleura, CNS, lymphatic or genitourinary system, bones and joints)
- Tuberculosis (TB) status in 2013\*:
  - 9 million new cases of TB
  - 1.5 million people died from TB
  - 480 000 new cases of MDR-TB (more & more as first diagnosis)\*\*
  - 9% estimated XDR-TB







\* WHO: Global tuberculosis report 2014

\*\* MSF «Out of step» report, Oct 2014

# First enantioselective synthesis

Scheme 3. Shibasaki's enantioselective synthesis of BDQ.

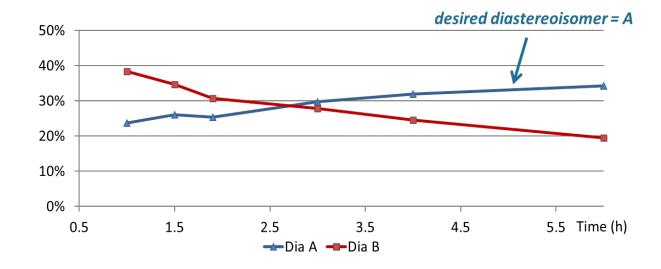
# **Academic Synthesis**

Scheme 4. Chandrasekhar's asymmetric synthesis of BDQ.

# **Industrial synthesis**

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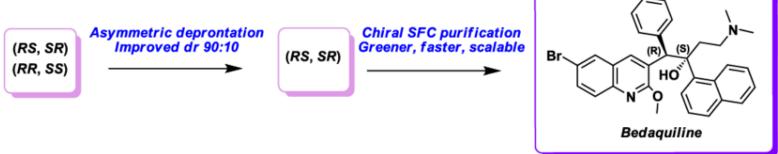


Table 1. Summary of Modifications Done with the Chiral Ligand 4a-b

entry	base	dr	% conversion <sup>a</sup>
1	LDA	50:50	31
2	<i>n</i> -BuLi/ <b>4a</b>	50:50	33
3	<i>n</i> -BuLi/ <b>4a</b> ·LiCl_	45:55	31
4	<i>n</i> -BuLi/ <b>4a</b> ·LiCl <sup>c</sup>	30:70	32
5	<i>n</i> -BuLi/ <b>4b</b> ·LiCl	90:10	33

 $<sup>^{\</sup>circ}$ % Conversion was determined by liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry using a YMC-Triart-C18 column unless stated otherwise, and the dr was determined by crude  $^{1}$ H NMR. The deprotonation step was conducted at  $^{-}$ 20  $^{\circ}$ C for 60 min; thereafter, the reaction proceeded at  $^{-}$ 78  $^{\circ}$ C. All optimization reactions were carried out on a 0.15 mmol scale unless stated otherwise.

<sup>c</sup>Addition of *n*-BuLi to **4a**·HCl salt.

Figure 2. Chiral bases utilized in the lithiation step.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Addition of LiCl to neutral **4a**.

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# Diastereoselectivity is in the Details: Minor Changes Yield Major Improvements to the Synthesis of Bedaquiline\*\*

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**Table 1.** Selected examples of synthesis of 1 reported in process patent applications and improvements described herein.

Yield: yield of isolated product [a] Adjusted for purity where reported.

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Scheme 9. Use of Chiral Lithium Amide of 11 to Promote Enhanced Stereoselectivity toward BDQ (3)

BDQ (3) Assay Yield Scale of quinoline 1 Additive d.r. (syn:anti) ee LiBr 64% 25 g 13.1:1 51% 75 g 64% LiBr 56% 13.6:1 **CHIRAL BASE** 

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In general, all results indicate that the diastereoselectivity is the most sensitive parameter during BDQ (3) synthesis. There is a certain level of complexity associated with the formation of lithium aggregates in solution that makes their precise control very challenging, especially at small scales. Considering the sensitivity of this chemistry, it becomes more evident why a simplified procedure that does not make use of many reagents or additives to promote the desired stereoselectivity is ideal for BDQ (3) synthesis. A higher number of reagents and additives introduces additional stoichiometric sensitivities and the potential introduction of perturbing impurities. In this context, the M4ALL's chiral transfer approach for the BA reaction resembles our previous nonchiral approach since the only methodology modification was the replacement of pyrrolidine with the chiral amine 11.

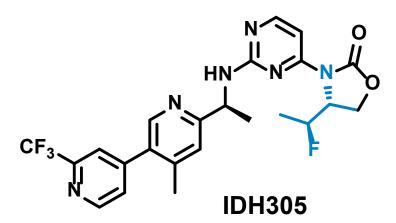


## Case study IDH305:

### Project background

- Therapeutic Area: Oncology
- Mode of action: Inhibitor of mutant isocitrate dehydrogenase 1 (IDH1)
- Special biological features: potential brain penetration
- ■Main potential indications: Acute myeloid leukemia, Glioma & Glioblastoma
- Special chemical features: βfluorooxazolidinone

Shin Cho et al. ACS Med. Chem. Let. 2017, 8, 1116-1121.



## Synthesis for initial scale-up

 $K_2CO_3$ 

## Synthesis for initial scale-up

1 to 5: ~50%

threonine 
$$\frac{1}{1}$$
  $\frac{1}{1}$   $\frac{1}$ 

F<sub>3</sub>C 12

Overall ~14%

 $K_2CO_3$ 

K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

CF<sub>3</sub>

Cbz group: pro & cons?

K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

## **Opportunities**

#### **Difluoropyrimidine:**

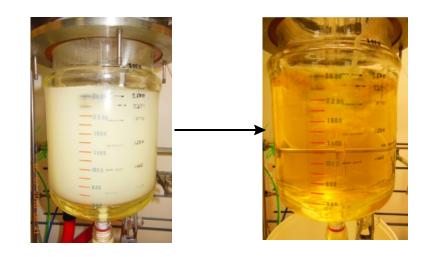
- Very sensitive to hydrolysis and residual BnOH
- Limited availability on scale
- High price

#### Fluorinated waste

#### **Process unfriendly reaction conditions:**

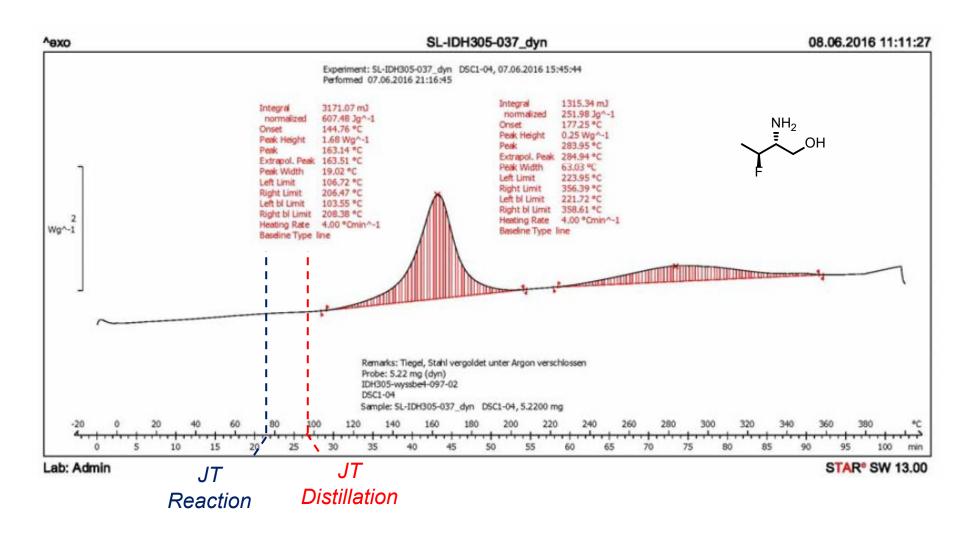
- NaH, Crown ether
- N-Methylpyrrolidinone

## Access to a cleaner oxazolidinone

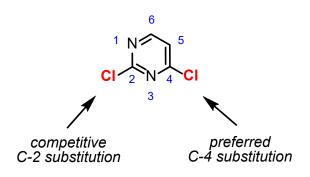


Side products?

## Thermal stability



2.4-dichloropyrimidine (DCP)



SNAr using weak nucleophiles:
• low reactivity

• uses protic polar solvents and

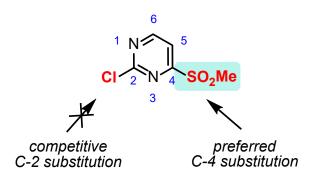
strong basestivity issue between

C-4 and C-2 amination

Entry	Solvent	Base (equiv)	Temp (°C)	DCP	C-4	C-2
1	THF	NaH (1.1)	60	26	15	14
2	Me-THF	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (3)	80	49	24	15
3	Toluene	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (3)	110	31	28	8
4	MeCN	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (3)	60	16	63	13
5	Sulfolane	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (3)	110	7	72	7
6	N-Butylpyrrolidone	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	80	1	75	5

> Isolated yield: 68% with ca. 6% in ML

Bruening, F. et al. Eur. J. Org. Chem. 2017, 3222-3228.



SNAr using weak nucleophiles:
• high reactivity

- excellent selectivity at C-4
- mild conditions
- unstable

Entry	SM	Additive (equiv)	yield C-4 / C-2		
1	CI,SO <sub>2</sub> Me	-	89 >99:1		
2ª	DCP	MeSO <sub>2</sub> Na (1)	imp + degradation		
3 <sup>a</sup>	DCP	MeSO₂Na (0.03)	22 1.3:1		
<b>4</b> <sup>a</sup>	DCP	MeSO <sub>2</sub> Na (0.03) + TBABr (0.1)	91	42:1	
5 <sup>a</sup>	DCP	TBABr (0.1)	72	8:1	

<sup>a</sup>Reaction run in THF at 50 °C using unsubstitued oxazolidinone as model substrate

Impurity formed at high MeSO<sub>2</sub>Na loading

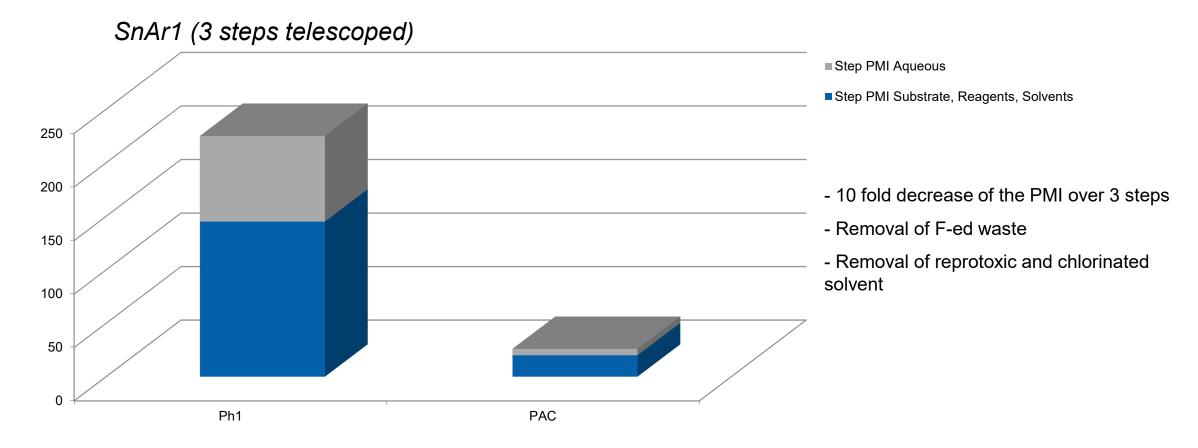
92% isolated yield C-4/C-2: >99:1

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#### On 1 kg scale:

Isolated yield: 71.3% over 3 steps (ca. 89%/step) Purity 99.3 A%, regioisomer 0.06 A%

## **Effect on sustainability**



# Break?



# Sustainable Processes



## **Process development**

«The ideal chemical process is that which a one-armed operator can perform by pouring the reactants into a bathtub and collecting pure product from the drain hole.»

Sir John Cornforth (Nobel Prize, 1976)



# Aspects to consider in process development

- ✓ Safety
- ✓ Number of steps
- ✓ Yield
- ✓ Complexity of the synthesis
- ✓ Robustness
- ✓ Ecologically benign
- Environmentally acceptable
- ✓ Availability of raw materials
- ✓ Economy

- Choice/Stoichiometry of reagents
- Choice of solvent/solvent effects
- Order of addition
- Concentration/volume
- Stirring/Mixing
- Analysis
- Temperature control
- Pressure/gaz evolution?
- Work-up
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## **Solvent & reagents**



### Solvent Selection Guide – Chem21

Ranking	Solvents
Recommended	Water, EtOH, iPrOH, nBuOH, AcOEt, AcOiPr, AcOnBu, PhOMe, sulfolane
Recommended or Problematic?	MeOH, tBuOH, BnOH, ethylene glycol, acetone, MEK, MIBK, cyclohexanone, AcOMe, AcOH, Ac <sub>2</sub> O
Problematic	Me-THF, heptane, Me-cyclohexane, toluene, xylene, chlorobenzene, acetonitrile, DMPU, DMSO
Problematic or Hazardous ?	THF, MTBE, cyclohexane, DCM, formic acid, pyridine
Hazardous	iPr <sub>2</sub> O, dioxane, DME, pentane, hexane, DMF, DMA, NMP, TEA, methoxyethanol
Highly hazardous	Et <sub>2</sub> O, Benzene, CCl <sub>4</sub> , chloroform, DCE, nitromethane



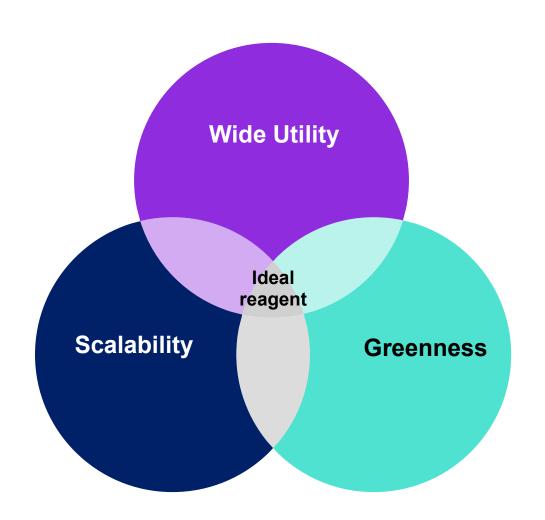


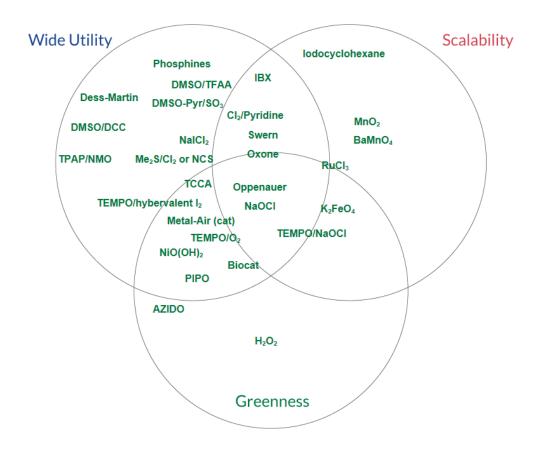


67% convergence (AZ, ACS GCI, GSK, Pfizer, Sanofi)
The divergences reflect the different weighing of criteria

Denis Prat, John Hayler, Andy Wells *Green Chem.* **2014**, *16*, 4546.

## **ACS** reagent guide





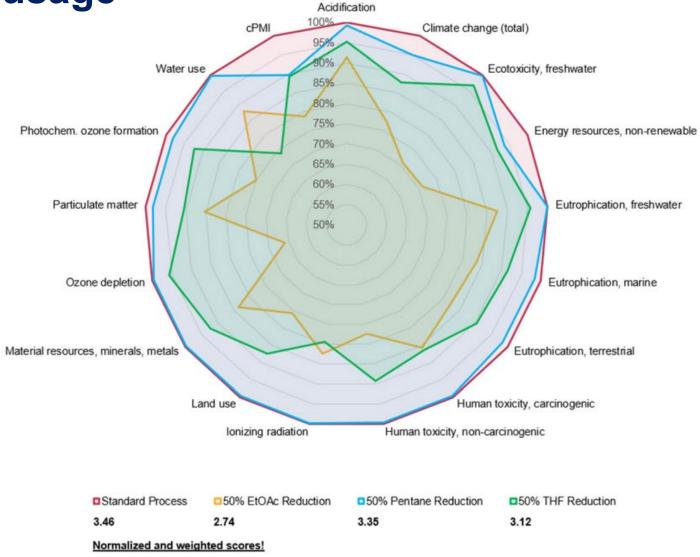
## **2024 Green Assessments**

		Materials	Particulate matter EF v3.1 no LT	Photochem. ozone formation EF v3 1 no LT	Water use EF v3.1 no LT	Precision Score - Material				
	Mater		Disease incidence	kg NMVOC eq	m3 deprived	acc. to Figure 4	250	Material resources	Ozone depletion	Particulate mat
		2-Bromochlorobenzene	0.00000011	0.01019104	6.44835067	70%	no LT	EF v3.1 no LT Minerals, metals	EF v3.1 no LT ODP100 Years	EF v3.1 no LT
100.0		1.3-Dimethoxybenzene	0.00000017	0.01203710	1.64413183	70%		kg Sb eq	kg CFC-11 eq	Disease inciden
Ma	2-Bromochlo	n-Butyl lithium	0.00000125	0.07598894	39.96838526	70%	2996	0.00001495	0.00000028	0.00000011
	1.3-Dimethox	Chlorodicyclohexylphosph.	0.00000192	0.45346309	20.78250682	50%	9535	0.00003007	0.0000019	0.00000017
	n-Butyl I	Silica gel	0.00000009	0.00379393	0.61007998	80%	4157	0.00033385	0.00000101	0.00000125
2-Bromoc C	hlorodicycloh	Cellulose acetate	0.00000026	0.01574273	8.28030292	80%	19536	0.00034103	0.00000979	0.00000192
1.3-Dimet	Silica	Iron(III) chloride	0.00000001	0.00058938	0.12780337	95%	7582	0.00004300	0.00000001	0.00000009
n-But	Cellulose	Pd(OAc)2	0.00000274	0.28071208	2.79555207	80%	9467	0.00006916	0.00000021	0.00000026
Chlorodicyc	Iron(III) cl	Methylmagnesium chloride	0.00000366	0.02641772	0.56882861	70%	1239	0.00000588	0.00000006	0.00000001
Sili	Pd(OA	Tetrahydrofuran	0.00000345	0.24060676	142.59338646	95%	5178	0.00070005	0.00000010	0.00000274
Cellulo N	lethylmagnes	n-Hexane	0.00000002	0.00618925	0.27588895	95%	4059	0.00001130	0.00000163	0.00000366
Iron(III	Tetrahyd	Ethyl acetate	0.00000334	0.32094189	45.48378411	95%	59248	0.00037177	0.00000136	0.00000345
Pd	n-Hex	Acetone	0.00000030	0.03427291	3.54771212	95%	5620	0.00000460	0.00000004	0.00000002
Methylmagr	Ethyl ac	Methanol	0.00000001	0.00190840	0.09609906	95%	57227	0.00045631	0.00000114	0.00000334
Tetrah	Aceto	Pentane	0.00000066	0.06243819	0.81135036	95%	7153	0.00003543	0.00000007	0.00000030
n-t-	Metha	Water	0.00000000	0.00000006	0.00001227	95%	9650	0.00000086	0.00000002	0.00000001
Ethyl	Penta	SUM	0.00001799	1.54529349	274.03417489		5874	0.00000954	0.00000008	0.00000066
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Comparison of material usage



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Fig. 6 Relative spider diagram of development scenarios and their normalized and weighted score.

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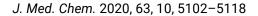
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## **Telescoping**

Pros Cons

### Remibrutinib

- *Therapeutic Area:* Immunology
- Special biological features: Highly selective Bruton kinase covalent inhibitor
- *Main indication*: urticaria, affect ca. 40 million people worldwide
- Special chemical features: no chiral center, acrylamide moiety



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## Intermediate Received For Campaign

SI.	Tests	Results				
1	Appearance		Off white solid along with black particles			
2	Identification (HPLC-RT)	Complies				
	Purity (By HPLC)	99.4 %				
	Sum of impurities	0.	5 %			
	Other by-products each	RRT	% Area			
3		0.726	0.05			
		0.733	0.06			
		0.91	0.20			
		0.93	0.09			
		1.02	0.11			
4	Assay (By potentiometric titration)	96.8 %				

STORAGE: Preserve in an air tight container, store at below 30°C

CONCLUSION: Complies

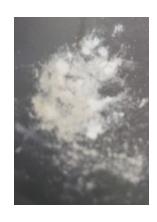
#### Compound received from our Supplier



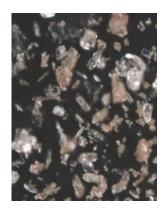
**Figure 1**. Hand picked lumps



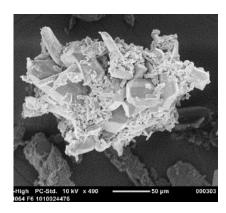
**Figure 2**. Dark lumps sieved off from the batch



**Figure 3**. Grinded sieved off lumps



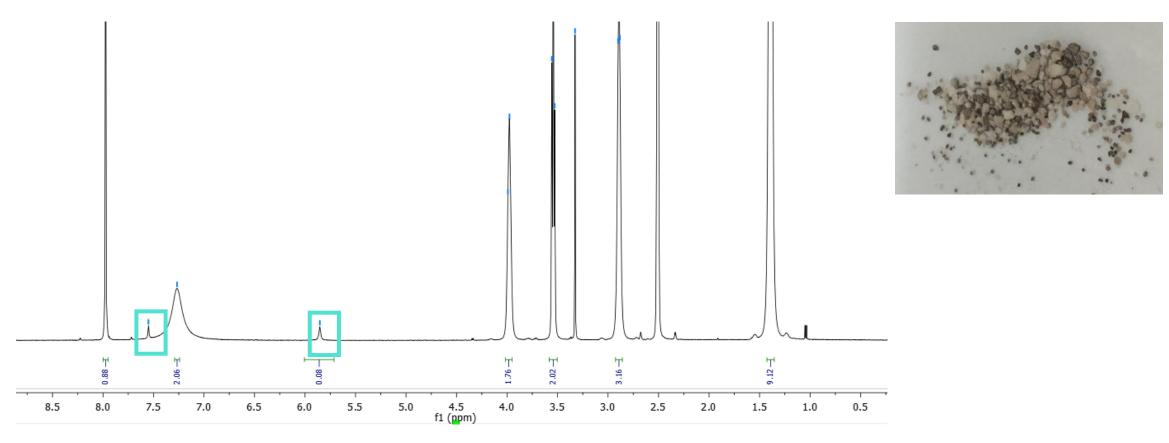
**Figure 4**. Microscopic pictures of the grinded lumps



**Figure 5**. SEM picture of the grinded lumps

### Investigation

#### NMR of sieved 7 (enriched in black matter)



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#### **Trituration with Acetone**

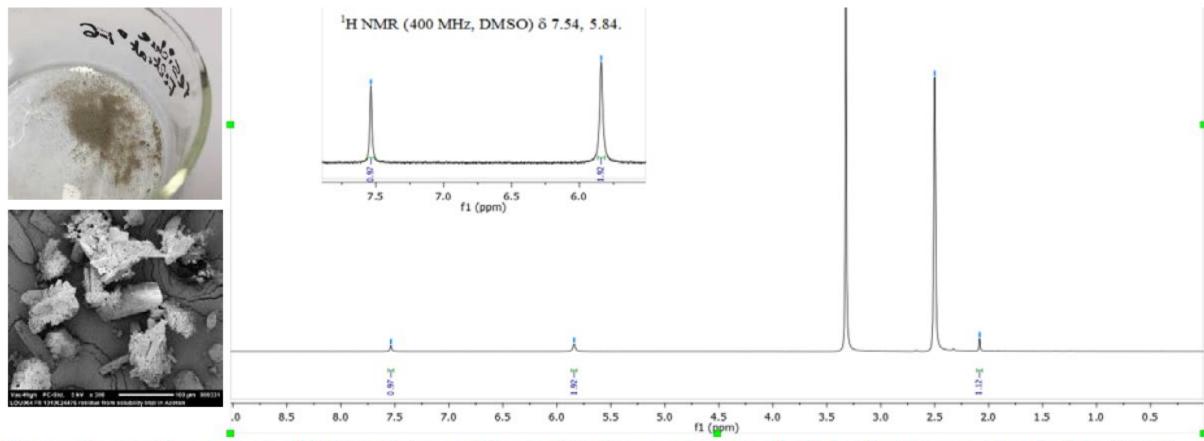
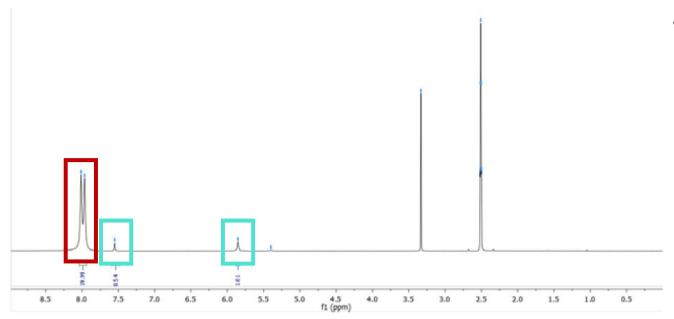


Figure 3: NMR spectra and SEM picture of the isolated grey compound. Only the two previously identified signals belong to the impurity

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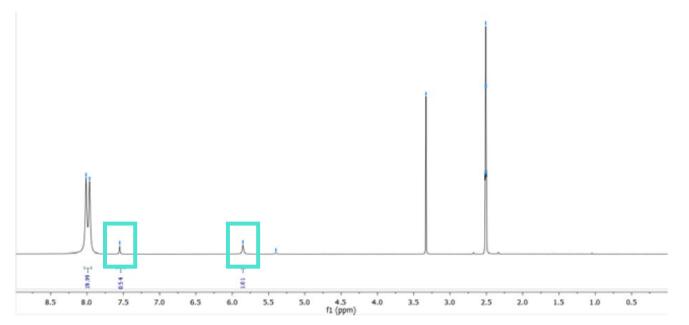


- Widely used as foaming agent
- Used in food chemistry outside of EU (E927) to bleach flour and as a dough conditioner
- «Yoga mat» chemical



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### **Excess Reagent Carry Over**



- No toxicological alert
- Real ingredient found in food

## Break?



# Use case: IDH305 side chain

#### **Side Chain - Initial Route:**

$$CF_{3} + CF_{3} + C$$

#### **Side Chain - Alternate Route 1**

0.5 eq camphoric acid

NHAc

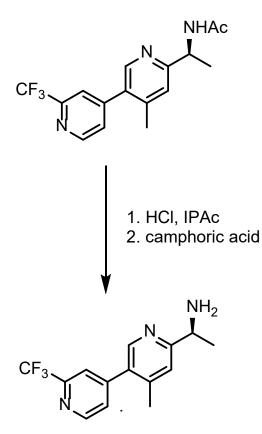
 $NH_2$ 

#### **Side Chain - Alternate Route 1**

- High enantiopurity obtained (>98% ee)
- Good overall conversion

#### But:

- Sourcing of starting material of suitable quality uncertain
- 2 transition metals used in the sequence
- Special equipment required (H<sub>2</sub>, 4 bar)



0.5 eq camphoric acid

#### Side Chain - Alternate Route 2: DKR

#### Side Chain DKR - mechanism

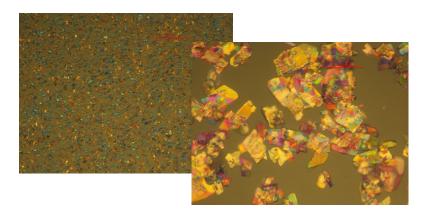
Solubility difference between the diastereoisomeric salts:

1.2% (R, R) vs 0.6% (S, R)



#### Side Chain - Alternate Route 2: DKR

- Good enantioselectivity
- Very easy set-up
- Fumarate salt gives coarse particles facilitating filtration



#### **Side Chain Transaminase**

## Main Chain: SN<sub>Ar</sub> 2

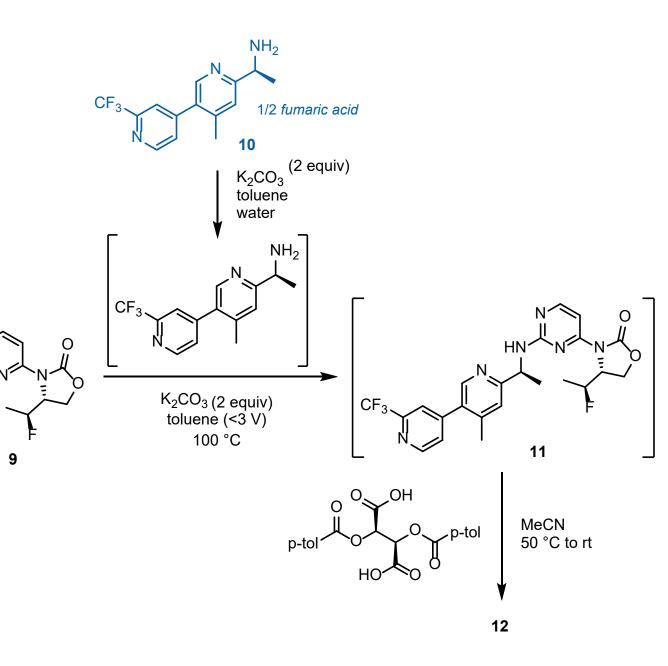
## Main Chain: SN<sub>Ar</sub> 2

- First trials needed >72 h to reach acceptable conversion in toluene
- Scale up effect was observed between 100 mg and 1 g scale reactions which gave us a hint on the impact of concentration
- → use of 3 V of toluene gave >98% conv. in less than 24 h

### Main chain: SN<sub>Ar</sub>2

- Free basing of the side chain has to be done prior to the reaction
- Toluene suitable for free basing
- After conversion, an AcOH 1N wash removes traces of the side chain
- A solvent switch to MeCN and addition of tartaric salt allows for an easily isolation
- Crystallisation purges all remaining impurities except desfluoro

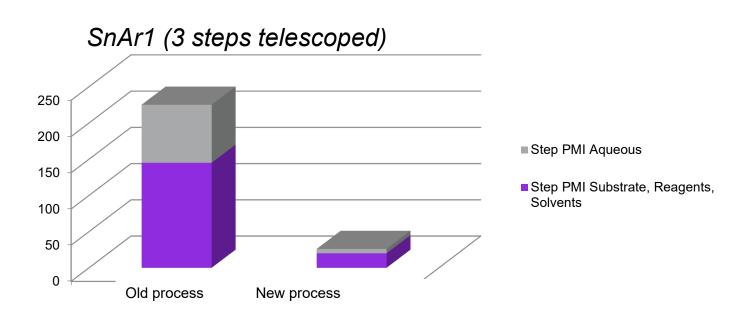
Isolated yield on kg-scale: 87%

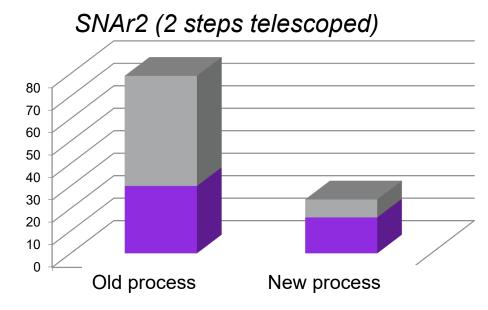


#### **Effect on sustainability**

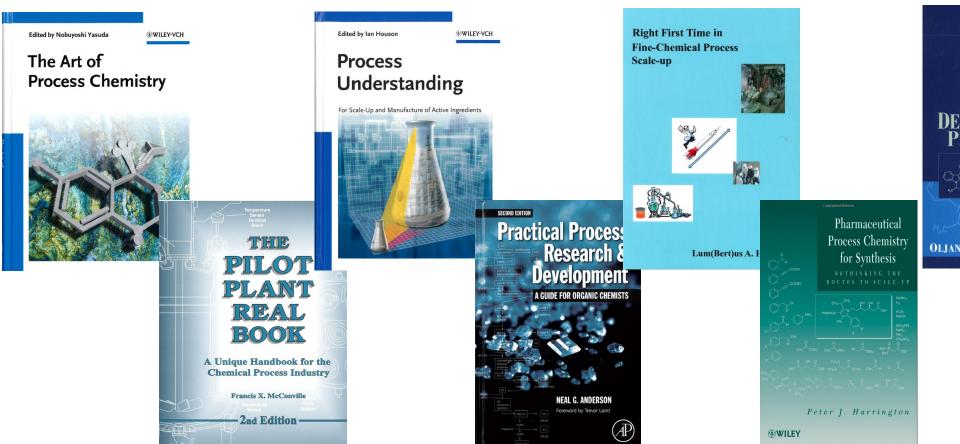
#### **Additional decrease in PMI**

#### Removal of undesired solvents and fluorinated waste





#### **Book recommendations**

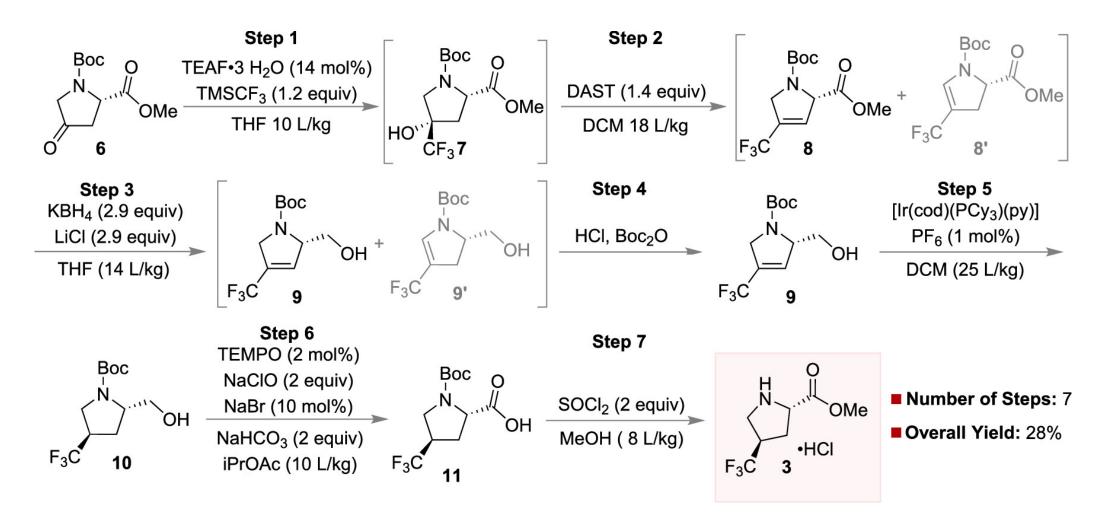




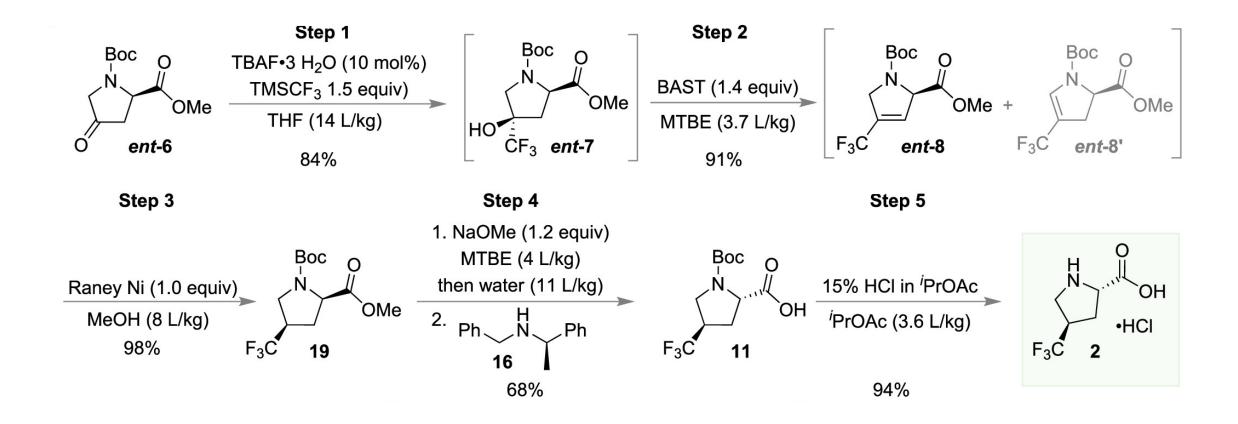
# **Assignement 2024**



#### Synthesis 1



#### **Synthesis 2**



#### **Assignement**

- Assume that maximum daily dose for this drug is 200 mg. What would be the maximum concentration for an impurity that:
  - has no structural alerts?
  - has a structural alert for mutagenicity?
  - has a acceptable intake of 100 ng/day?
- 2. Discuss the pro and cons of each routes according to efficiency, thermal safety, equipment, environmental concerns...
- 3. Justify your choice of the route based on pharmaceutical industry priorities.

# **Assignement 2023**





### Back to the early main chain of IDH305

threonine 
$$\begin{array}{c} & & & \\$$

Impurity profile of 5: formation of the chloroanalogue (up to 0.2 A%):

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Mutagenic in Ames test

#### **Deoxofluorination with HF/SF**<sub>4</sub>

threonine 
$$\begin{array}{c} SF_4 \\ \hline \\ HN \\ \hline \\ OMe \\ \\ OMe \\ \hline \\ OMe \\ \\ OMe \\ \hline \\ OMe \\ \\ OMe \\ \hline \\ OMe \\ \\ OMe \\ \hline \\ OMe \\ \\ OMe \\ \\ OMe \\ \hline \\ O$$

#### **Deoxofluorination with HF/SF**<sub>4</sub>

- Excess HF necessary to avoid formation of iminosulfur derivatives:
   5 equiv HF, 3.0 equiv SF<sub>4</sub>, 5 V DCM, -78 °C, o/n
- Overall yield 67%, dr 92:8

#### **Aziridine opening**

#### Collaboration with Prof. Gilmour

Molnár, I. et al Chem. Eur. J. 2014, 20, 794-800.

<b>Table 4.</b> Enantioselective, organocatalytic aziridination of small and medium cyclic enals $(15 \rightarrow 18)$ using catalyst $(S)-1$ . <sup>[a]</sup>					
	$(CH_2)_n$ $n = 3-6$		0 mol% (S)-1 equiv. NaOAc n-heptane rt	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>n</sub>	(N−Boc H
	Substrate	Conditions	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup> (conversion)	d.r. <sup>[c]</sup>	e.r.
1	15	0.1 mmol scale 4 h	78 (>99)	>20:1	98.5:1.5 <sup>[d]</sup>
2		0.1 mmol scale 29 h 1.00 mmol scale 39 h	84 (>99) 81 (>99)	>20:1 >20:1	97.5:2.5 <sup>[d]</sup> 96.0:4.0 <sup>[d]</sup>
4	16	5.00 mmol scale 3 d	83 (97)	>20:1	95.5:4.5 <sup>[d]</sup>
5		0.1 mmol scale 8 d	93 (>98)	>20:1	98.5:1.5 <sup>[e]</sup>
6	17	1.00 mmol scale 13 d	91 (95)	> 20:1	98.5:1.5 <sup>[e]</sup>
7 8	18	0.1 mmol scale 6 d 1.00 mmol scale 8 d	85 (97) 85 (96)	> 20:1 > 20:1	99.0:1.0 <sup>[e]</sup> 99.5:0.5 <sup>[e]</sup>

#### **Aziridine opening**

- Organocatalyst should be easy to access and affordable
- High loading of catalyst
- TASF is too expensive for large scale manufacturing
- Reaction conditions should be mild and compatible to a multi-purpose lab/plant

#### **Aziridine opening**

Dr. J. Metternich

#### **Assignement**

- 1. Propose a mechanism for the formation of the chloro impurity.
- 2. Calculate the authorized concentration of the chloro impurity assuming lifetime treatment and a daily dose of 500 mg.
- 3. Three options were presented for the early main chain of IDH305:
  - analyse each routes (pros & cons) by keeping in mind pharmaceutical industry priorities
  - pick your favorite and explain your decision.

