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Multistep Reaction Based *De Novo* Drug Design: Generating Synthetically Feasible Design Ideas

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Pictet-Spengler^{1,2,3,4,5,6,7}



Reaction Notes:

• This reaction can produce regioisomers for some reagents.

Benzimidazole via Condensation with Carboxylic Acid/Ester^{1,8}



Reaction Notes:

• This reaction is possible with any six-membered aromatic heterocycle.

Benzimidazole via Condensation with Aldehyde^{1,8,9,10}



Reaction Notes:

• This reaction is possible with any six-membered aromatic heterocycle.

Niementowski Quinazoline Synthesis^{1,11}



Terminal Tetrazole via Cycloaddition^{1,12,13}



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2,5-Tetrazole via Cycloaddition¹



Reaction Notes:

• This reaction is not regioselective, but has an alternative product. There is an additional step where the halogen (X) is substituted with azide (NaN₃).

1,5-Tetrazole via Cycloaddition¹



Reaction Notes:

• This reaction is not regioselective, but has an alternative product. There is an additional step where the halogen (X) is substituted with azide (NaN₃).

1,4-Subst Cu Catalyzed Huisgen^{1,14,15}



Reaction Notes:

- $\mathbf{X} = \mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{Br}, \mathrm{I}$
- $\mathbf{R1} = \operatorname{aryl}, \operatorname{alkyl}$
- $\mathbf{R2}$ = aliphatic carbon
- The halogen or hydroxyl group is substituted under Mitsunobu conditions with NaN₃. The stereochemistry must be considered at the secondary halides/alcohols.

1,5-Subst Ru Catalyzed Huisgen^{1,14}



Reaction Notes:

- $\mathbf{X} = \mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{Br}, \mathrm{I}$
- $\mathbf{R1} = \operatorname{aryl}, \operatorname{alkyl}$
- $\mathbf{R2}$ = aliphatic carbon
- The halogen or hydroxyl group is substituted under Mitsunobu conditions with NaN₃. The stereochemistry must be considered at the secondary halides/alcohols.

Huisgen with Disubstituted Alkyne^{1,14}



Reaction Notes:

- $\mathbf{X} = \mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{Br}, \mathrm{I}$
- $\mathbf{R1} = \operatorname{aryl}, \operatorname{alkyl}$
- $\mathbf{R2}$ = aliphatic carbon
- This reaction is not regioselective rather asymmetrically substituted alkynes form both regioisomers. The halogen or hydroxyl group is substituted under Mitsunobu conditions with NaN₃. The stereochemistry must be considered at the secondary halides/alcohols.

1,2,4-Triazole via Condensation with Acetohydrazide¹



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1,2,4-Triazole via Condensation with Carboxylic Acid/Ester^{Error! Reference source not found.}



Reaction Notes:

• There is an additional nucleophilic substitution with hydrazine step.

3-Nitrile Pyridine via Condensation¹



Reaction Notes:

- R1 and R2 must be an aromatic or aliphatic carbon and not carbonyl/carboxylic acid.
- Central carbon of reactant must have at least one hydrogen atom attached.
- Only one of the carbonyl groups of the reactant can be part of the product ring.
- This reaction has the potential to produce regioisomers due to symmetric substructure definition.

1,3,5-Pyrazole via Condensation¹



Reaction Notes:

- R1 and R2 must be an aromatic or aliphatic carbon and not carbonyl/carboxylic acid.
- R3 = H, C, or possibly even C=O
- Central carbon of reactant must have at least one hydrogen atom attached.
- Only one of the carbonyl groups of the reactant can be part of the product ring.
- This reaction has the potential to produce regioisomers due to symmetric substructure definition.

2,4-Phthalazinone via Condensation¹



Reaction Notes:

- R2 must be C, but not a C=O, C=S, or C=N
- This reaction is possible with any six-membered aromatic heterocycle, even if it is substituted.

Paal-Knorr^{1,16,17,18}

Pyrrole



Reaction Notes:

- The two central carbons of first reactant may be substituted, but must contain at least one hydrogen atom.
- The second reactant must be a primary amine.

Furan



Reaction Notes:

• Acid-catalyzed synthesis results in hemiacetal intermediate followed by furan formation.

Thiophene



Reaction Notes:

- Addition of sulfonization agent P_2S_5 is required to produce intermediate thicketone.
- Acid-catalyzed reaction results in thiophene.

Triaryl Imidazole via Condensation¹



Reaction Notes:

- The first reactant may be a keto or a hydroxyl group.
- The second reactant must be an aldehyde connected to any aromatic system.

Fischer Indole Synthesis¹



Reaction Notes:

• This reaction can produce regioisomers for some reagents.

Friedlaender Quinoline^{1,19}



Indole Synthesis^{1,20}



Reaction Notes:

• Br or I allowed on the heterocyclic reactant.

Imidazole via Condensation¹



Reaction Notes:

- R1 and R2: The first atom must be a C
- R3: aryl, N

Copper-Catalyzed Azide-Alkyne Cycloaddition^{21,22}



Reaction Notes:

- R1: Alkyl or CH₂OBn
- **R2**: Ph or CO_2H

Spiro Chromanone via Condensation¹



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Benzofuran via Cycloaddition¹



Reaction Notes:

• Br or I are allowed on the heterocyclic reactant.

Pechmann Condensation²³



Reaction Notes:

• Requires addition of Lewis Acid AlCl₃.

Benzothiophene via Condensation¹



Reaction Notes:

• Br or I are allowed on the heterocyclic reactant.

Benzothiazole via Condensation¹



Reaction Notes:

• This reaction is possible with any six-membered heterocycle.

Benzoxazole via Condensation with Aromatic Aldehyde 1



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Benzoxazole via Condensation with Carboxylic \mathbf{Acid}^1



Reaction Notes:

• This reaction is possible with any six-membered heterocycle.

Hantzsch Thiazole¹



Reaction Notes:

- X: Cl, Br, or I
- Neither carbons in the C=O or C-X groups cannot be part of a ring
Oxadiazole via Condensation¹



Reaction Notes:

• The nitrile must be converted to an amidoxime by the hydroxylamine reagent prior to the reaction.

Heterocycle Ring Formation²⁴



Reaction Notes:

- C1 should not have a =O, =S, or a halogen attached.
- C2 should not have a =O, =S, or =N attached.
- C3 & C4 should have 2 hydrogens attached.
- The other carbon and nitrogen in the second reagent can be substituted and be a C, N, O, or S.
- X can be a Cl or Br.

Dieckmann Condensation^{25,26,27}



Reaction Notes:

- Intramolecular condensation reaction.
- R groups can be alkyl or aryl.
- Addition of alkoxide base necessary to drive reaction.

Williamson Ether¹



Reaction Notes:

- X: Must be a Cl, Br, or I primary alkyl halide.
- The hydroxy group may be attached to an aromatic or aliphatic $(1^0, 2^0, \text{ or } 3^0)$ carbon.

Biaryl via Decarboxylative Coupling^{1,28}



Reaction Notes:

- A: C, S, or N
- X: Cl, Br, or I

Migita-Kosugi-Stille Coupling^{1,29}



Reaction Notes:

- Reactant one must be transformed into organotin (stannane) first.
- **R1**: vinyl (C=C), aryl
- X1: Br, I
- Ar: any aromatic system
- X2: Cl, Br, I

Chan-Lam Coupling^{1,30}



Reaction Notes:

- This reaction works with various 5-membered aromatic rings that contain NH even if they are fused to other rings.
- Regioisomers are likely to be produced in the case where protomers of the 5-membered heterocycle exist.
- R1: aryl

Reductive Amination¹



Mitsunobu Imide¹



Reaction Notes:

- This reaction causes an inversion of stereochemistry at chiral centers.
- There are no restrictions on R1, R3, and R4; however, R2 must be either hydrogen or carbon.

Mitsunobu Sulfonamide¹



Reaction Notes:

- This reaction causes an inversion of stereochemistry at chiral centers.
- There are no restrictions on R1, R3, and R4; however, R2 must be either hydrogen or carbon.

Mitsunobu Phenol¹



Reaction Notes:

- This reaction causes an inversion of stereochemistry at chiral centers.
- There are no restrictions on R1; however, R2 must be either hydrogen or carbon.

Mitsunobu Tetrazole¹

Mitsunobu 1,5-Tetrazole (tautomers)



Mitsunobu 2,5-Tetrazole (tautomers)



Reaction Notes:

- This reaction causes an inversion of stereochemistry at chiral centers.
- This reaction is not regioselective. An alternative product is substituted at the N at position 2 instead of 1.
- There are no restrictions on R1 or R3; however, R2 must be either hydrogen or carbon.

Buchwald-Hartwig¹



Reaction Notes:

- X: Cl, Br, I
 A: N,C

Suzuki¹



Reaction Notes:

- Any boronic acid (including cyclic structures)
- X: Cl, Br, I

Piperidine Indole via Condensation¹



Heteroatom Alkylation via Nucleophilic Attack¹



Reaction Notes:

- X is a halogen
 The nucleophile can be 1⁰, 2⁰, or 3⁰.

Aldol Condensation^{31,32,33}



Reaction Notes:

• R groups can be aryl or alkyl.

Sonogashira^{1,34}



Reaction Notes:

- **R1**: aryl, vinyl
- X: Br, I
- **R2**: any C

Mizoroki-Heck Terminal Vinyl¹



Reaction Notes:

- R1: aryl, COO, CN (electron withdrawing groups yield trans selectivity)
- R2: aryl, vinyl
- X: Cl, Br, I

Mizoroki-Heck Non-Terminal Vinyl¹



Reaction Notes:

- **R1**: aryl, COO, CN
- R2: aryl, vinyl
- X: Cl, Br, I

Grignard Carbonyl^{1,35,36}



Reaction Notes:

- Reactant 2 must be transformed into Grignard (RMgX) reagent first.
- R2: aryl, alkyl
- X: Cl, Br, I

Grignard Alcohol^{1,37,38}



Reaction Notes:

- Reactant 2 must be transformed into Grignard (RMgX) reagent first.
- It is possible that this reaction will create a stereocenter.
- **R2**: H, C
- X: Cl, Br, I

Negishi^{1,39}



Reaction Notes:

• Formation of Zn halide is required as an additional step.

Wittig^{1,40,41}



Reaction Notes:

- This reactions requires the formation of ylide from the alkyl halide by adding triaryl phosphine.
- Not stereoselective: both E/Z isomers can be formed depending on reaction conditions.
- R1 and R2: aryl, alkyl, vinyl, many functional groups tolerated here.
- X: Cl, Br, I
- Only primary alkyl halides allowed for second reactant.
- R3: must be a carbon, but not attached to Br, I, or OMet (eliminates ylide).

Friedel-Crafts Alkylation^{42,43,44}



Reaction Notes:

- This reaction must utilize an arene.
- **R**: any alkyl group.
- Requires FeCl₃ catalyst.
- X: Cl, Br

Friedel-Crafts Acylation^{45,46,47}



Reaction Notes:

- This reaction must utilize an arene.
- **R**: any alkyl group.
- Requires Lewis Acid Catalyst AlCl₃.

Michael-Addition⁴⁸



Reaction Notes:

- This reaction requires a base (NaOH or KOH) to drive the reaction.
- R groups may be alkyl or aryl.

Schotten-Baumann Amide¹



Reaction Notes:

- Activation of carboxy group (COOH \rightarrow COCl) required as additional step.
- R1, R2, and R3: aryl allowed

Sulfonamide¹



Reaction Notes:

• **R1**: C, N

Wöhler¹ R_1 R_2 N N H₂N + Ń R_2 R_3 R_1 R_2 'N Ŕ₁ н 'N 'N H R₃

Reaction Notes:

- **R1**: C, aryl, alkyl
- R2: C, aryl, alkyl
 R3: C, aryl, alkyl

Thiourea via Nucleophilic Addition¹



Reaction Notes:

- **R1**: C, aryl, alkyl
- R2: C, aryl, alkyl
- R3: C, aryl, alkyl

NHS Ester Reaction⁴⁹



Reaction Notes:

- Requires the NHS (N-Hydroxysuccinimide) ester reagent.
- The R-group needs to start with an oxygen or carbon.
- The amine needs to be a primary amine.

Heteroaromatic via Nucleophilic Substitution^{1,50}



Reaction Notes:

- The heteroatoms activate the para and ortho positions for substitution.
- A: C or N of a pyridine, pyrimidine, or triazine.
- The N cannot be double bonded, triple bonded, or bonded to 3 heavy atoms.

Ortho Substituted Nitroaniline via Nucleophilic Substitution^{1,50}



Reaction Notes:

- The ortho nitro group has an activating effect on nucleophilic substitution.
- The N must not be charged, double bonded, or triple bonded.

Para Substituted Nitroaniline via Nucleophilic Substitution¹



Reaction Notes:

- The para nitro group has an activating effect on nucleophilic substitution.
- The N must not be charged, double bonded, or triple bonded.
Weinreb-Nahm Amide^{51,52}



Reaction Notes:

• **R**: aryl or alkyl.

Staudinger Reaction^{53,54}

 $R - N_3$ $R - NH_2$

Reaction Notes:

- Addition of PPh₃ is required to react with the azide.
- R: any alkyl or aryl group.

Beckmann Rearrangement^{55,56}



Reaction Notes:

- Amide synthesis via oxime rearrangement. Requires acid catalyst H₂SO₄. •
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Amide Reduction^{57,58}



Imine Reduction^{59,60}



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Nitrile Reduction⁶¹



Ester Reduction⁶²



Both products are formed; however, only one is randomly selected to be included in the synthesis.

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