### Total Synthesis of Kinamycins C, F, and J



Kinamycin scaffold

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### **Isolation and Brief History**

Kinamycins A, B, C, and D isolated from fermentation broth of *Streptomyces murayamaensis* (Ito, Hata)

Assignment of core structure subject of controversy

Installation of densely oxygenated cyclohexane D-ring and diazo functionality present synthetic challenges

Kinamycin family known to possess antibiotic and antitumor activities



Kinamycin scaffold

Kinamycin **A**:  $\mathbb{R}^1 = \mathbb{H}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{A}c$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{A}c$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^4 = \mathbb{A}c$ Kinamycin **B**:  $\mathbb{R}^1 = \mathbb{H}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{H}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{A}c$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^4 = \mathbb{H}$ Kinamycin **C**:  $\mathbb{R}^1 = \mathbb{A}c$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{A}c$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{H}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^4 = \mathbb{A}c$ Kinamycin **D**:  $\mathbb{R}^1 = \mathbb{H}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{A}c$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{H}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^4 = \mathbb{A}c$ 

Ito, S.; *J. Antibiot.* **1970**, *23*, 315 Hata, T; *J. Antibiot.* **1971**, *24*, 353 Gould, S. J.; *Chem. Rev.* **1997**, *97*, 2499

### Initial Structural Assignment of Kinamycin Core



cyanobenzo[b]carbazole system

Used IR, <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, and X-ray analysis to assign kinamycin core

- Poor quality X-ray data of kinamycin C
- Could not unambiguously assign X-Y-Z connectivity
- Either cyanide or isocyanide (diazo connectivity not considered(?))

Hata, T.; *Isr. J. Chem.* **1972**, *10*, 173 Dmitrienko, G. I.; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1994**, *116*, 2207 - 2208

### **Structural Revisions**

Gould and Dmitrienko independently revised structure based upon (original) X-ray structure, as well as indepth IR, NMR, and synthetic studies.





compared to...



Original assignment of kinamycin core

cyanobenzo[b]carbazole system

22 N-cyanoindole derivatives (Dmitrienko):

- IR range (2237 2245 cm<sup>-1</sup>)
- <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\delta$  105 108) for cyanamide carbon

Kinamycin spectral data (Hata):

- IR range (2119 2170<sup>-1</sup>)
- <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\delta$  78.5 83.7) "cyanamide" carbon

Dmitrienko, G. I.; *Tet. Lett.* **1990**, *31*, 3681 Gould, S.; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1994**, *116*, 2207 - 2210. Dmitrienko, G. I.; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1994**, *116*, 2207 - 2208

## **Structural Revisions**

reassignment

Original assignment of kinamycin core (Hata)



cyanobenzo[b]carbazole system



Revised kinamycin core (Gould & Dmitrienko)



diazobenzo[b]fluorene ring system

Kinamycin spectral data: Diazo bands - IR (2119 - 2170<sup>-1</sup>) -C=N=N <sup>13</sup>C NMR (δ 78.5 - 83.7) diazo carbon

Crystal structure of kinamycin D (Gould)

Gould, S.; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1994**, *116*, 2207 - 2210. Dmitrienko, G. I.; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1994**, *116*, 2207 - 2208

### Proposed mechanism-of-action

#### Pathways to DNA cleavage



#### Experimental observations



multiple aromatic solvents were screened

Feldman, K. S.; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2005**, *127*, 15344 Melander, C.; *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2006**, *16*, 5148 Arya, D. P.; *J. Org. Chem.* **1995**, 3268

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Synthesis of two main fragments



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Assembling the kinamycin core



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# Conclusions



Kinamycin C

Nicolaou synthesis summary:

- further manipulates kinamycin C to analogs F and J
- innovative benzoin-like addition to form C-ring
- used enantiomerically pure enone to control D-ring stereochemistry
- utilized CAN oxidation\* to install quinone and diazo moiety

Porco synthesis summary:

- used proposed biomimetic approach to form C-ring
- uses asymmetric epoxidation to control stereochemistry of D-ring