

**DESIGN OF NOVEL DYNAMIC  
LIBRARIES FOR PHOSPHATASE  
INHIBITION AND THE DISCOVERY OF  
NEW ANTIPROLIFERATIVE AGENTS**

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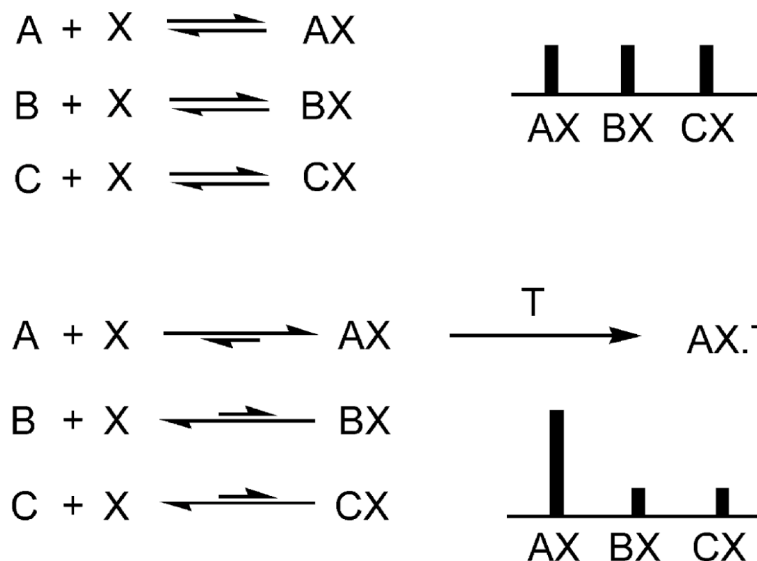
*J.K.M. Sanders*

Dynamic Combinatorial Chemistry (DCC) combines synthesis and screening in a single-step approach to the discovery of new functional molecule.

*J.-M. Lehn and A. Eliseev*

The key feature of DCC is the Dynamic Combinatorial Library (DCL) in which each library member is assembled from building blocks that are connected through reversible bonds. As a result of this reversibility, all library members are interconverting to give a distribution that is under thermodynamic control. Thus addition of a guest molecule, or template, that can selectively bind to one receptor in the library will serve to increase the concentration of that host at the expense of others in the

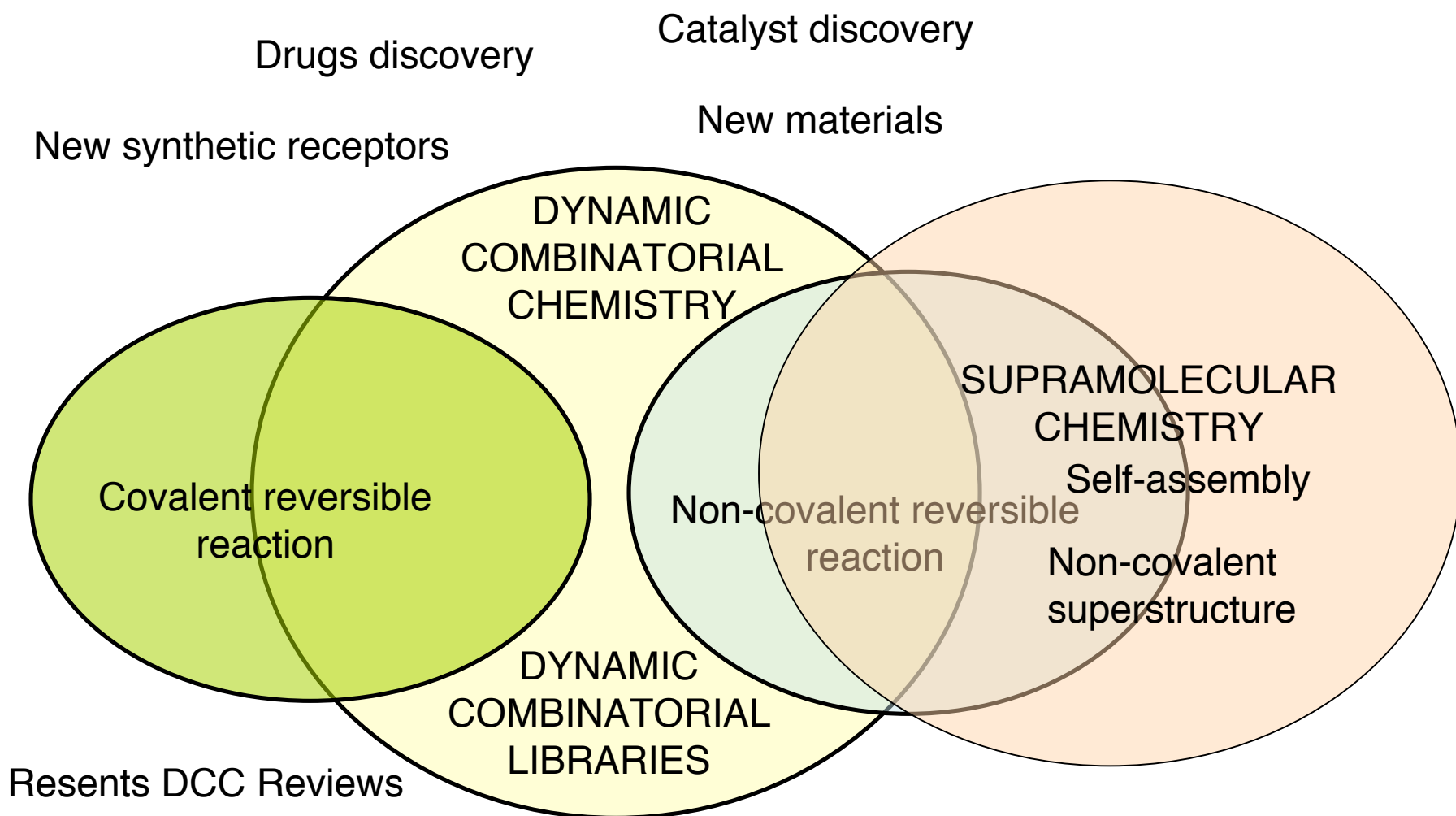
DCL  
*Science*, **2001**, 2331



Reversible reaction performed with limiting amount of **X** generate a mixture of compounds **AX**, **BX**, **CX**. So the library product distribution is thermodynamically controlled and responsive to external influences.

Binding of **AX** to a molecular trap **T** causes perturbation of the equilibrium involving **A** and **X**, giving overall amplification of **AX** at expense of the other library members

*Tetrahedron*, 60 (2004) 771



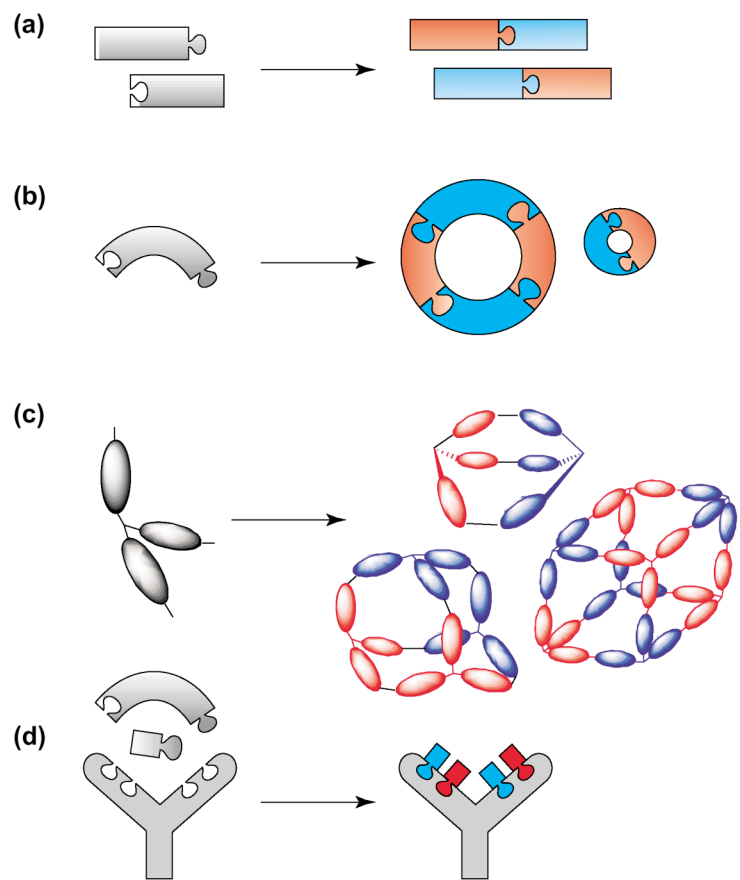
Lehn, J-M et al. *Science* **2002**, 295, 2400

Otto, S. *Curr. Opin Drug. Disc.* **2003**, 6, 509.

Sanders, J. et al. *Curr. Opin Chem. Biol.* **2002**, 6, 321

Lehn, J-M et al. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **2002**, 99, 4763

Sanders, J. et al. *Drug Discov. Today* **2002**, 7, 1117



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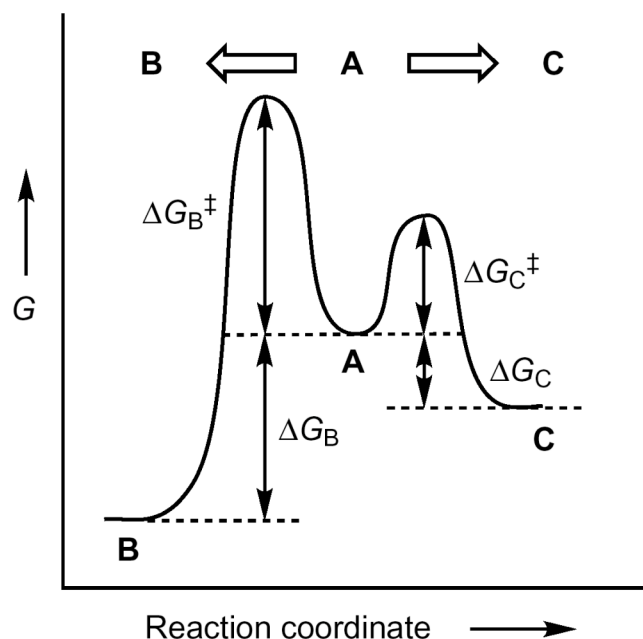
Fig. 2. Libraries made from building blocks with different numbers of functional groups (valency) available for reversible bond formation. **(a)** Mono-functionalized building blocks generate libraries of dimmers, **(b)** di-functionalized building blocks give access to macrocycles, and **(c)** tri-functionalized building blocks generate libraries of capsule-like molecules. **(d)** Mixing building blocks with different valencies further extends the range of possible architectures.

Furlan, R; Otto, S.; Sanders, J. *Drug Discov. Today* **2002**, 7, 1117

# Dynamic Covalent Chemistry

Reactions carried out reversibly under equilibrium conditions.

## Dynamic Covalent Chemistry



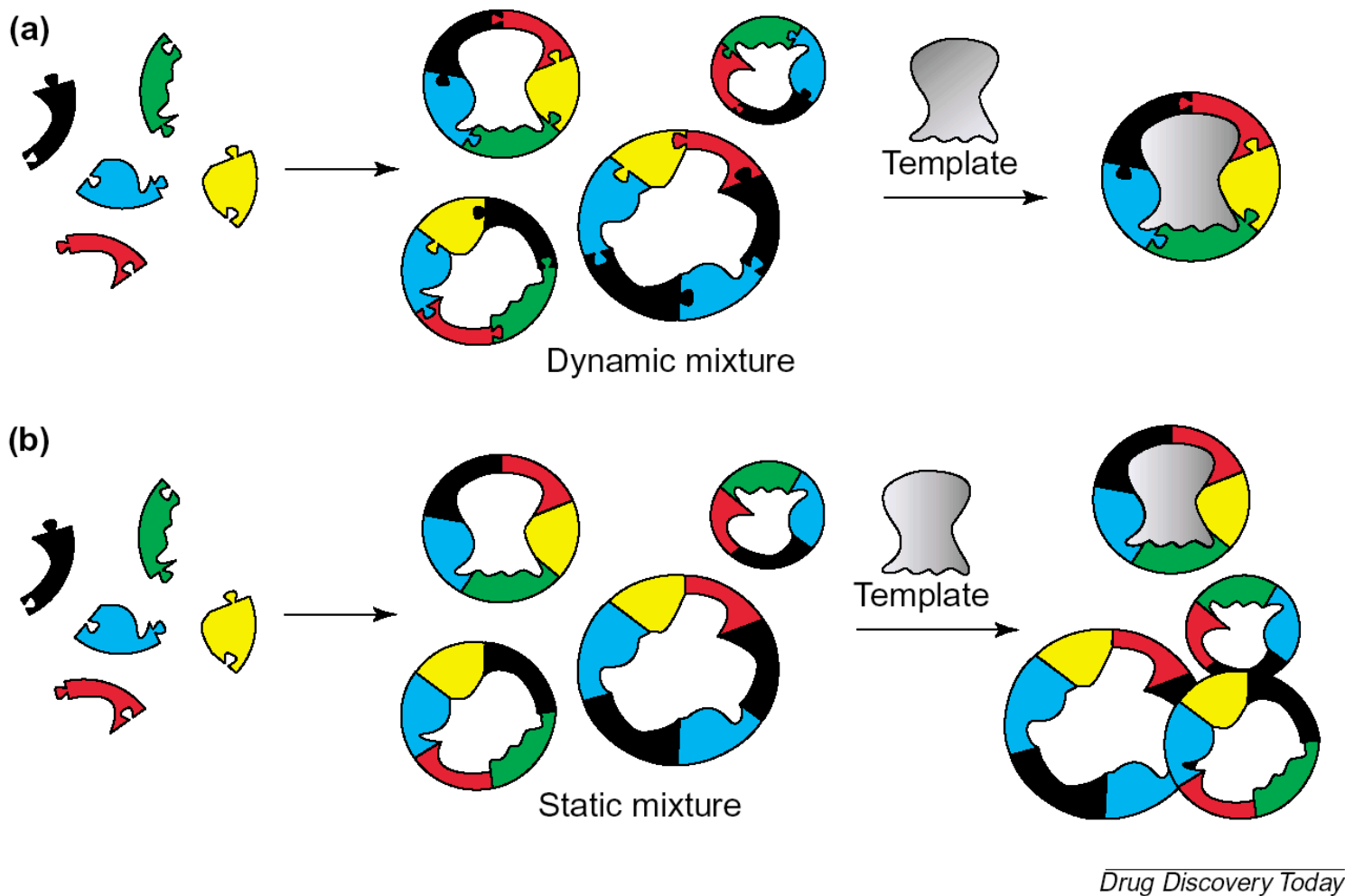
Free energy profile illustrating kinetic (**A to C**) vs. thermodynamic (**A to B**)

Most covalent chemistry is irreversible and so occurs under kinetic control while most supramolecular and dynamic covalent chemistry is reversible and so occurs under thermodynamic control

$$\Delta G^{\circ} = \Delta H - T\Delta S = -RT \ln K \quad (1) \quad \text{Thermodynamic process}$$

Rowan, S.J; Cantrill, S.; Cousins, G. Sanders, J.; Stoddart, F. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* **2002**, 41, 898.

**(a) Dynamic combinatorial chemistry versus  
(b) Traditional combinatorial chemistry.**



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## Comparison of Traditional Combinatorial Libraries with Dynamic Combinatorial Libraries

### Traditional Combinatorial Libraries

- Concentrations unaffected by recognition events
- Selected compounds need to be synthesized independently
- Complex topologies are difficult to access
- Many irreversible reaction available
- Insolubility of some library members of no consequence
- Stepwise control over individual reaction step

### Dynamic Combinatorial Libraries

- Recognition can induce amplification
- Selected compounds can be isolated from the library
- Complex topologies are easier to access
- Limited number of reversible reaction
- All library members need to be soluble
- Limited control because of reversibility

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## **Processes Involved In a DC approach:**

- 1-** Preparation of the mixture of inter-converting molecules
- 2-** Amplification of the best binder through non-covalent interaction with a template
- 3-** Isolation (or re-synthesis of the best binder)

## **The useful reaction suitable for DCC :**

- Should be reversible under physiological conditions (for drug discovery).
- All the components must be soluble under physiological Conditions.
- Should not interfere with the biological functional groups.
- Stop the reaction for analyses.

# Trans-esterification

## Base catalyzed-esterification

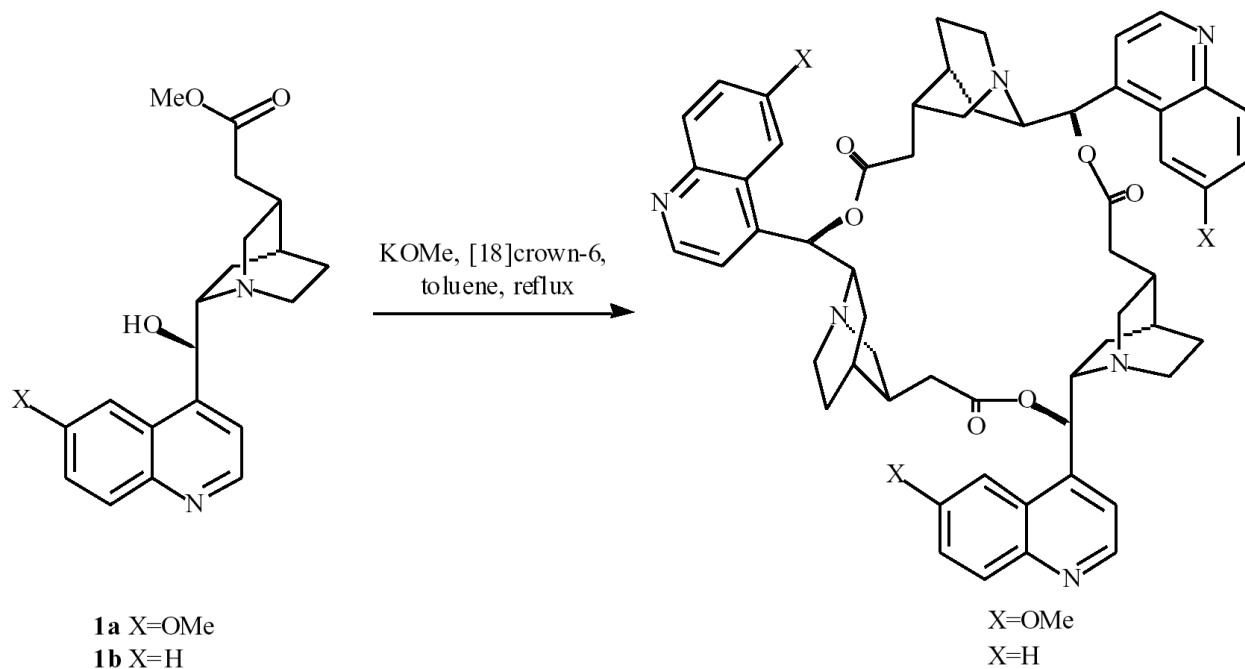
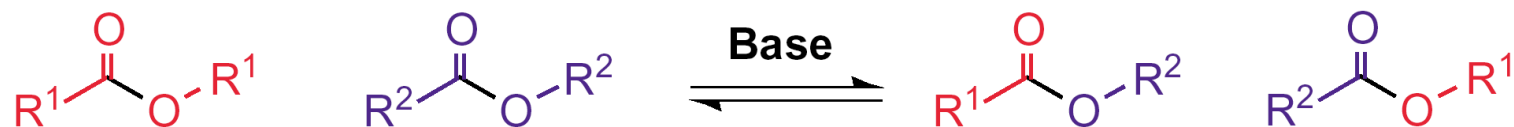


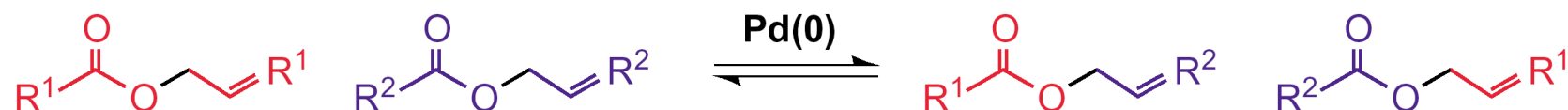
Fig. (4). Quantitative reversible formation of a cyclic trimer of cinchonidine derived hydroxy-ester **1**.

Sanders, J. et al. *JOC*, **1998**, 63, 1536.

Harsh conditions,  
template effects observed

# Trans-esterification

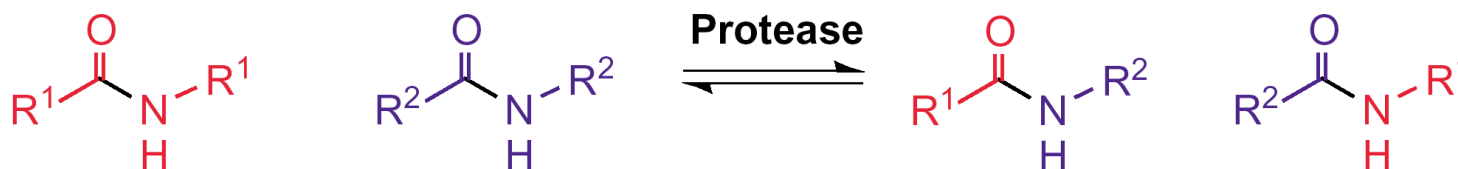
Pd catalyzed-esterification of allyl esters



Used for the templated synthesis of cyclic porphyrin dimers under reversible conditions.

Amatore, et al. *Chem. Eur. J.* 1999, 5, 466

# Peptide-bond exchange

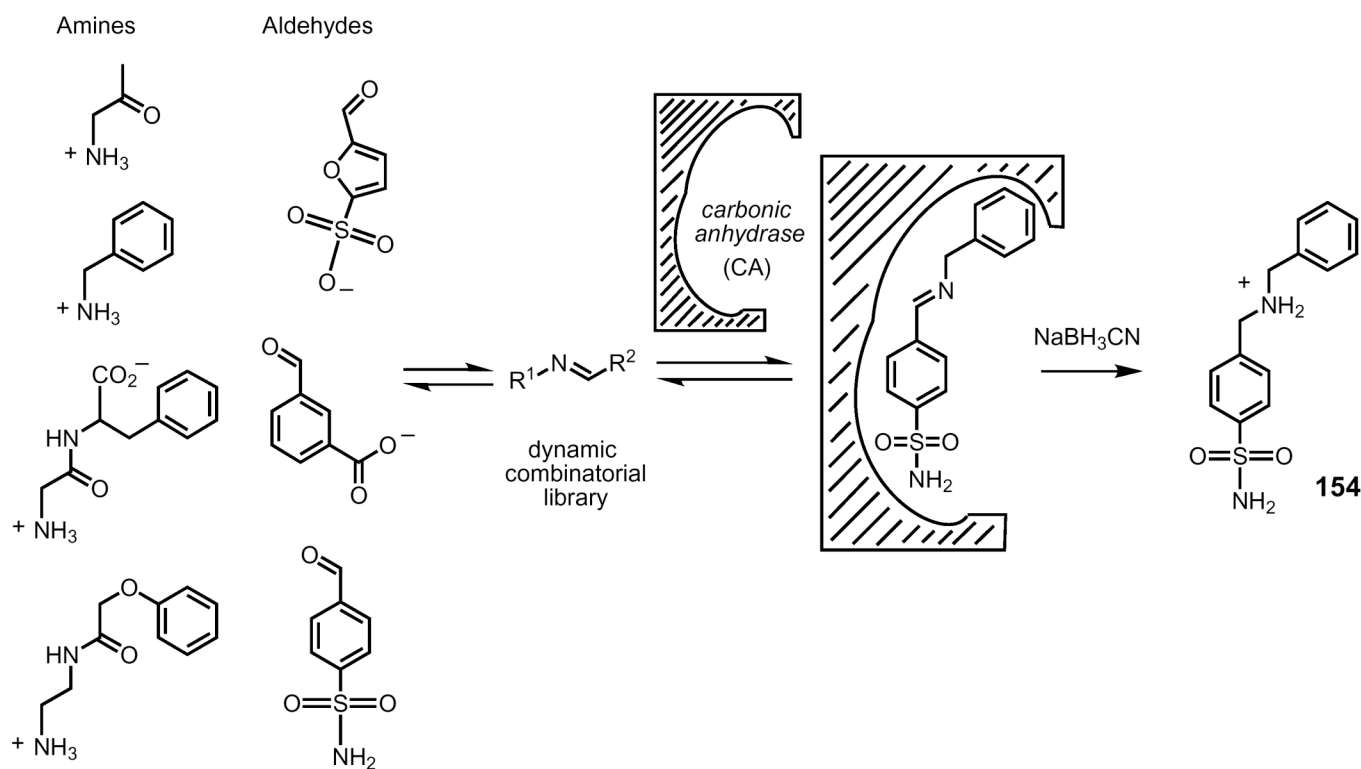
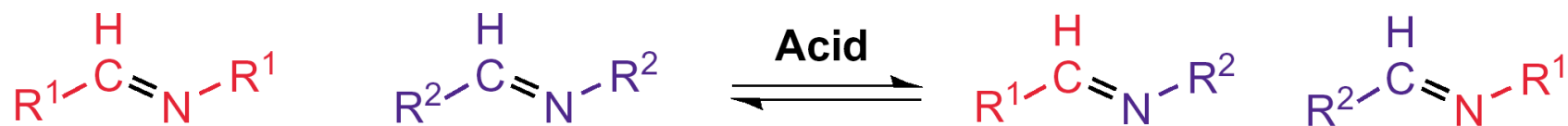


The peptides were incubated with low specificity proteases under reversible conditions, using an antibody as a molecular trap obtained weak amplification.

Venton, D. L. et al. *Biopolymers* 1996, 40, 617

# Shift base exchange

Lenhn, J-M. et al *Proc. Natl. Acad. U.S.A.* **2000**, 98, 1347.

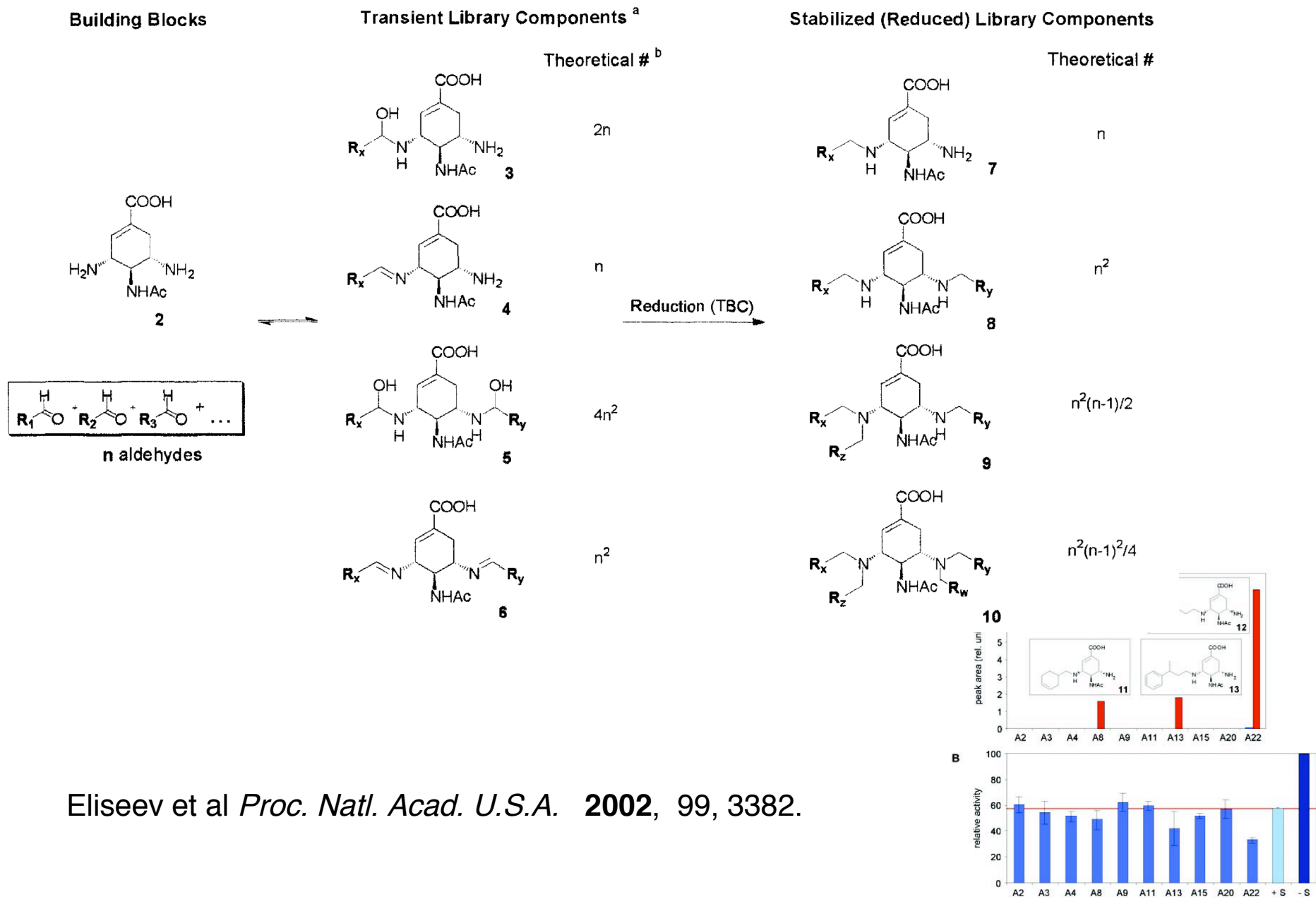


Scheme 72. Formation of a DCL of imines from four amines and three aldehydes.

Imines are sensitive to hydrolysis for practical purposes requires reduction of the products to amines. Such covalent modification change geometry and electronics and may affect binding properties of the target.

Some amplification effect using carbonic anhydrase as a template.

# Identification of neuraminidase from potentially DCLs



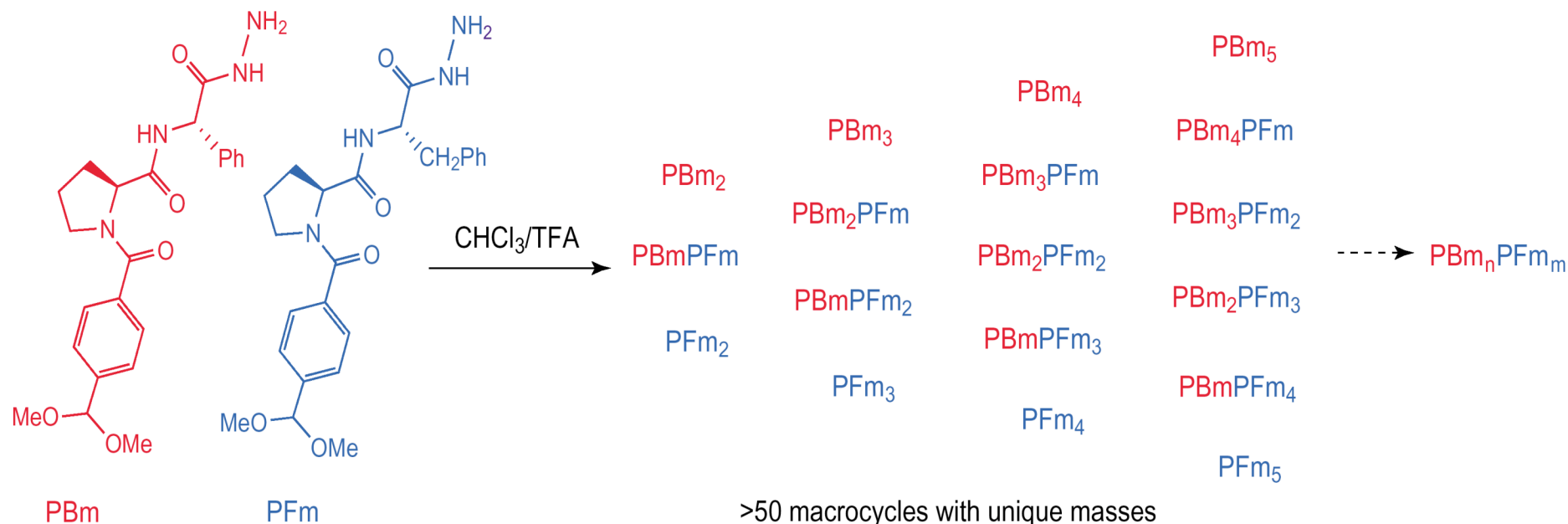
Eliseev et al *Proc. Natl. Acad. U.S.A.* **2002**, 99, 3382.

# Hydrazone exchange

Hydrazones and oximes are structurally related to imines but they are hydrolytically more stable.



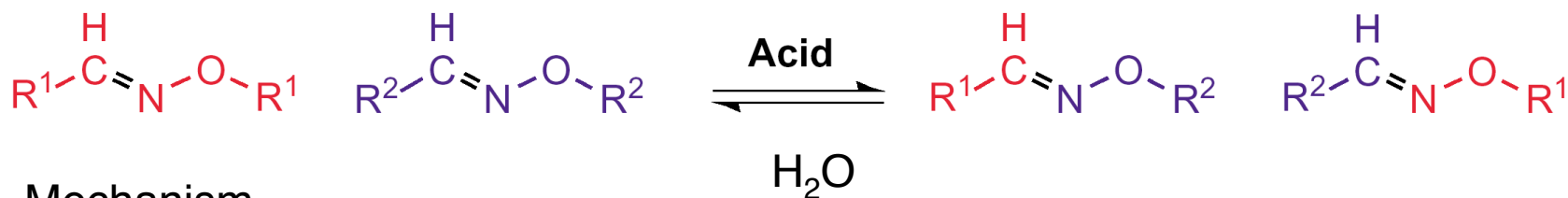
Hydrazone -based DCL, generation of macrocycles



Preparation of receptor-like molecule using  $\text{Li}^+$   
Analysis by ESI-FTICR-MS

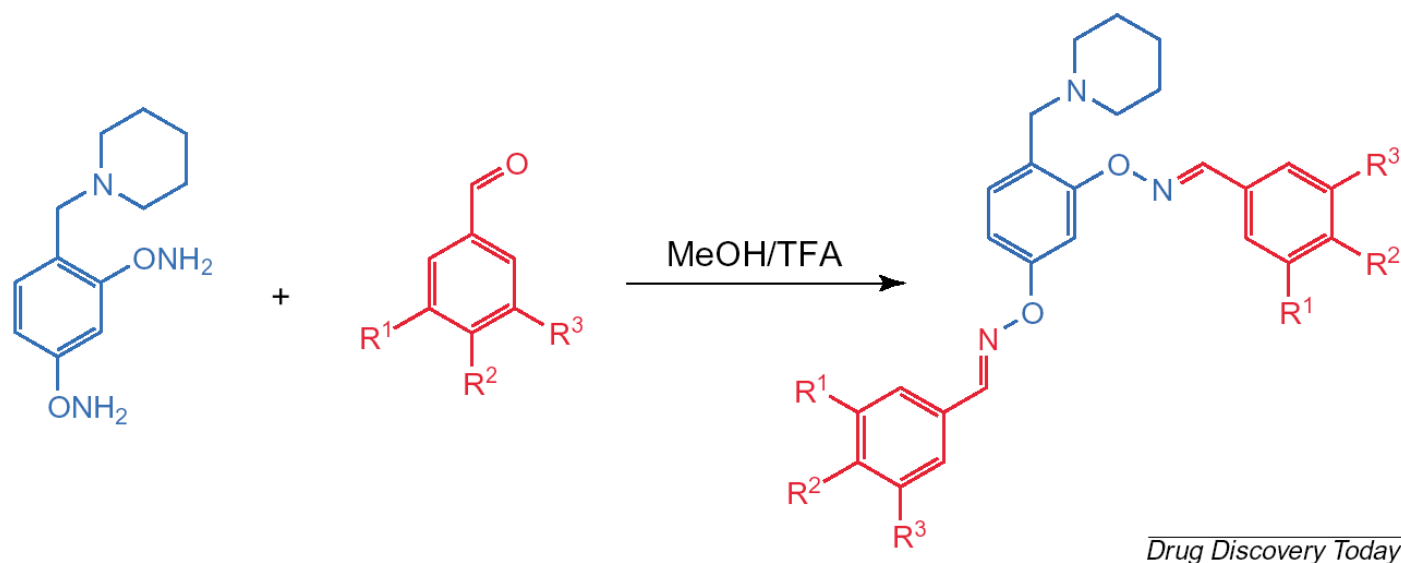
Sanders, J. K. M. et al. *Chem. Comm.* **1999**, 1575.

# Oximes exchange



## Mechanism

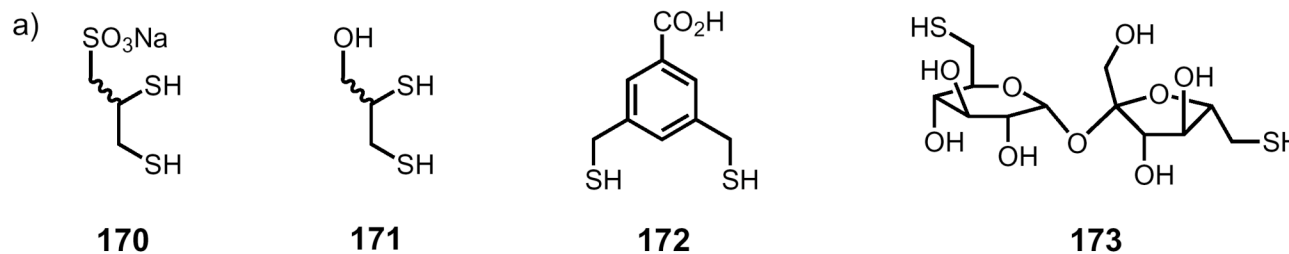
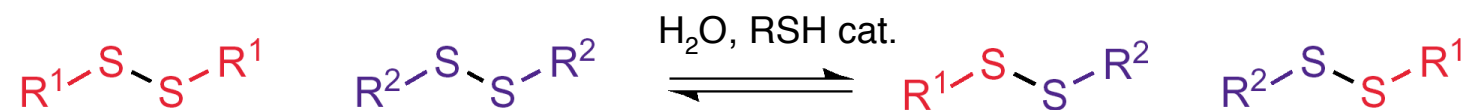
Eliseev, A. et al *J. Phys. Org. Chem.* **1999**, 12, 357



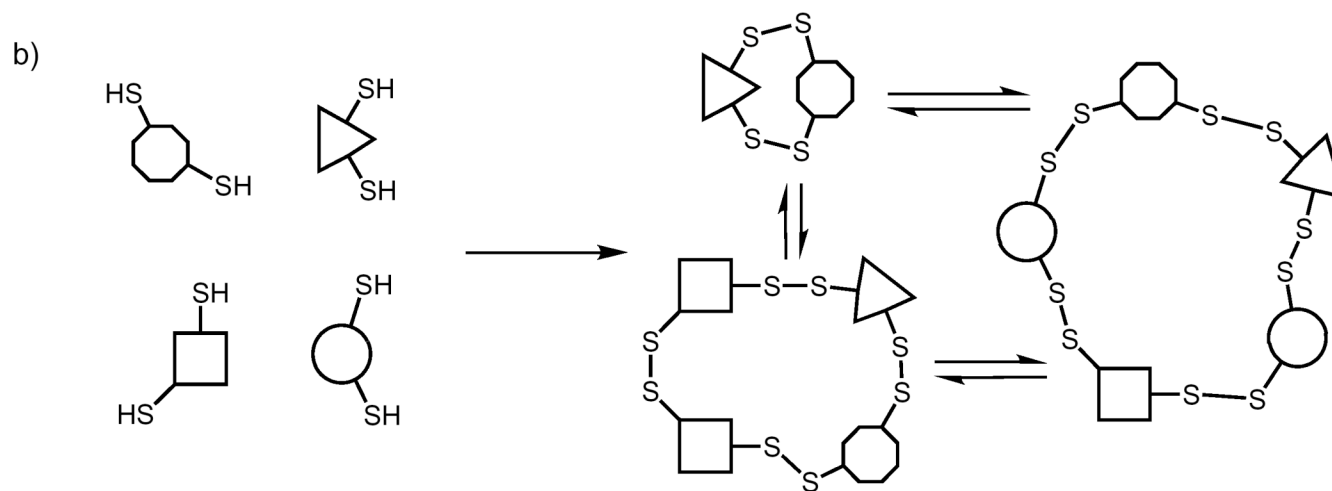
**Figure 4.** A scaffold-based approach for a dynamic combinatorial library based on oxime exchange. The reaction was carried out at room temperature. R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are different combinations of H, OH, Me, OEt, OMe, OAc, and NHAc. Red and blue colouring is used to distinguish the different building blocks.

Eliseev, A. et al *J. Comb. Chem.* **1999**, 1, 199

# Disulfide exchange



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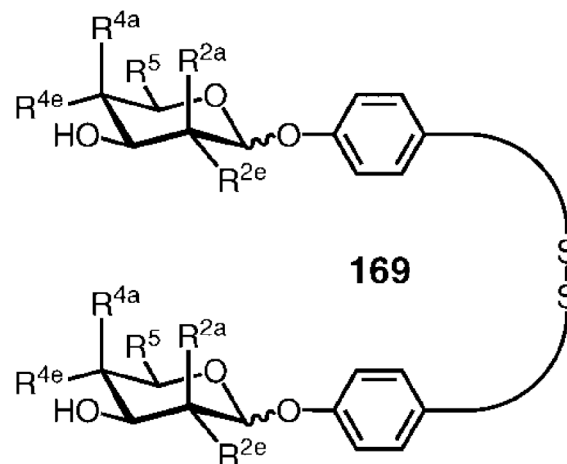


Scheme 79. a) Dithiols **170–173** used by Otto et al.<sup>[184]</sup> to form a DCL of disulfide macrocycles.  
b) Schematic representation of DCL formation and exchange.

Sanders, J. K. M. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, 122, 12063



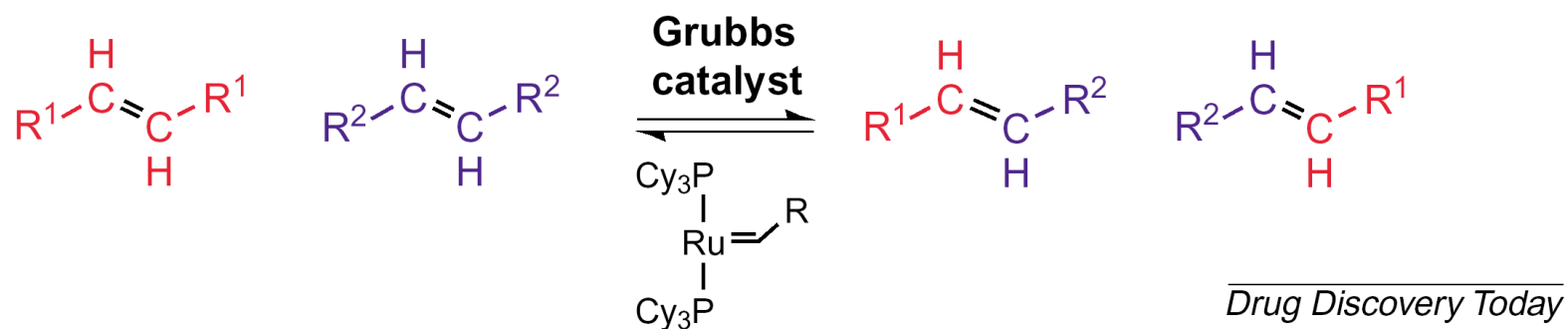
Lehn & co-workers prepare a library of sugar dimmers in H<sub>2</sub>O and observe some amplification using Concavalin A as a template.



| Compound    | $\alpha/\beta$ | R <sup>2a</sup> | R <sup>2e</sup> | R <sup>4a</sup> | R <sup>4e</sup> | R <sup>5</sup>     |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Man/Man     | $\alpha$       | OH              | H               | H               | OH              | CH <sub>2</sub> OH |
| GalC2/GalC2 | $\beta$        | H               | OH              | OH              | H               | CH <sub>2</sub> OH |
| GalC3/GalC3 | $\beta$        | H               | OH              | OH              | H               | CH <sub>2</sub> OH |
| Glc/Glc     | $\beta$        | H               | OH              | H               | OH              | CH <sub>2</sub> OH |
| Ara/Ara     | $\beta$        | H               | OH              | OH              | H               | H                  |
| Xyl/Xyl     | $\beta$        | H               | OH              | H               | OH              | H                  |

Lehn, J-M. et al. *ChemBioChem* **2000**, 1, 41.

# Olefin metathesis

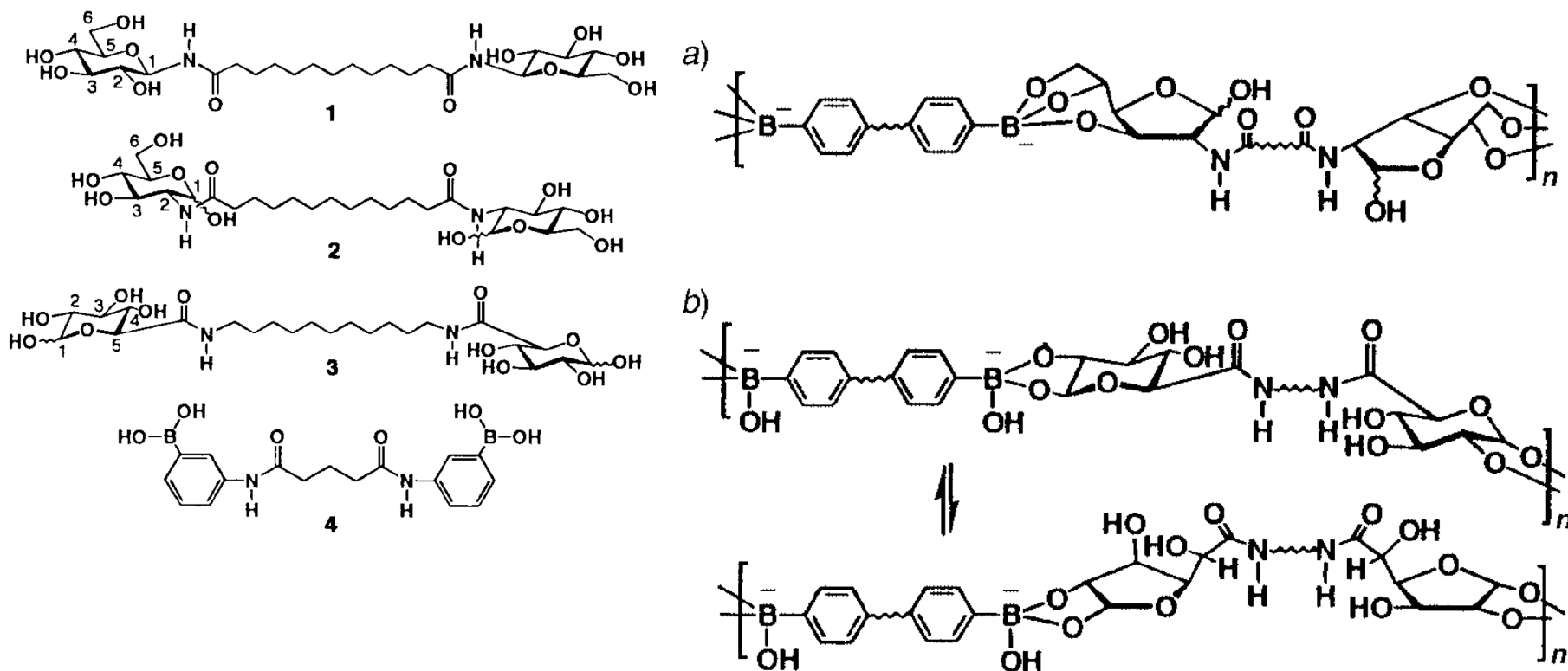


Cross metathesis of 2 di-substituted olefins can generate 20 different comp.  
Brändli, C. and Ward, T. R.; *Helv, Chim. Acta.* **1998**, 81, 1616

Libraries of Vancomycin dimmers in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  with templating effect in presence of the peptide Ac2-L-Lys-D-Ala-D-Ala.

Nicolau, K. C. et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2000**, 39, 3832.

# Boronic ester formation

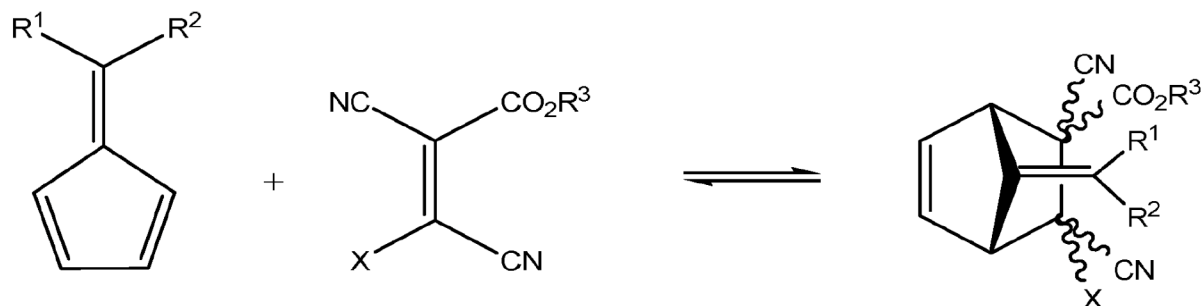


**Fig. 2** Possible structures of the polymer main chains formed from (a) the mixture of 2 and 4; (b) the mixture of 3 and 4.

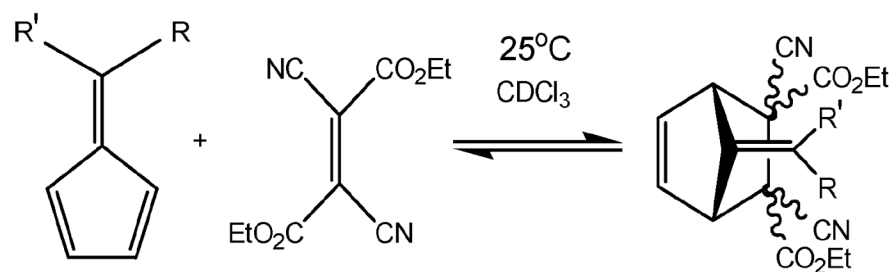
Shimizu et al. *Chem. Com.* **2000** 10, 881

# Reversible Diels-Alder reaction

Lenhn, J-M. et al. *Org. Lett* 2005, 7, 15.



**Scheme 1.** Reversible Diels–Alder Reactions between Fulvenes **1–9** and Diethyldicyanofumarate **10**



**1** R = R' = Me    **10**

**2** R = Me; R' = Et

**3** R = R' = Et

**4** R = Me; R' = CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH

**5** R = Me; R' = CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OAc

**6** R = Me; R' = CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>CCH<sub>2</sub>T

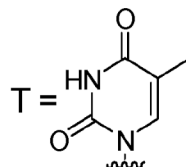
**7** R = Me; R' = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H

**8** R = Me; R' = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CONHBz

**9** R = Me; R' = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CONH-(L)CH(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)-CO<sub>2</sub>Me

(n,10)

n = 1-9

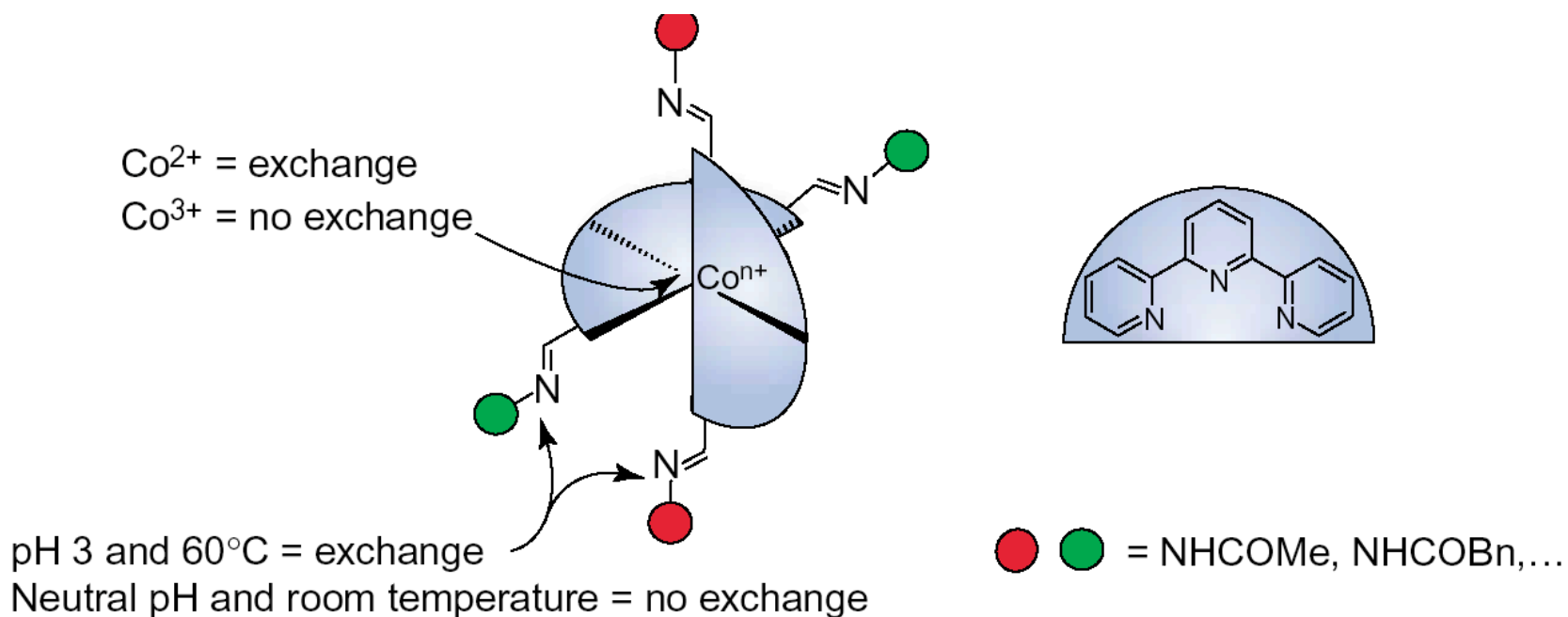


- 3-D structure from planar comp
- Belong to a self-contained RR
- Easy generate structural and functional diversity

# Orthogonal libraries

Goral et al. *Proc. Natl. Acad. U.S.A.* **1997**, 94, 2106

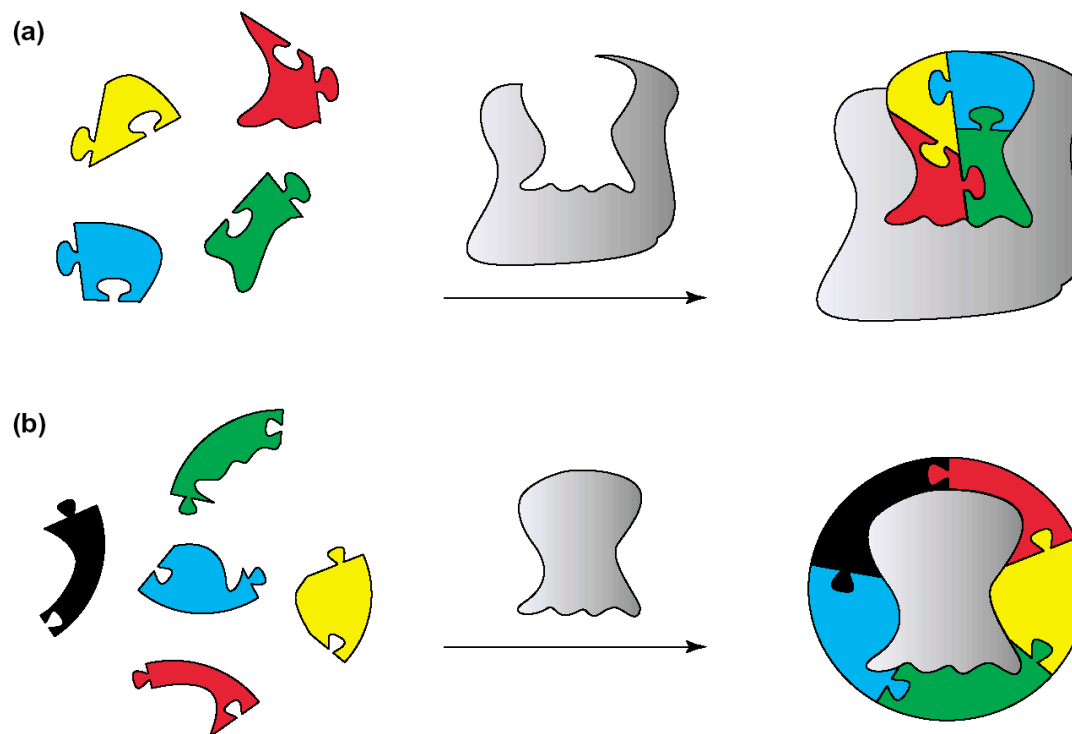
Hydrazones are incorporated into the tridentate ligands that bind to a central  $\text{Co}^{n+}$  ion.



Two Orthogonal because: 1. Exchange with ligands around  $\text{Co}^{+2}$  center  
2. Hydrazone exchange

## EXAMPLES OF TEMPLATING EFFECT

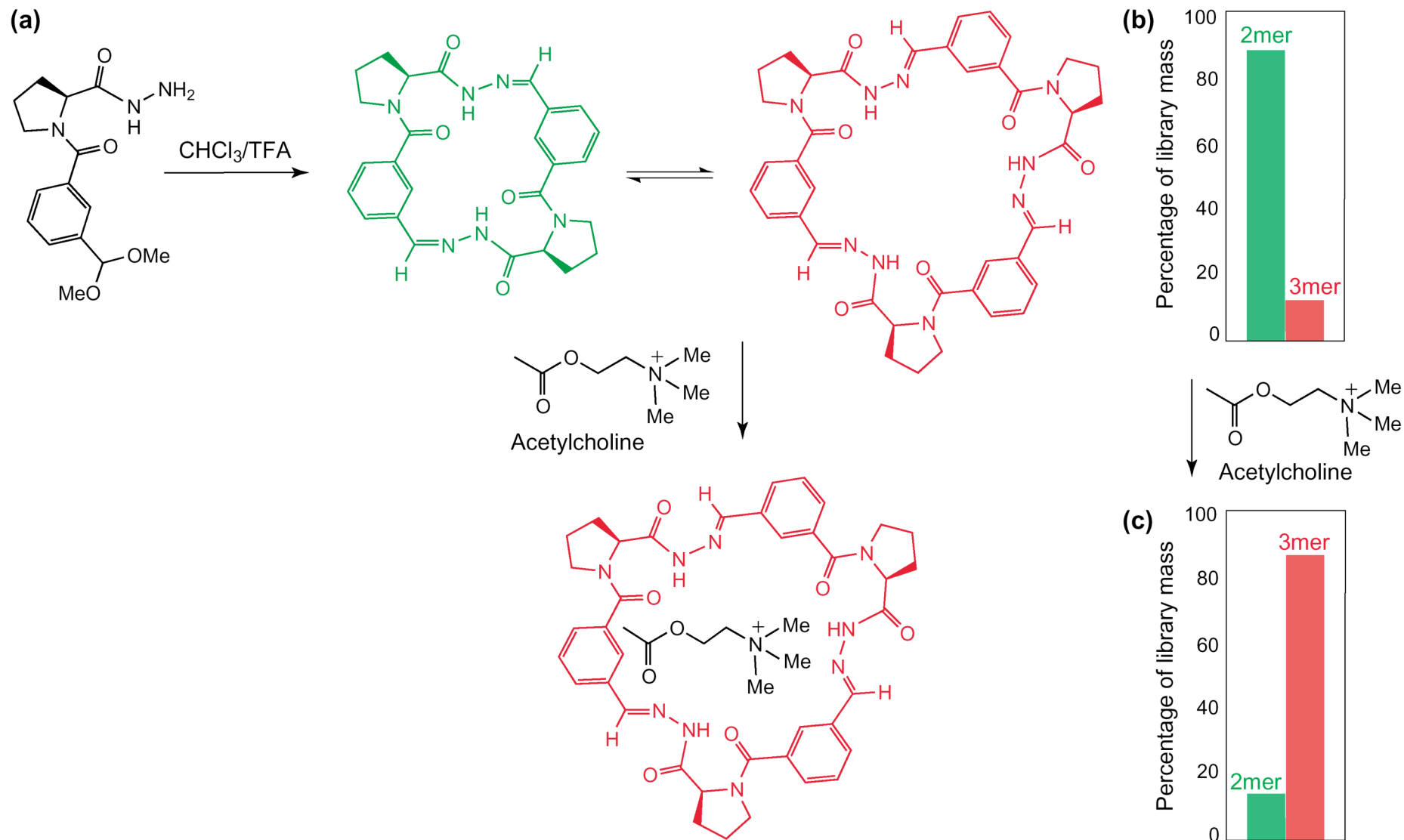
Targets: receptors  
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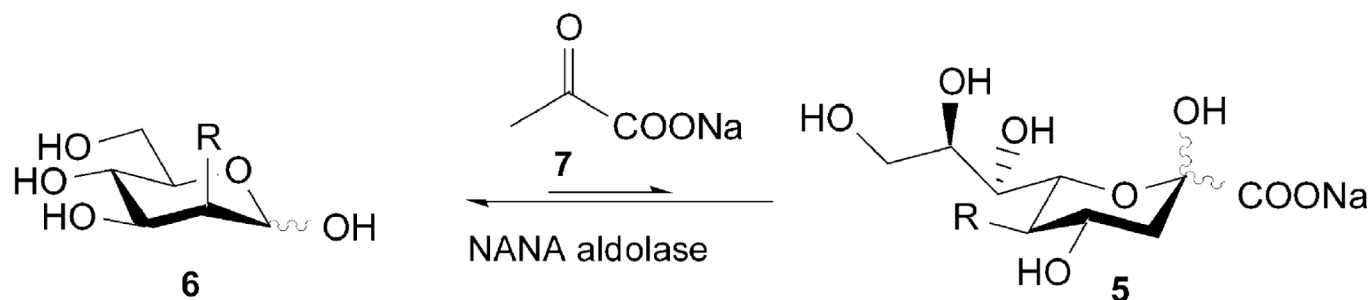
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**Figure 8.** Dynamic combinatorial libraries can be templated by (a) receptor molecules or (b) ligand molecules.

# Acetylcholine as a template induces amplification of the trimer



# Generation of a dynamic combinatorial library using sialic acid aldolase and in situ screening against wheat germ agglutinin

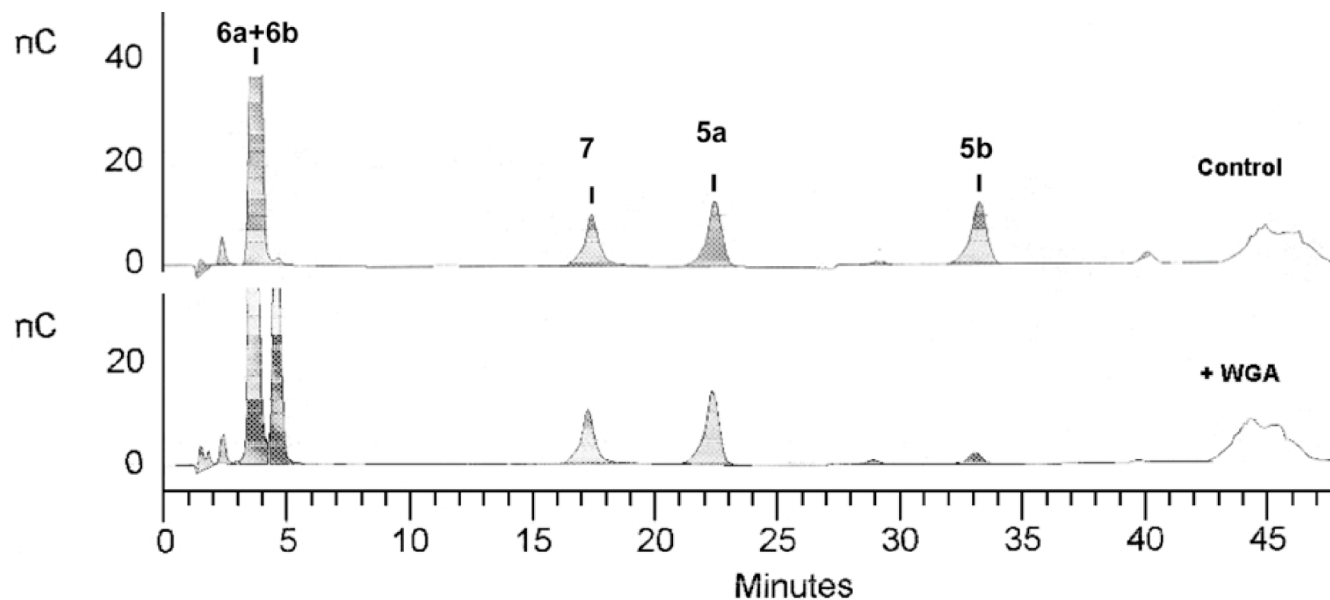


**6a** R = NHAc

**6b** R = OH

**5a** R = NHAc

**5b** R = OH

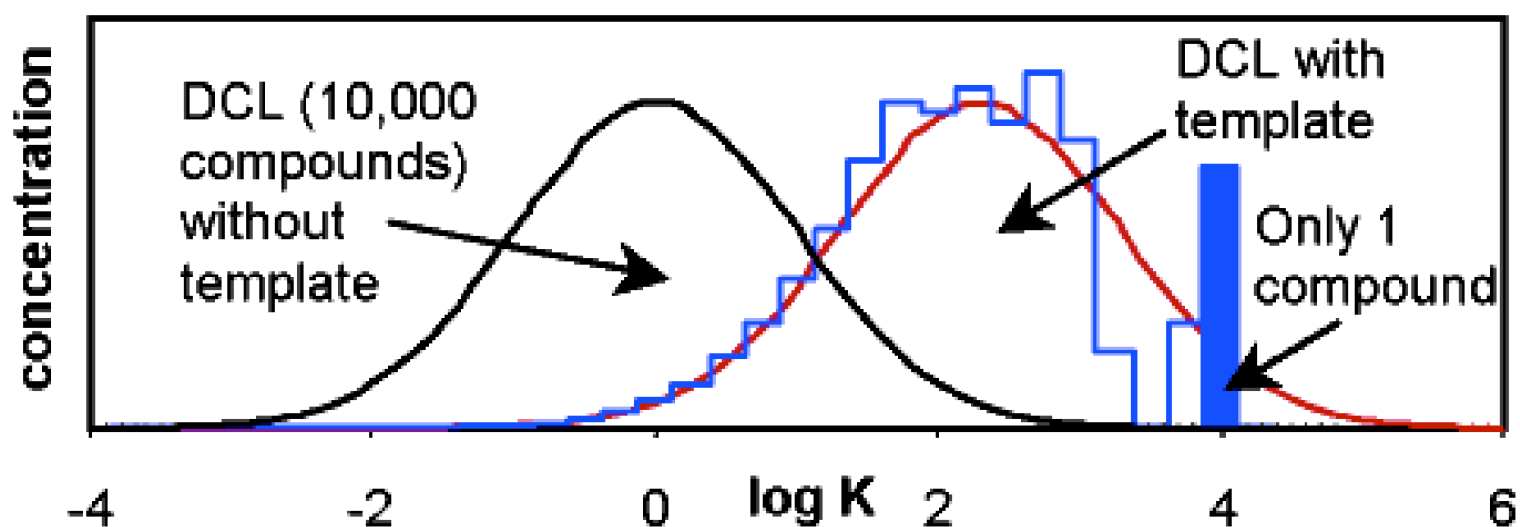


Lins, et al. *Tetrahedron*, **2004**, 60, 771



## Theoretical Studies and Simulations

\* What are the limits to the size of effective dynamic combinatorial libraries?



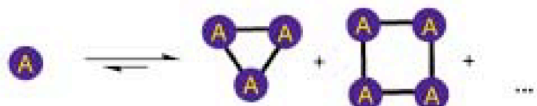
$10^6$  compounds host-guest binding can induce amplification of strong binders

J. K. M. Sanders, et al. *Organic Letters*, **2004**, 6, 1825-1827.

\* Do it always amplify the compound with the highest affinity?

NO

Type A: one building block - variable stoichiometry



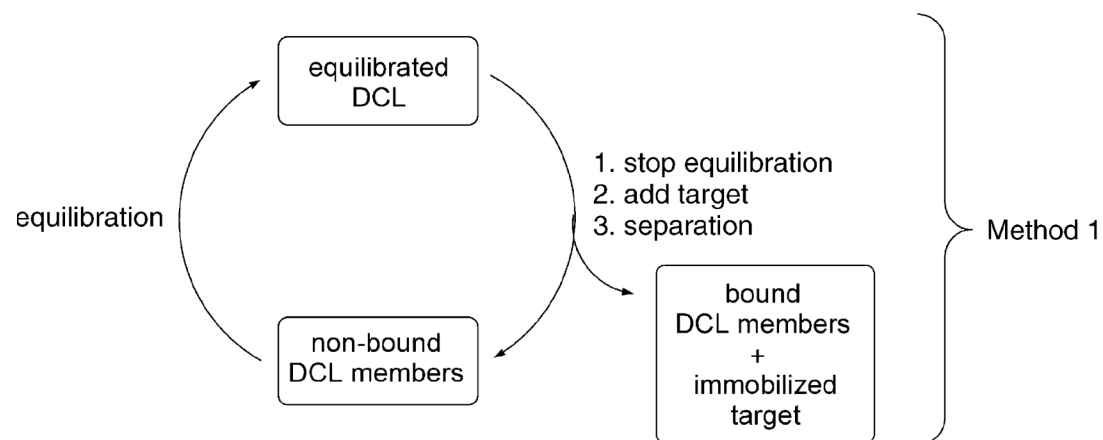
Type B: different building blocks - fixed stoichiometry



Type C: different building blocks - variable stoichiometry



**Scheme 1.** Different types of dynamic combinatorial libraries obtained by assembly of reactive building blocks.



Scheme 7. Iterative procedure for the selection of DCL members with a high affinity to an immobilized target (“Method 1”).

Severin, et. al. *Chem. Eur. J.*, **2004**, 10, 2565

## \* Do it always amplify the best compounds?

Correlation between host-guest binding strength and amplification in simulated dynamic combinatorial libraries.

They shown that under some conditions, it is likely that the best library member will be amplified the most - but that under different conditions, it is more likely that some other library member (usually one that still binds quite well to the template) will be better amplified.

Two round screening 1. Equimolar amount of template, 2. Reduce the concentration of template

J. K. M. Sanders, et al. *Chem. Eur. J.*, **2004**, ,

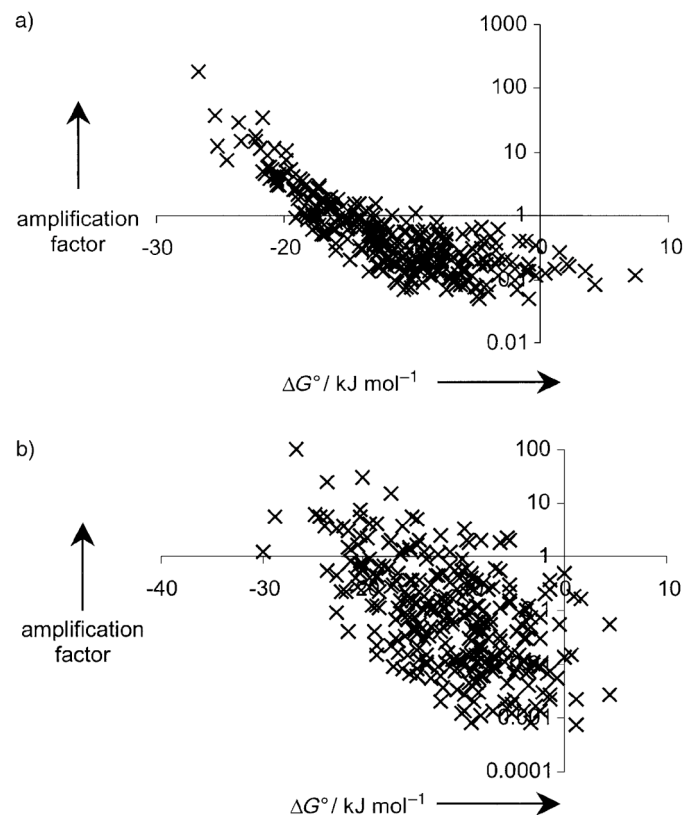


Figure 1. The relationship between amplification and free energy of binding for all of the hosts in two randomly-generated DCLs, that differ only in the way the binding constants are distributed over the various hosts. In both DCLs, the total concentration of the building blocks and the concentration of the template is 10 mM.  $R^2$  values for the correlation between free energy and the logarithm of the amplification factor (taking only significantly amplified hosts into account) are 0.72 and 0.24, respectively.