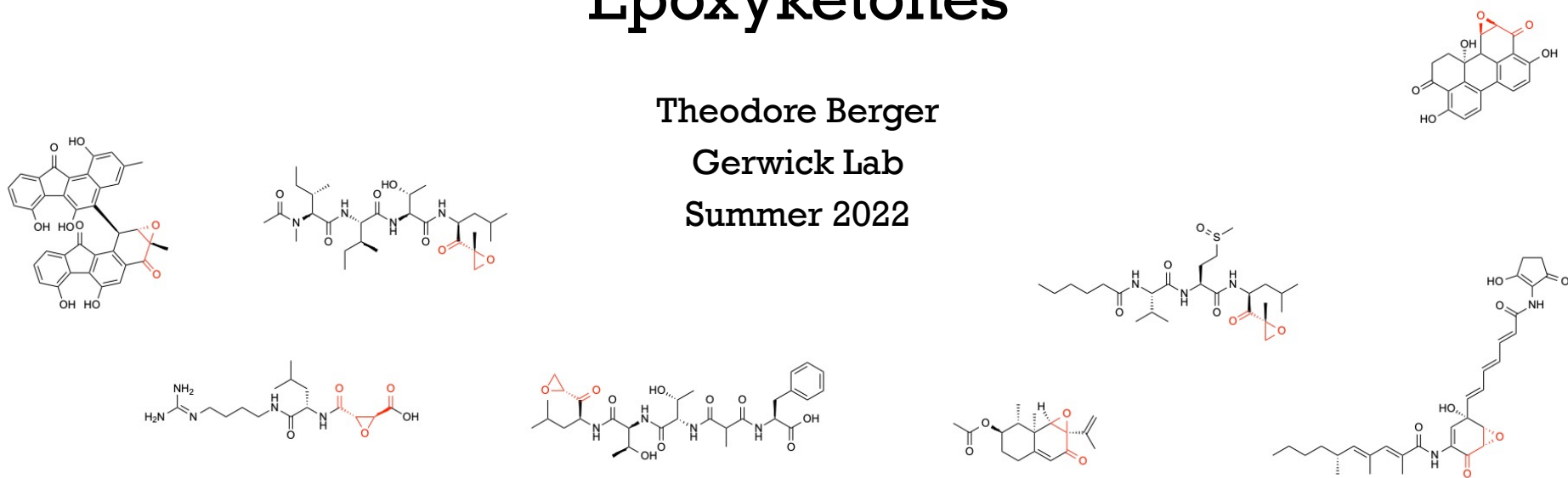


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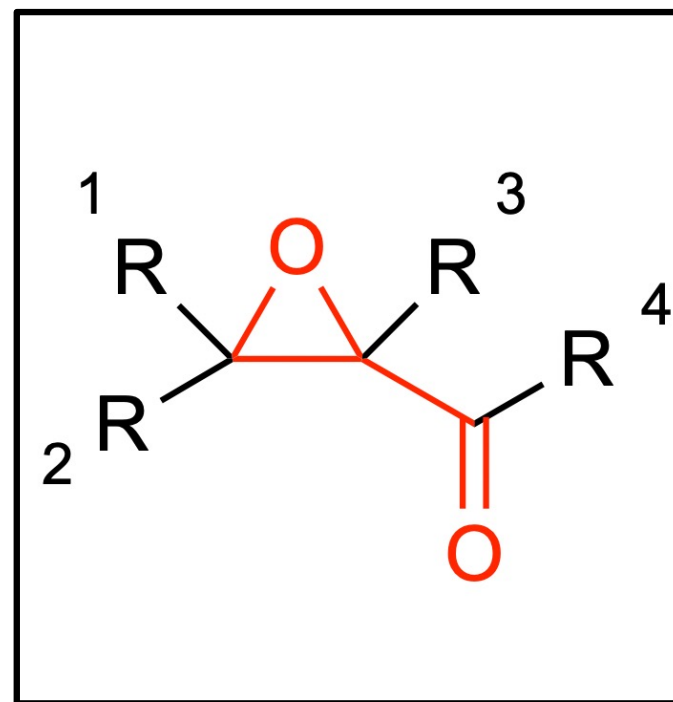


Agenda

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Objective

- Establish a comprehensive resource on epoxyketone-containing compounds and their biological activities
- Data Collected:
 - Compound Name
 - SMILES String, InChI and PubChem ID
 - Natural Product? (Y/N) and Source
 - Publication DOI(s)
 - Biological Activity? (Y/N)
 - If Y:
 - Type of Activity (Cytotoxic, antibacterial, etc.)
 - Mechanism of Action
 - Protein Target



Methodology

- Initial search using keywords “epoxyketone” and “natural product” in Google Scholar
- Conducted basic search on NP Atlas using epoxyketone SMILES and “substructure” option:
 - Search returned 544 compounds
- Read primary DOI looking for biological activity
 - If there is:
 - Use NP Atlas SMILES to search Sci-Finder for compound profile
 - Populate spreadsheet with SMILES, InChI, and name from Sci-Finder + Primary DOI from NP Atlas
 - Use references linked to Sci-Finder compound profile to populate other activities, mechanism(s) of action, and protein target(s) if information is available
 - If not mentioned:
 - See if references linked to Sci-Finder compound profile mention activity
 - If compound has been tested and there isn't:
 - It is placed in separate sheet with name and primary DOI
 - If compound has not been tested:
 - It is placed in the same spreadsheet with a yellow highlighted box to denote its untested state
- Review articles linked for compounds with known activity, but paper does not mention biological application

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Structure [?]

Search Type

☐ Full Structure

☒ Substructure

☐ Similarity

Threshold 0.8

Compound Properties

Name

Molecular Weight

Min weight

Max weight

Exact Mass (+/-)

5.0

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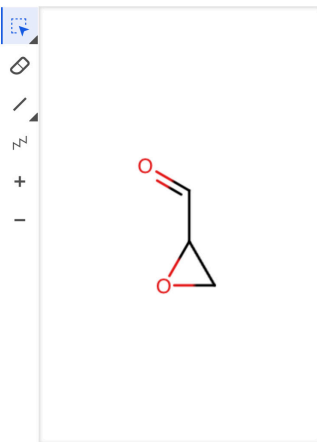
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InChIKey

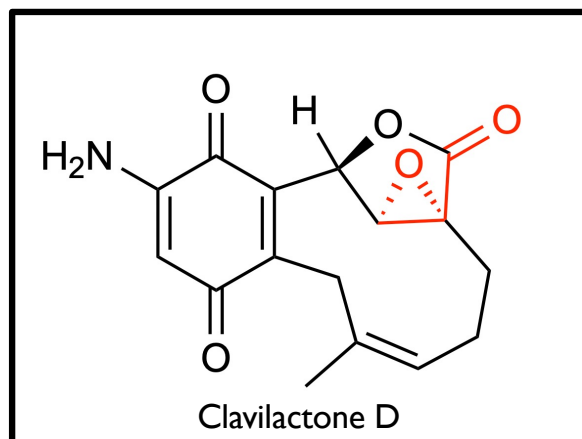
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Origin type

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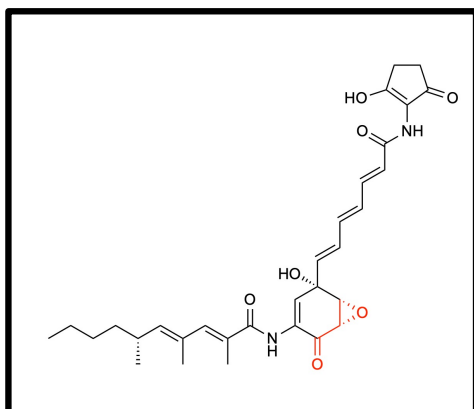
Compound Example



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|-----------------------------------|---|
| SMILES String | <chem>O=C1[C@@]23[C@H](O2)[C@](O1)(C4=C(C(=O)C=C(N)C4=O)C/C(/C)=C/C3)[H]</chem> |
| InChI | InChI=1S/C16H15NO5/c1-7-3-2-4-16-14(22-16)13(21-15(16)20)11-8(5-7)10(18)6-9(17)12(11)19/h3,6,13-14H,2,4-5,17H2,1H3/b7-3-/t13-,14-,16-/m1/s1 |
| PubChem ID | 138977652 |
| Natural Product or Synthetic? | Natural |
| Source of NP (if applicable) | Clitocybe clavipes |
| DOI for PRIMARY literature | 10.1016/S0031-9422(99)00506-3 |
| Additional relevant citations (1) | 10.1016/S0006-2952(00)00278-1 |
| Biological Activity (Y/N)? | Y |
| Type of Biological Activity 1 | Antiproliferative (Antitumor) |
| Known MoA? (1) | Inhibition of cell growth |
| Known Protein Target? (1) | Receptor Tyrosine Kinases (Ret/ptc1, EGF-R, v-Abl) & Receptor Serine/Threonine Kinase p34cdc2 |

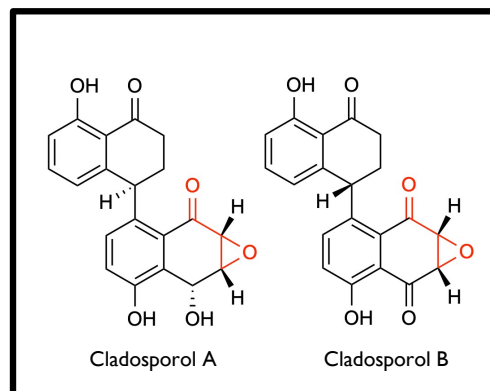
Notable Finds

- Manumycin A was effective against gram-negative bacteria (*Anaplasma phagocytophilum*)
 - Prevention of ERK pathway activation upon infection – a pathway also involved in biogenesis and excretion of exosomes in some cancers (prostate)



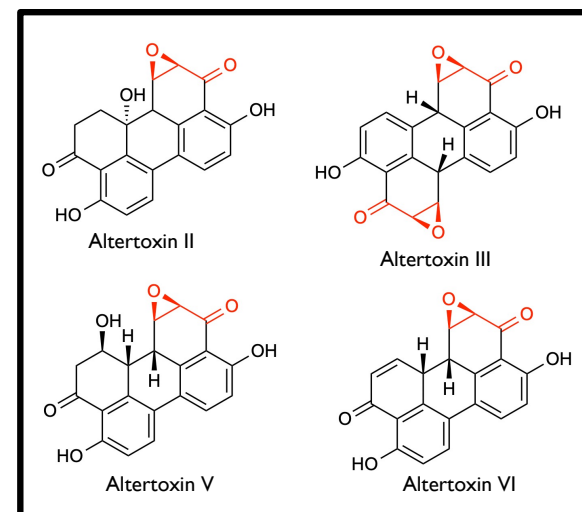
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- [10.1016/j.canlet.2017.08.020](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.canlet.2017.08.020)

- Cladosporol A and B may have potential weight loss and antineoplastic applications
 - Agonists of PPAR γ that inhibited adipogenesis and had antiproliferative effects against HT-29 cells through modulation of adiponectin and leptin



- [10.1016/j.bbagen.2021.129973](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bbagen.2021.129973)

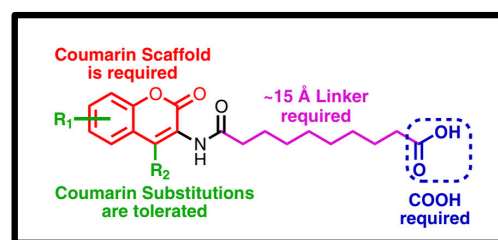
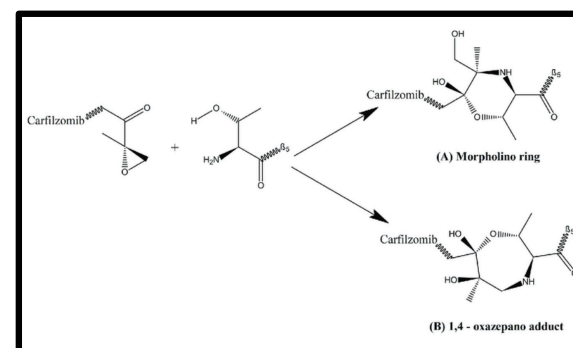
- Altერთoxin II, III, V, and VI exhibited antiviral activity against HIV by inhibiting reverse transcriptase



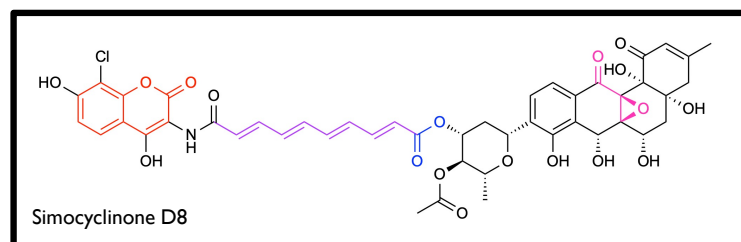
- [10.1016/j.bmc.2014.08.039](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bmc.2014.08.039)

Mistaken Thoughts (Part I)

- For compounds populating the spreadsheet, epoxyketone was almost always part of the pharmacophore in compounds with known structure-activity relationships
 - Irreversible inhibitor due alkylation of target via epoxide ring opening (e.g. carfilzomib binding to catalytic threonine in beta-5 subunit of 20S proteasome)
- Exception mentioned in paper defining minimum pharmacophore for simocyclinone D8 inhibition of DNA gyrase does not include epoxyketone



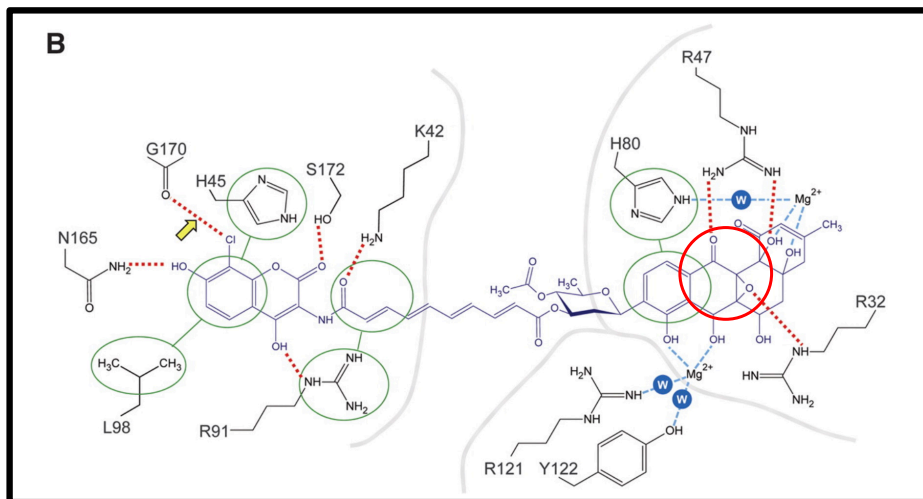
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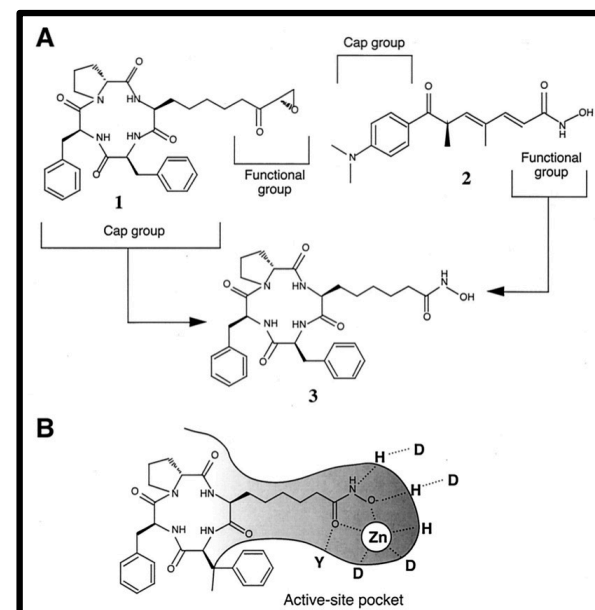
Mistaken Thoughts (Part II)

- Study of simocyclinone D8 bound to DNA gyrase
A supports epoxyketone being necessary for binding and inhibition



8. [10.1126/science.1179123](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.1179123)

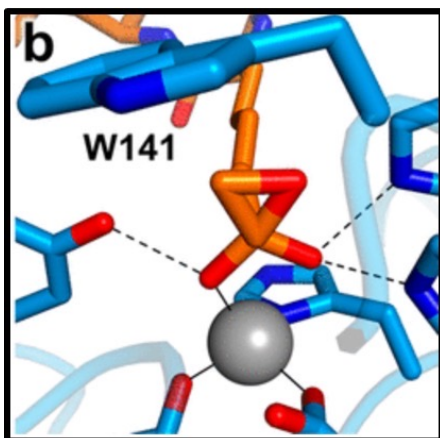
- Synthesis of trapoxin A analog that binds reversibly to histone deacetylase provides possible reasoning for this discrepancy



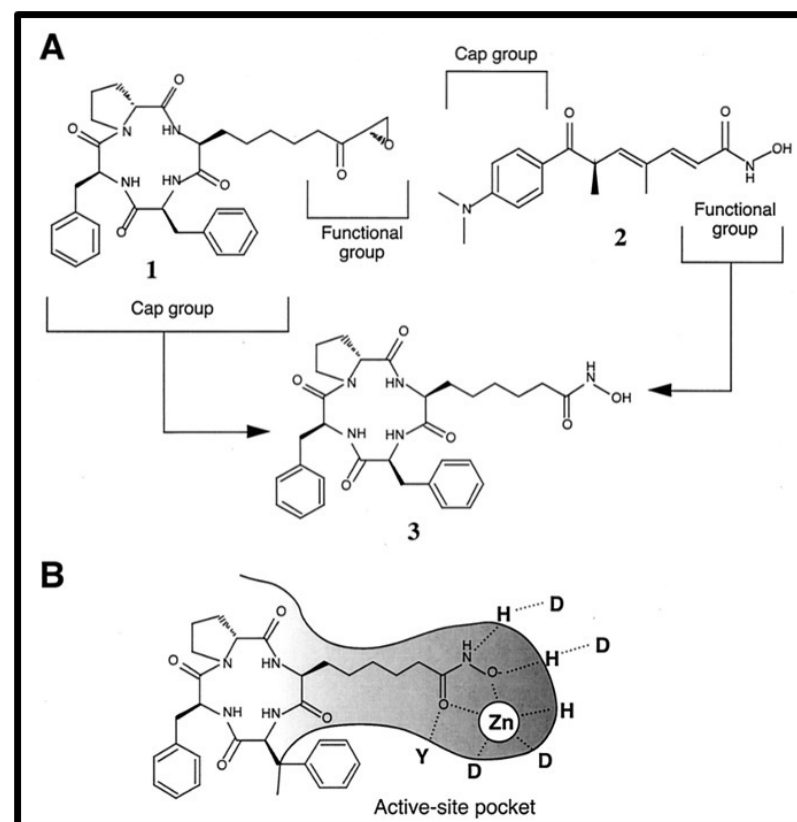
9. [10.1073/pnas.98.1.87](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.98.1.87)

Mistaken Thoughts (Part III)

- Ketone moiety of trapoxin A's epoxyketone undergoes nucleophilic attack by water to form a geminal diol(ate)



10. [10.1021/acscchembio.7b00330](https://doi.org/10.1021/acscchembio.7b00330)



Takeaways and Summary

- Assessing compounds for biological activity is completely different from researching their mechanisms and protein targets
- Structure-activity relationship studies are essential for pinpointing mechanisms of action and protein targets
 - Molecular docking could provide starting points to begin these efforts to elucidate these mechanisms and targets
- Medicinal chemistry and optimizing natural products is integral to applying these compounds for human use
- Chemical structures may be infatuating but take a logical step back before forming any conclusions!
- As of August 29:
 - 314 biologically active compounds
 - 102 biologically inactive compounds/activity not noted in the literature

In-Person Tasks and Next Steps

- This summer has allowed me to become more accustomed to my in-person lab work
- I have refined skills I learned during the spring and learned new tasks essential for our lab work:
 - Making media
 - Using the lyophilizer and autoclave

Next Steps:

- Continue to populate the spreadsheet
- Work with Jehad to build up my organic chemistry skillset
- Learn as much as I can

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