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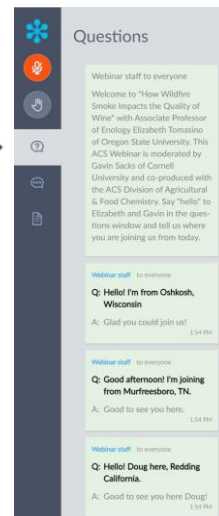


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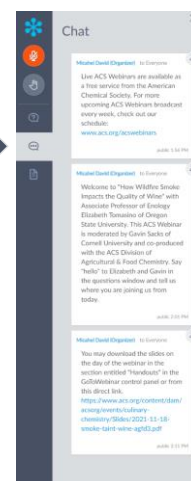
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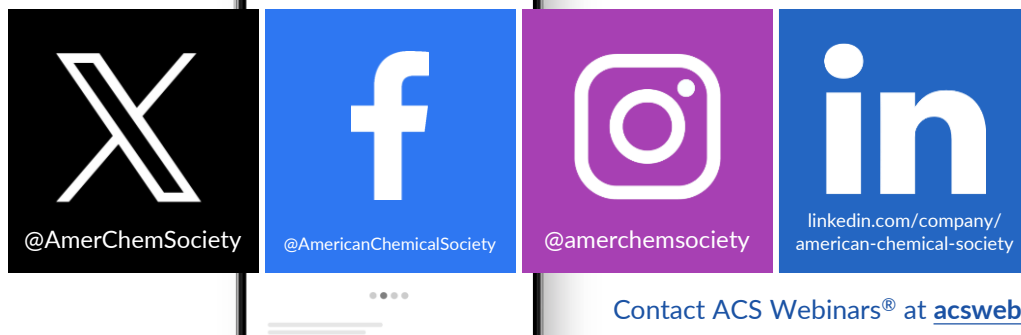


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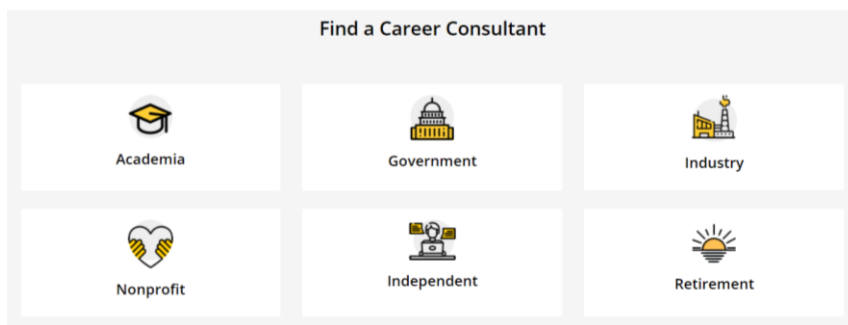
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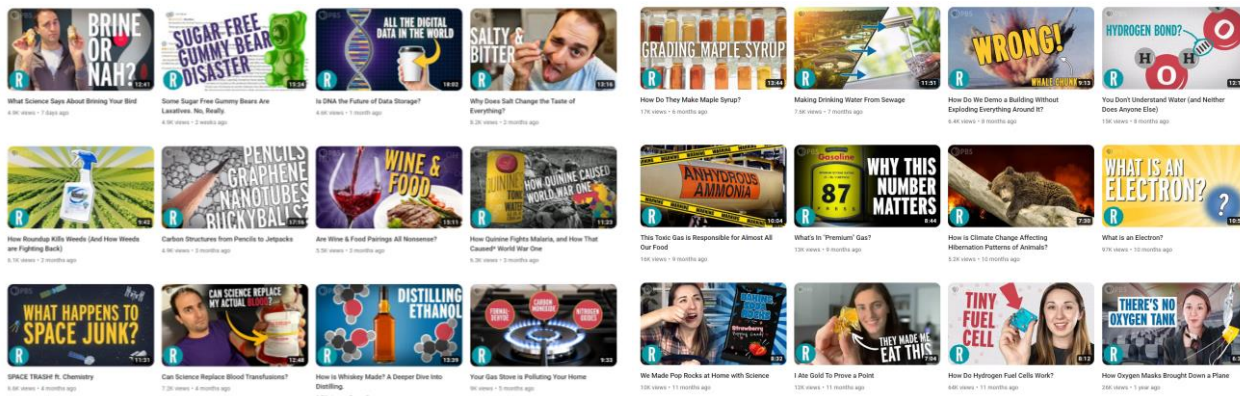



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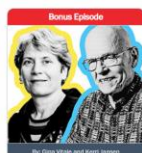
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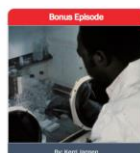
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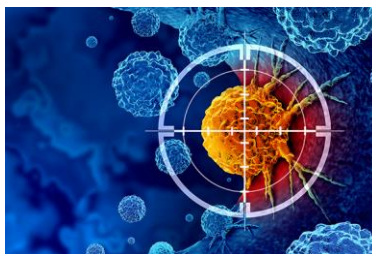
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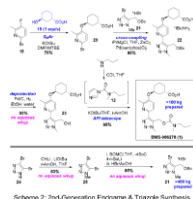
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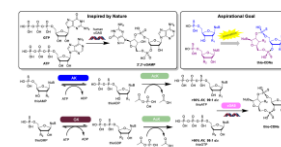
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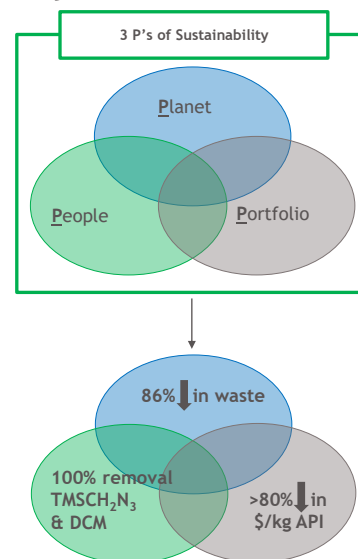
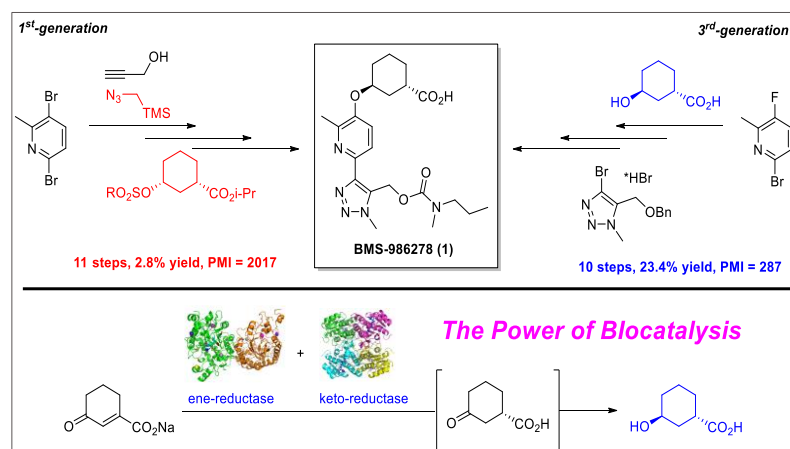


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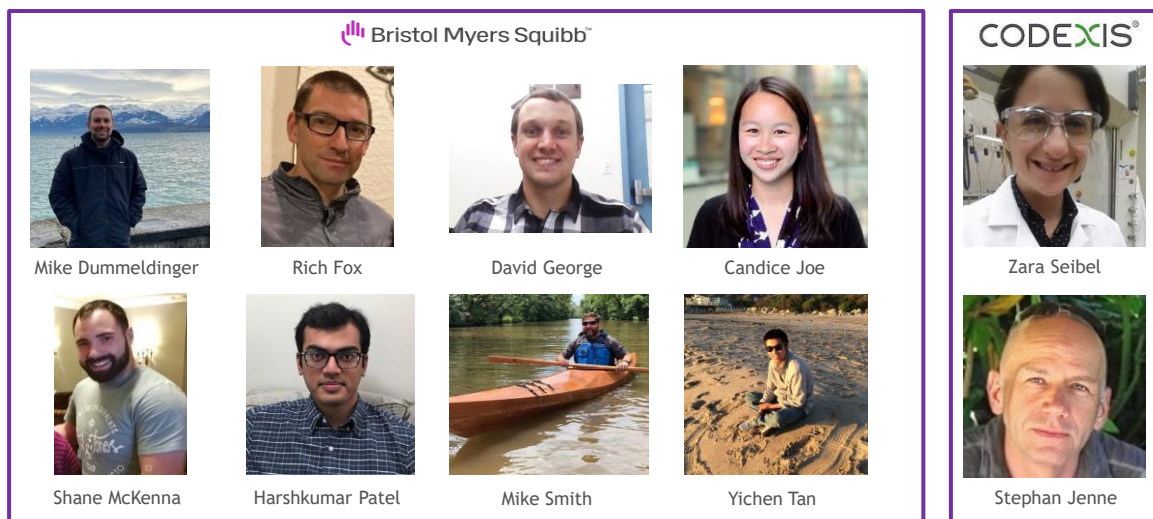
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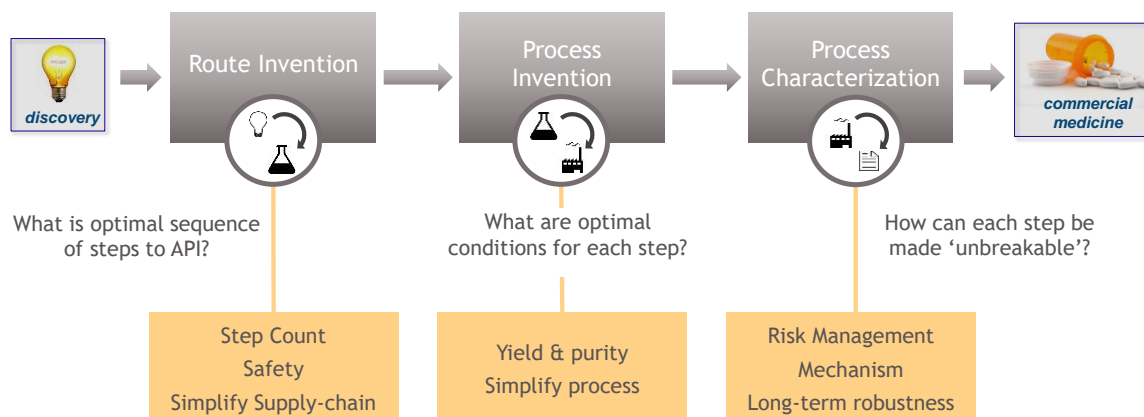
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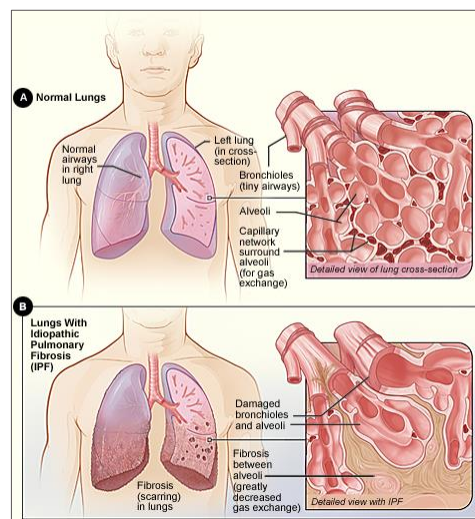
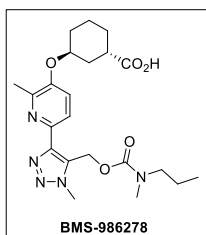
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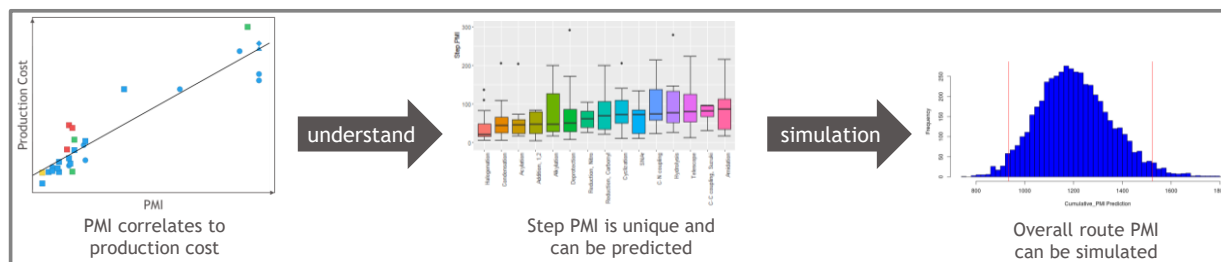
- BMS-986278 is currently under development for treatment of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) + other ILD (Interstitial Lung Diseases)
 - IPF affects ~200K in US and ~50K new cases per year (worldwide)
 - Increasing incidence, prevalence and severity
 - Most prevalent of the fibrosing lung diseases - doubling in the last decade
 - Avg life expectancy after diagnosis = 3-5 years



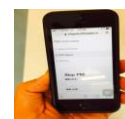
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Towards a Proposed New Route: Using Modelling & Prediction

$$\text{Process mass intensity (PMI)} = \frac{\text{quantity of raw materials input (kg)}}{\text{quantity of bulk API out (kg)}}$$



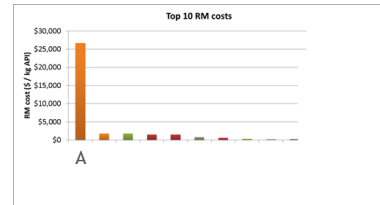
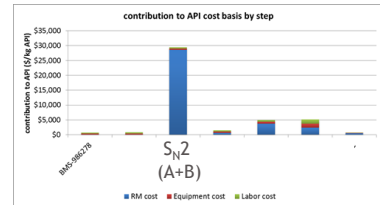
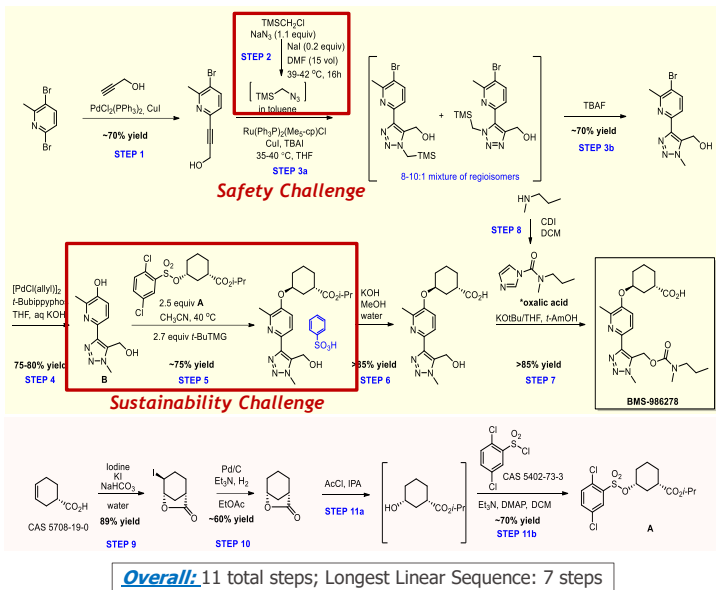
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Background: Enabling Route for 8-30 kg Deliveries

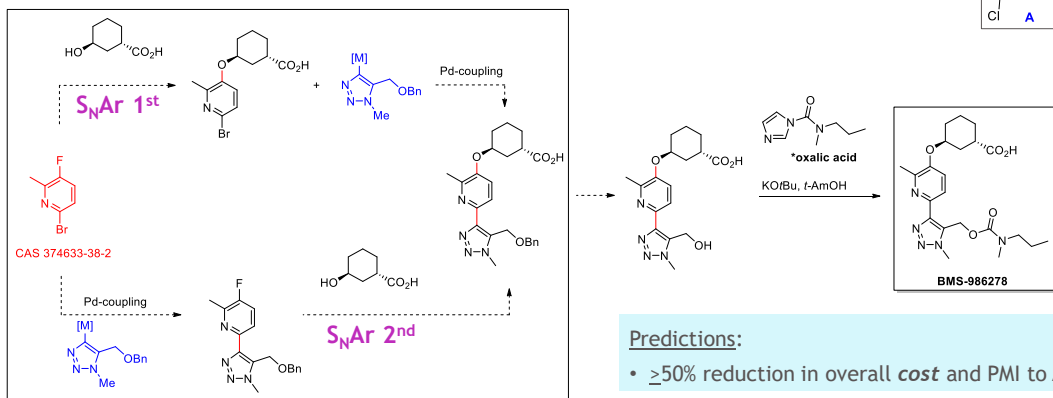


Safety: challenges associated with preparation and use of hazardous Azide, TMSCH₂N₃ and Cu

Sustainability: Complex fragment used in excess, results in significant cost/waste

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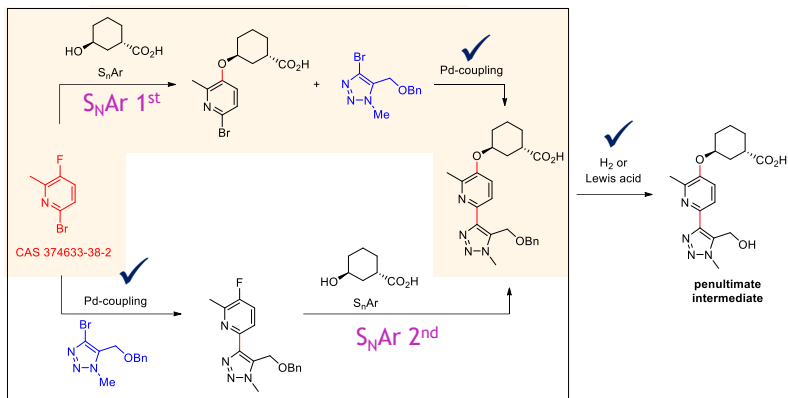
Strategy for New-Route Development



- Opportunity to use cyclohexyl side chain fragment as limiting reagent (vs 2.5 equiv A)
- Eliminates azide safety risks
- Maintains same API step
- Two reaction sequences possible (optionality)
- Requires POC for proposed end-game AND syntheses of new triazole and *trans*-hydroxy acid fragments

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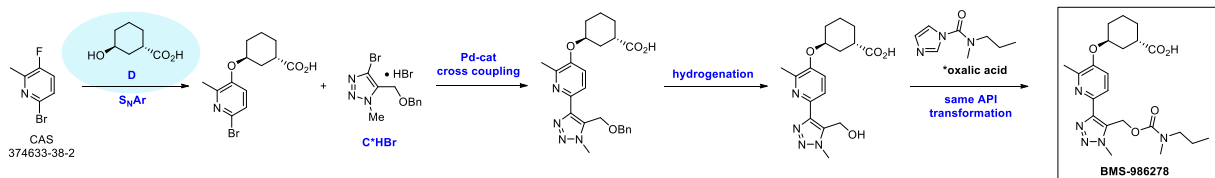
Fragment Coupling Decisions



- No red flags wrt OBN deprotection conditions to afford penultimate intermediate
- No significant differences between either Pd coupling under initial Kumada conditions
- S_NAr 1st approach selected since more reactive S_NAr system/decreased impurities

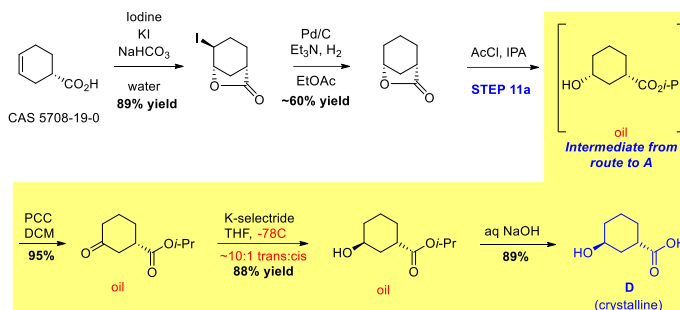
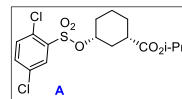
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Overall Planned Endgame



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Preparing Fragment 'D' for POC of Endgame

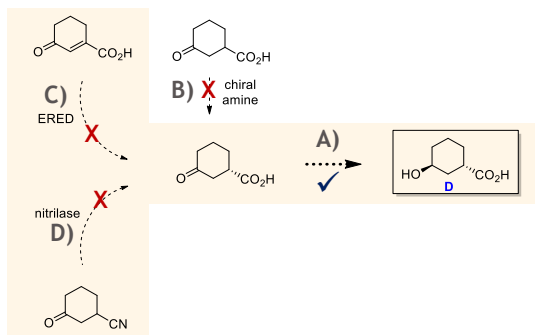
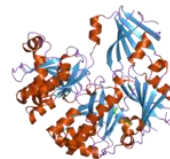


This enabled the preparation of initial lab supplies of 'D', but was not planned for bulk quantities

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Initial Route Scouting to 'D':

Biocatalysis (i.e., use of enzymes) was initial focus....



A) Achieved POC using KRED P2-G03

B) No resolution hits

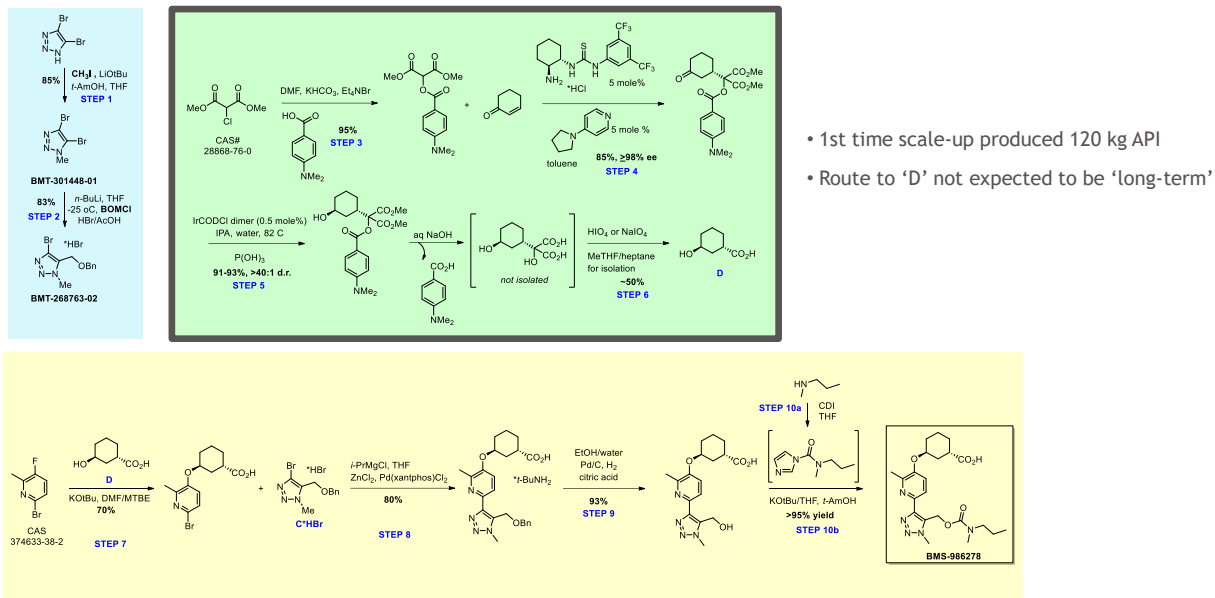
C) No good hits with commercial enzyme kits

D) No good hits with commercial enzyme kits

...but did not lead to quick POC

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2nd-Gen Route to Prepare >100 kg BMS-986278

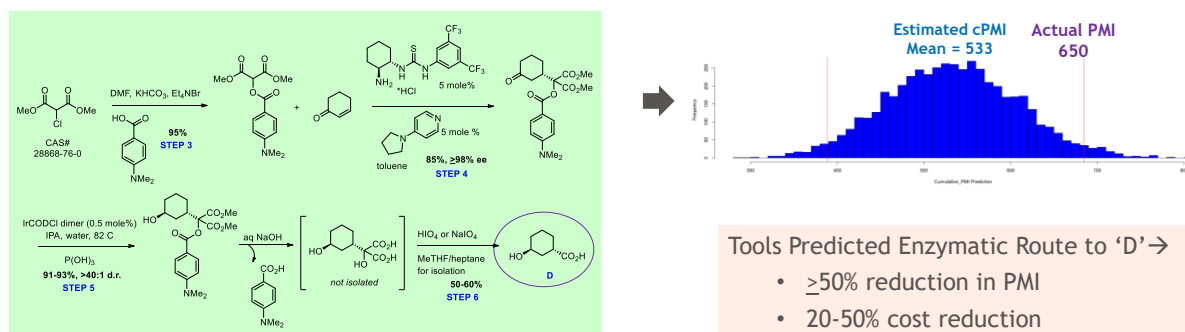


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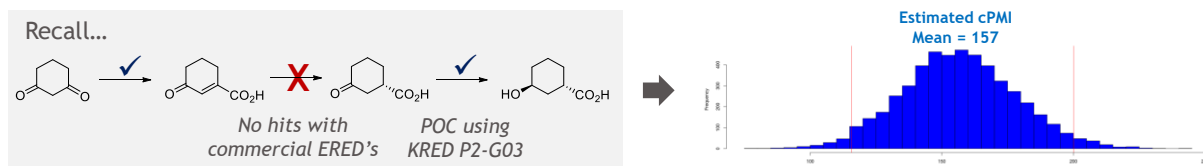
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Initial Development & Scale-Up to BMS-986278



With POC for end-game, can we return to envisioned ERED/KRED cascade, *w/ a focus on enzyme evolution?*

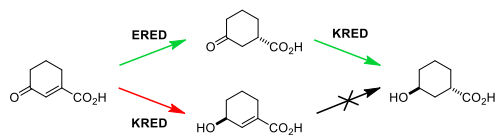
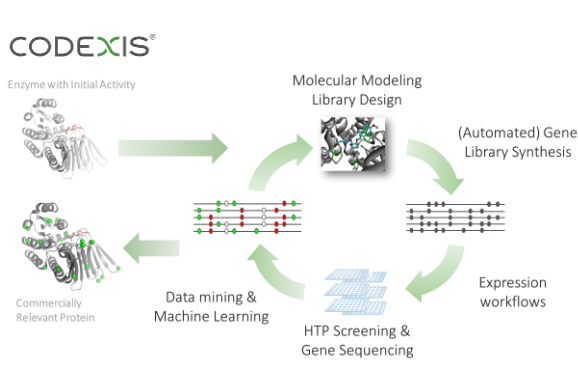


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Substrate loading

ERED + KRED loading

Conversion & selectivity

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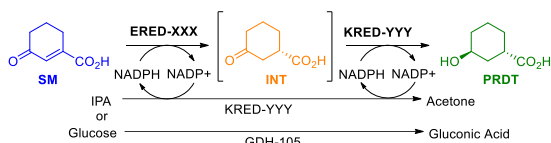
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-> <12 wt% total

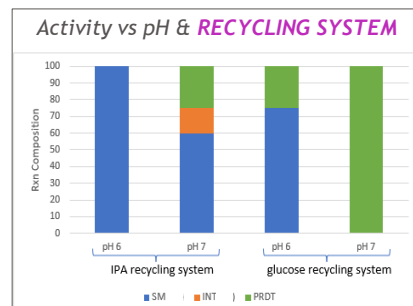
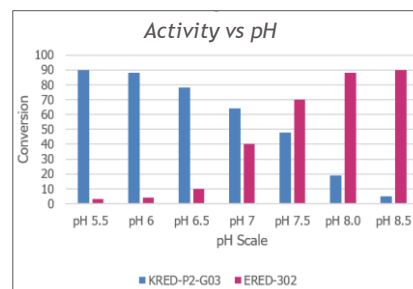
-> >98% @ >99% de/ee

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Screening & Early Evolution

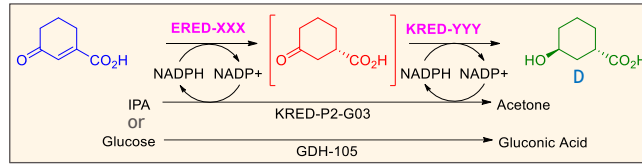


- After 2 rds of evolution (IPA recycling system @ pH 6):
 - Obtained POC, but: 100 wt% ERED, 100 wt% KRED and only 5 g/L SM loading
- Before continuing with evolution, conducted some initial process development. Data supported:
 - pH 7 (vs pH 6) optimal for ERED/KRED cascade
 - **Glucose/GDH** significantly outperformed IPA recycling system
- Led to major shift in enzyme evolution conditions....



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Results from a Key Partnership in Enzyme Evolution

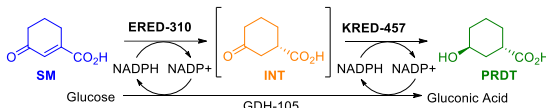


	POC Conditions	Conditions after 11 Rounds of Evolution + Process Development
Enzyme	ERED-001 KRED-P2-G03	ERED-310 KRED-457
Substrate Load	5 g/L	67 g/L
ERED Load	100 wt%	8 wt%
KRED Load	100 wt%	3 wt%
Recycling System	IPA (20%)	Glucose + GDH
pH	6	7
Temperature	30C	30C
Time	21 hours	12 hours
Pdt/Int/SM	75/15/10	99/0/0
Selectivity	>99% ee, >99% de	>99% ee, >99% de

Key performance indicators: **target**
 Substrate loading → >50 g/L
 ERED + KRED loading → <12 wt% total
 Conversion & selectivity → >98% @ >99% de/ee

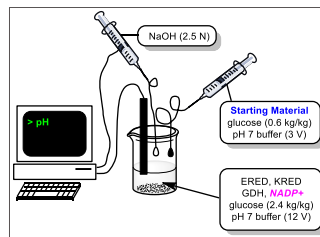
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Going from Lab to Plant Scale



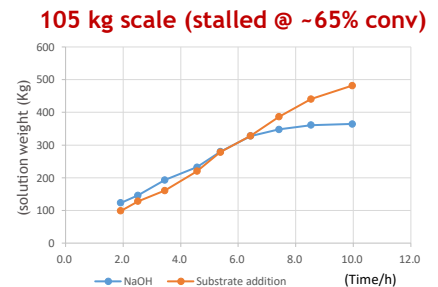
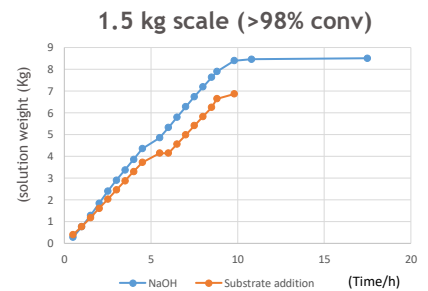
1st Gen Process:

- SM added as soln over ~10 h to soln of ERED/KRED/GDH & NADP+
- As rxn proceeds, gluconic acid forms and pH drops
- pH is continuously monitored and aq NaOH dosed to maintain pH ~7
 - Overall, aq NaOH addition curve serves as PAT for conversion



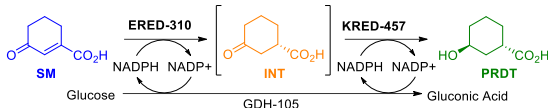
Results:

- No issues on 1.5 kg scale
- Stalling observed on 105 kg scale



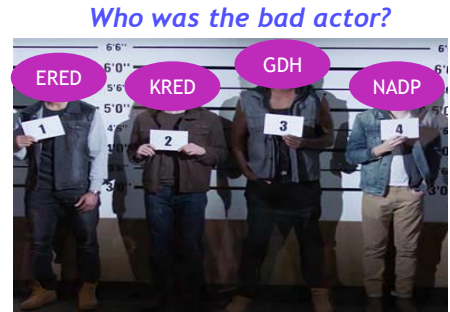
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Troubleshooting the ERED/KRED Cascade

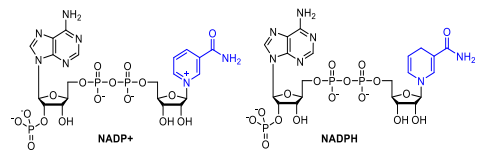


Results:

- Took slipstreams of stalled 105 kg rxn mixture and added either:
 - KRED only → no significant change
 - ERED only → no significant change
 - GDH-105 only → no significant change
 - NADP+ only → complete conversion
- NADP+ charge alone recovered activity
- Since oxidation of glucose by GDH-105 is very fast → proposed NADPH is predominant species during reaction
- Additional expts supported while NADPH is stable at pH 10-13, it has some stability issues at pH 7 (note: NADP+ is stable for >24 h at pH 7)
- How can we leverage this info to develop a more robust process.....

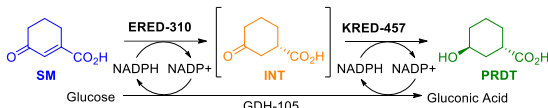


Poll Question: Answer on Interactive Screen



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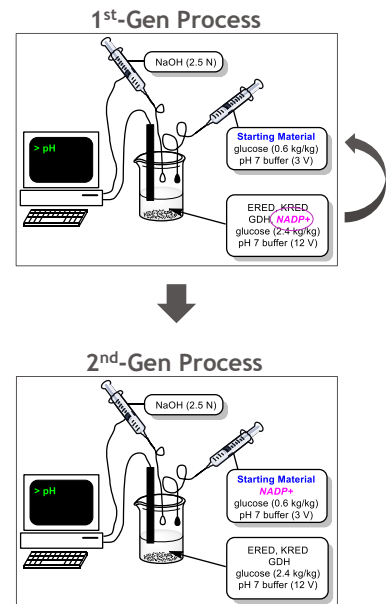
New Protocol & Scale-Up Results



-add NADP+ in SM solution (vs enzymes) to minimize build up of NADPH

200 kg batch w/ revised solution prep:

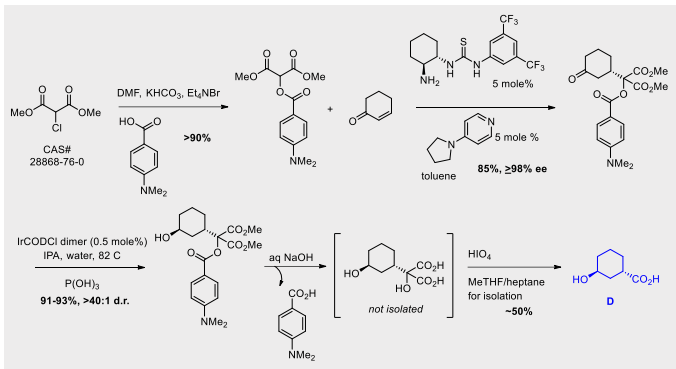
- >98% conv; no kickers needed
- 87% isolated yield
- 100% chiral purity



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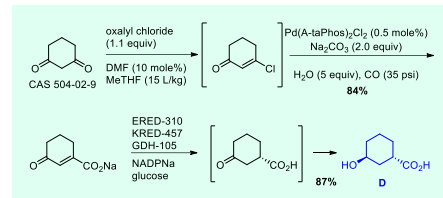
Comparison of Routes to 'D'

Enabling Route to 'D'



Compound D from Enabling Route Compound D from ERED/KRED route

New Route to 'D'



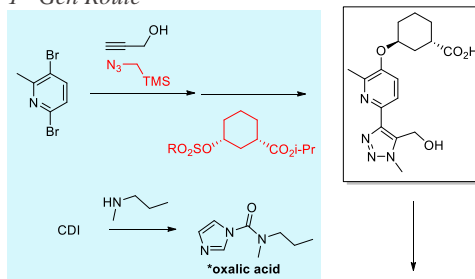
	Enabling Route	ERED/KRED Route
Step Count	4	2
Overall Yield	35%	73%
Est Cost Saving	-	$\geq 50\%$ savings in \$/kg final API
PMI	650	112

PMI: kg of all inputs leading to 1 kg of Compound D

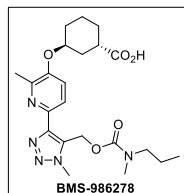
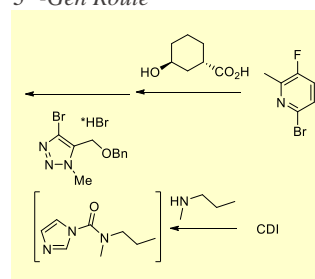
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Overall Route Modifications

1st-Gen Route

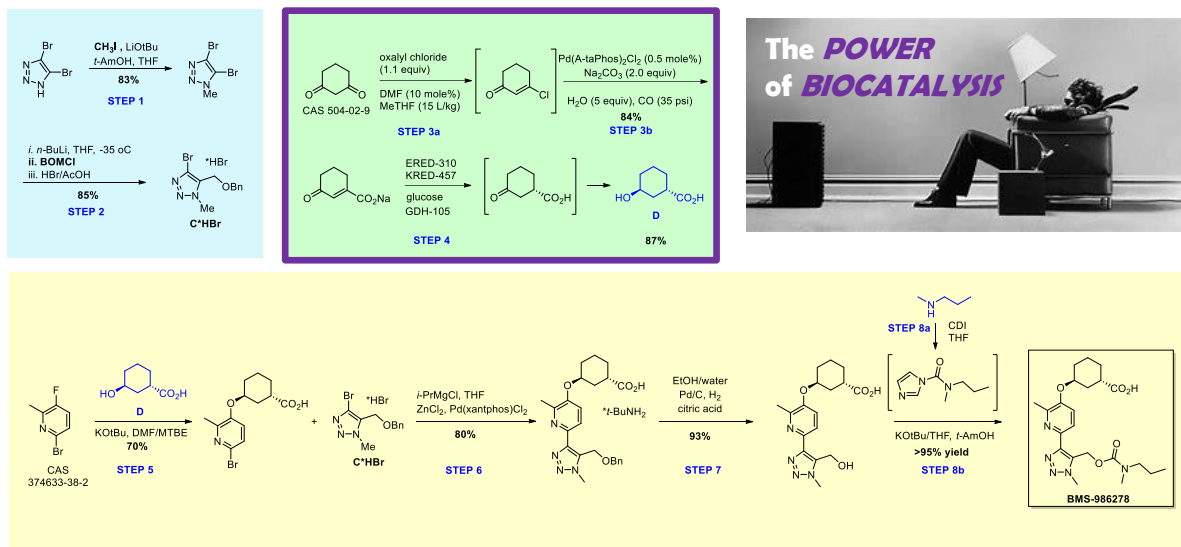


3rd-Gen Route



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Optimized Route to BMS-986278



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Overall Route Metrics Summary



Social/People

↓ 100% elimination of **hazardous** TMSCH $_2$ N $_3$ & dichloromethane (DCM)
 eliminates 339 kg TMSCH $_2$ N $_3$ & >39,000 kg DCM per 100 kg API delivered!

Environmental/Planet

>8x yield ↑ vs Ph2 route
 50% ↓ in steps needing aq wkup
 ↓ 86% reduction in overall PMI

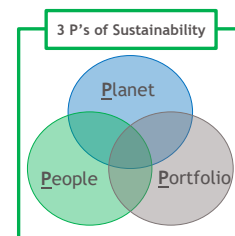
eliminates 6 million Kg of waste annually at peak!

Economic/Portfolio

↓ 60% reduction in \$/kg API (100 kg scale)

>\$3M in cost avoidance to deliver 1st 100 kg API

↓ expect >80% reduction in \$/kg API on >1000 kg scale....



"the triple bottom-line"

Embedding 'Green By Design' principles as part of our development mindset to deliver **enhanced value to our People & Patients**

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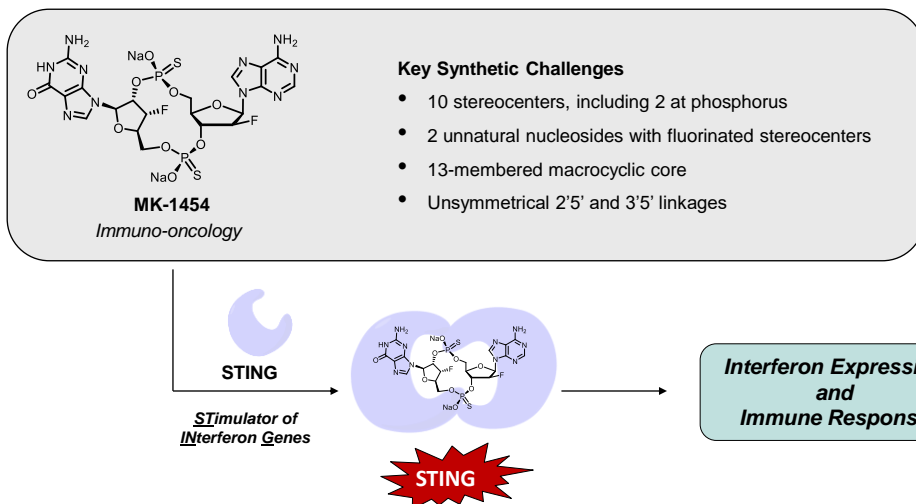
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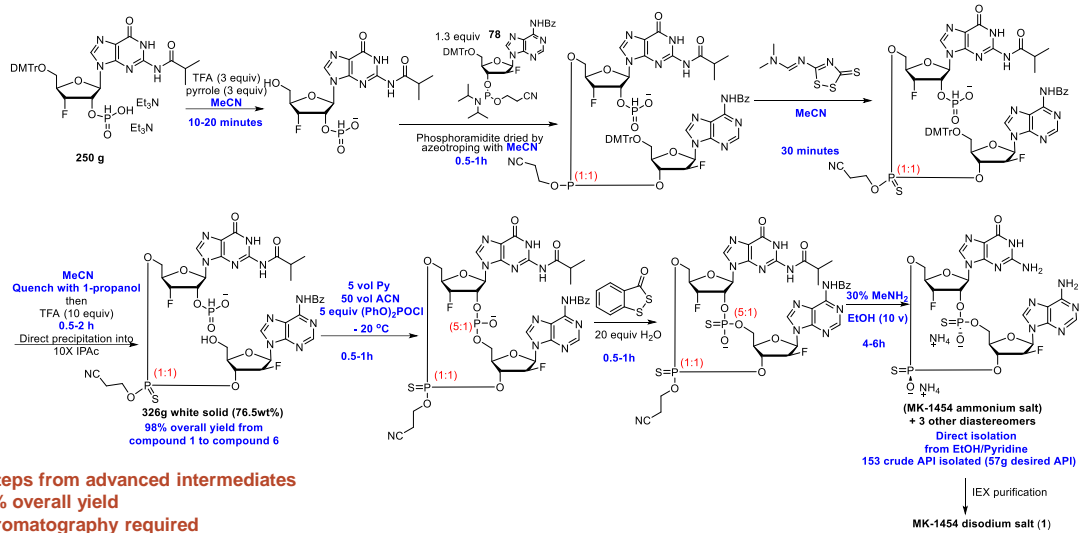


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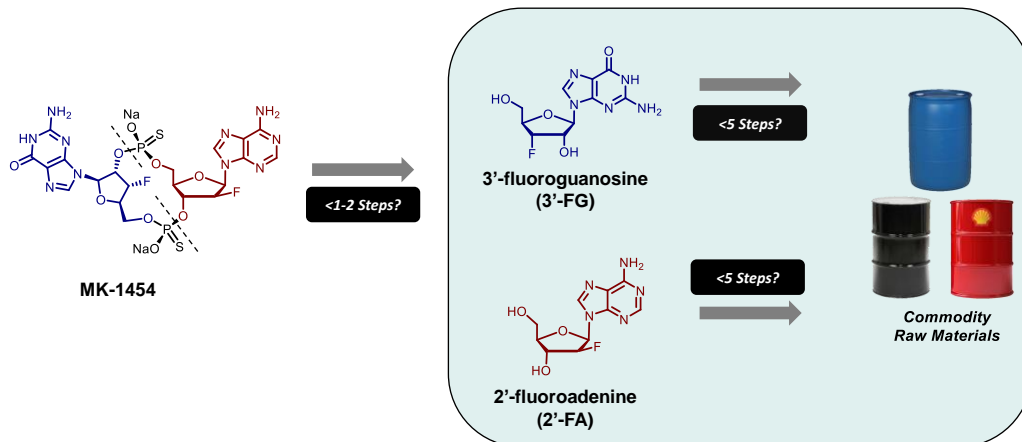


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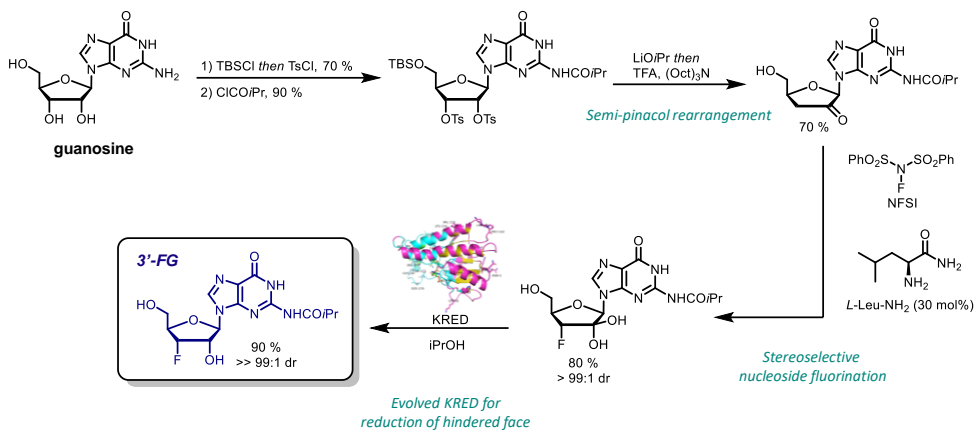
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From Commodity to Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API)



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Overview of 3'-F-Guanosine (3'-FG) Process

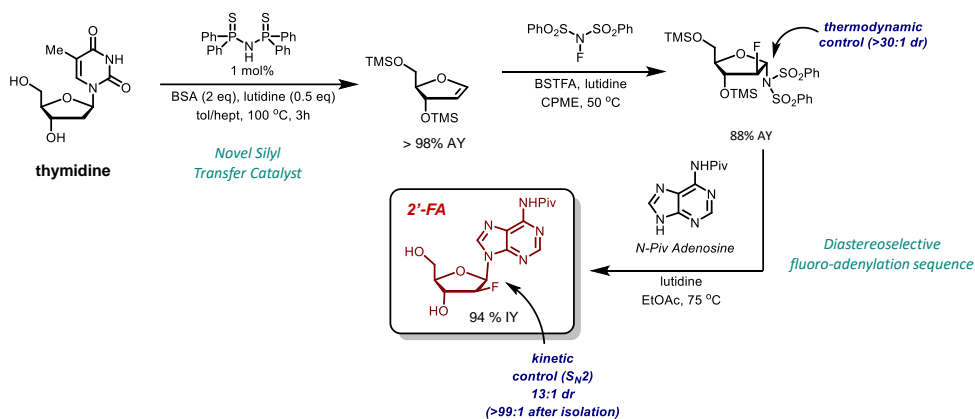


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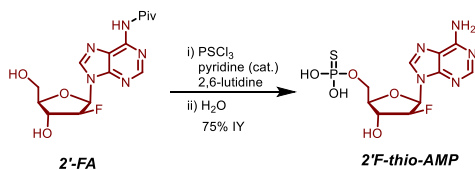
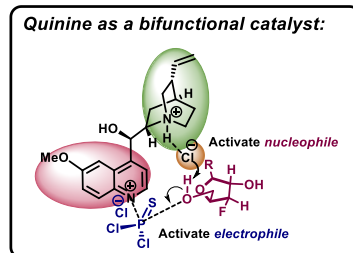
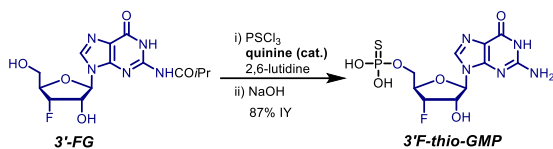


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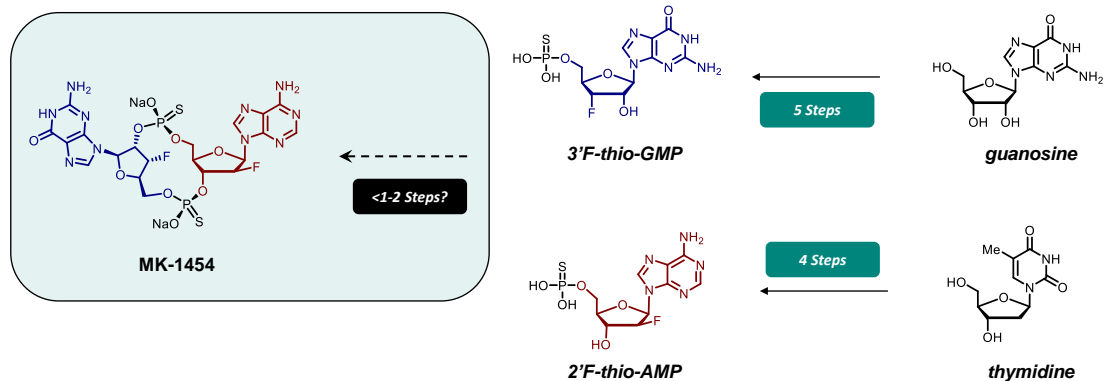


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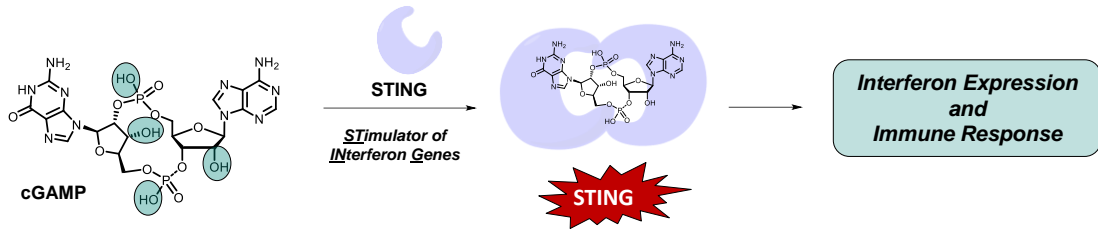


What is the most direct route from monomers to MK-1454?



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Taking Cues from Biology: cGAMP Mechanism of Action



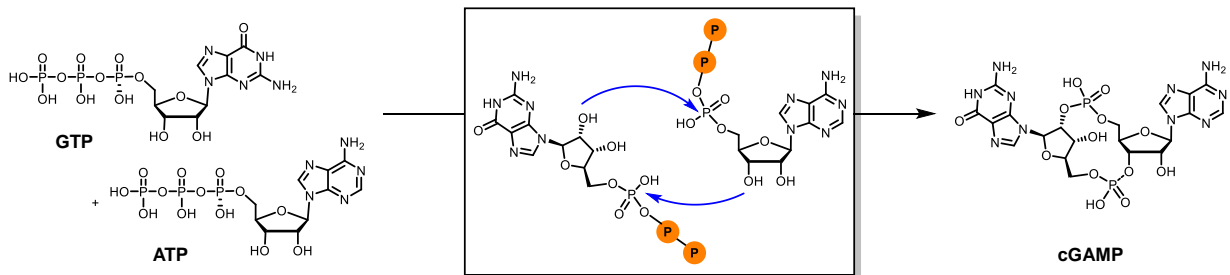
MK-1454 is an analog of natural signaling molecule cGAMP

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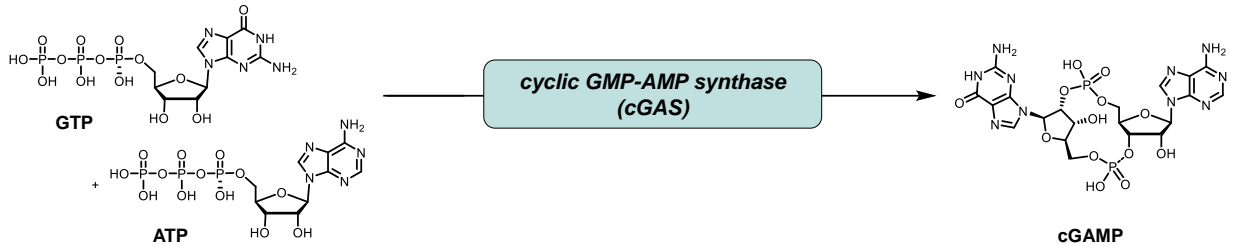


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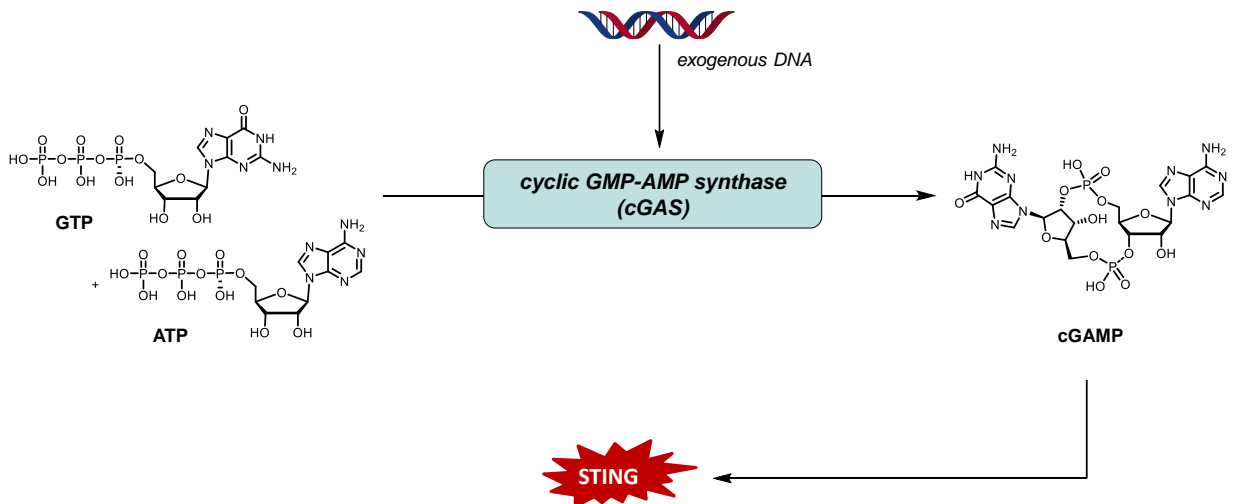


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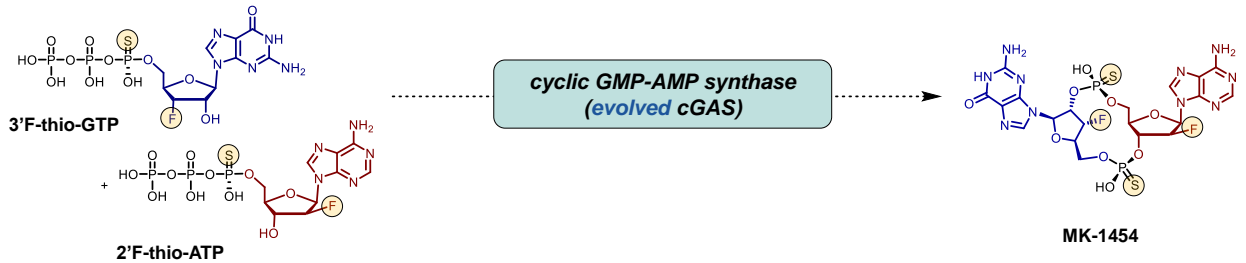


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Drawing Inspiration from Nature to Make MK-1454



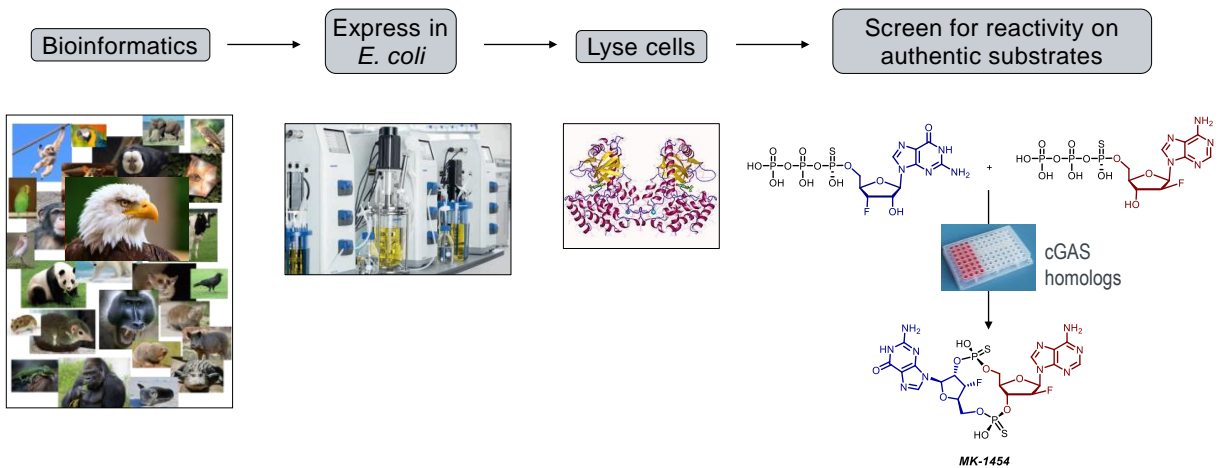
Can we engineer cGAS to produce MK-1454?



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Discovery of a Promiscuous Wild-Type cGAS

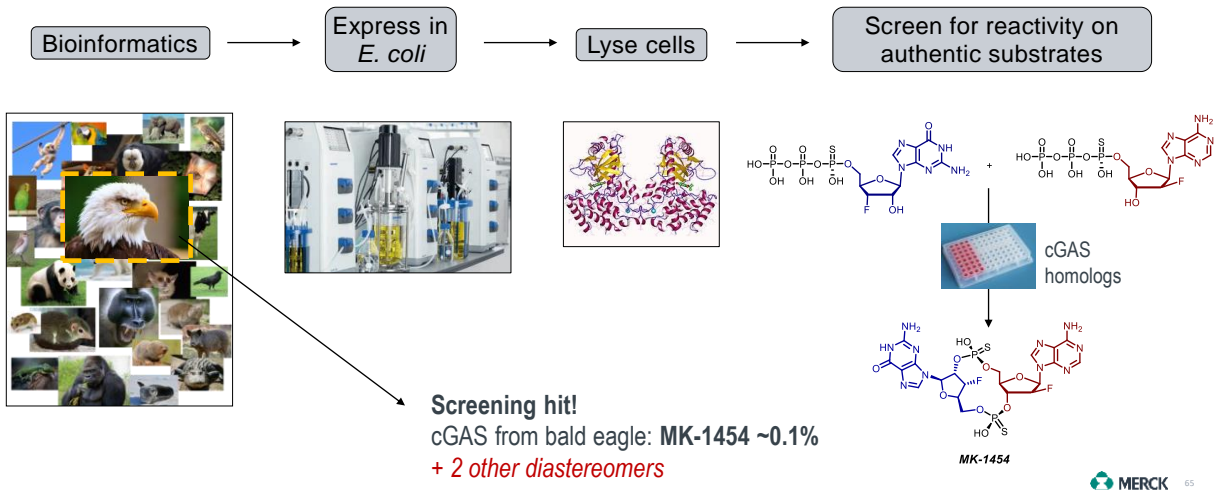
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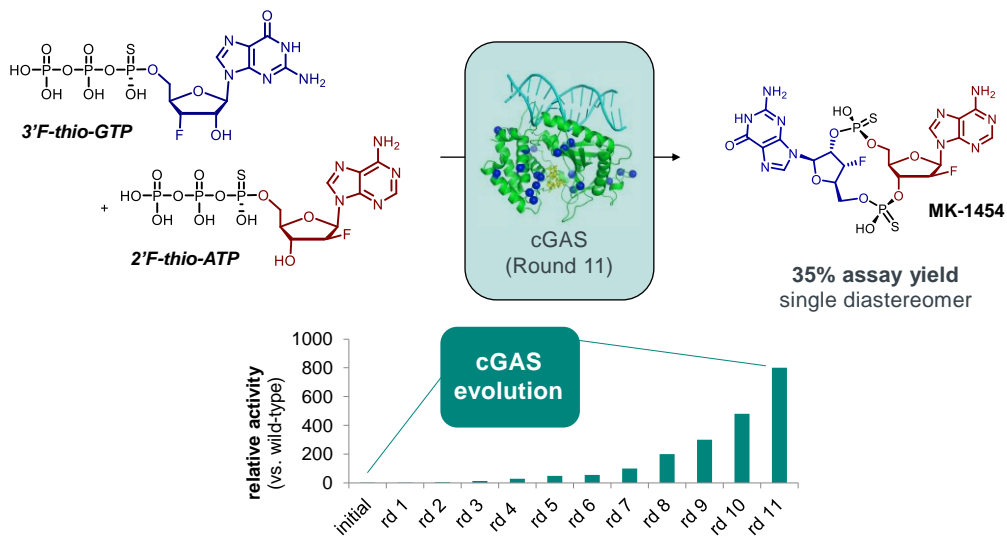
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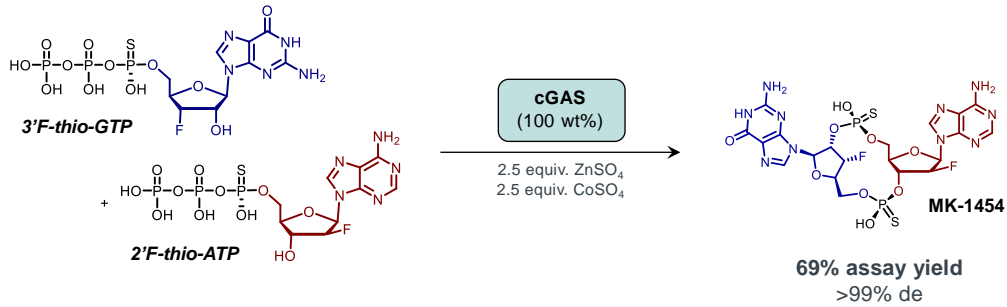
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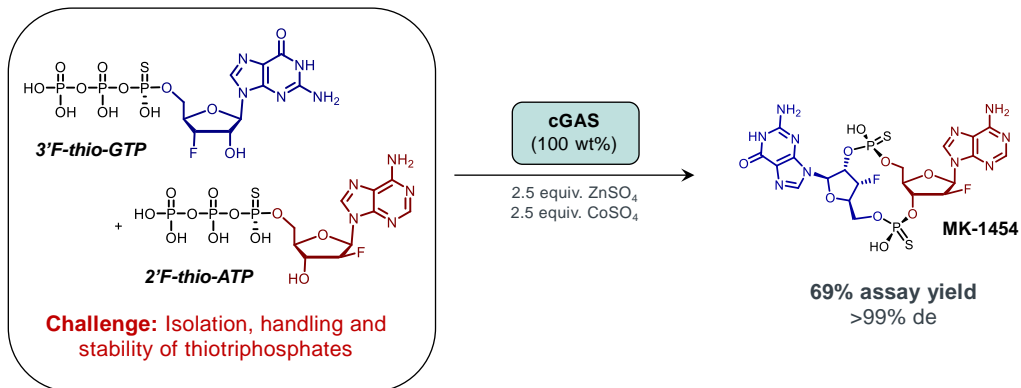
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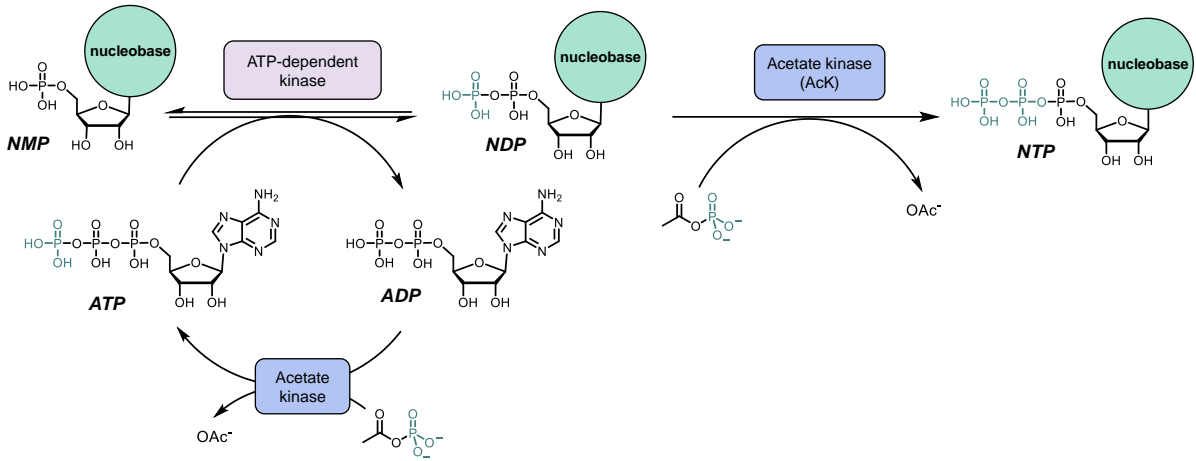


Can we produce nucleotide triphosphates in situ?
 (Biocatalytic cascade!)



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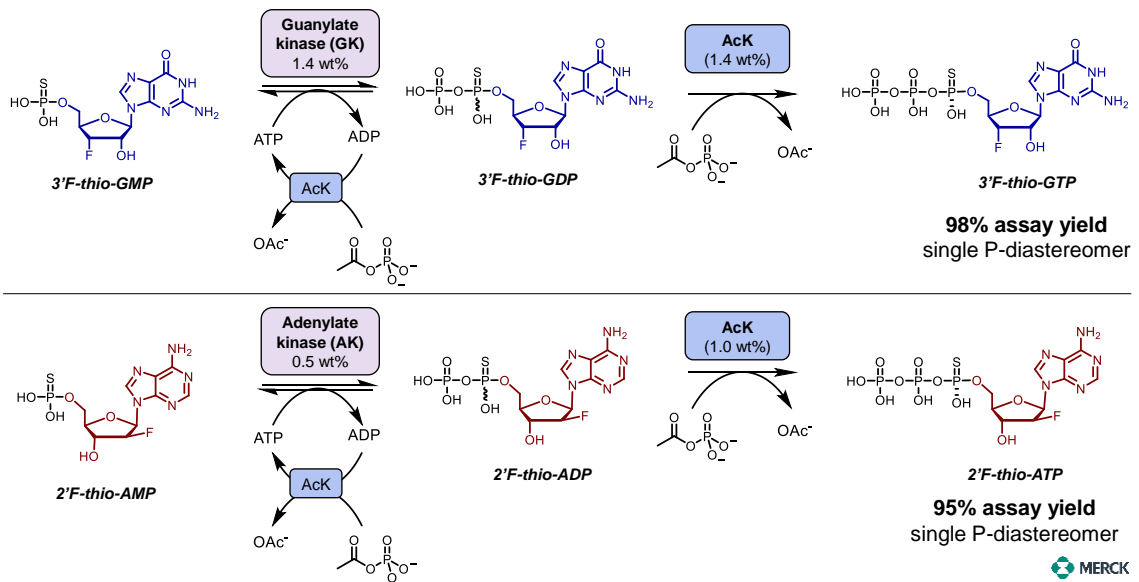
Taking Cues from Biology: Nucleotide Triphosphate Synthesis



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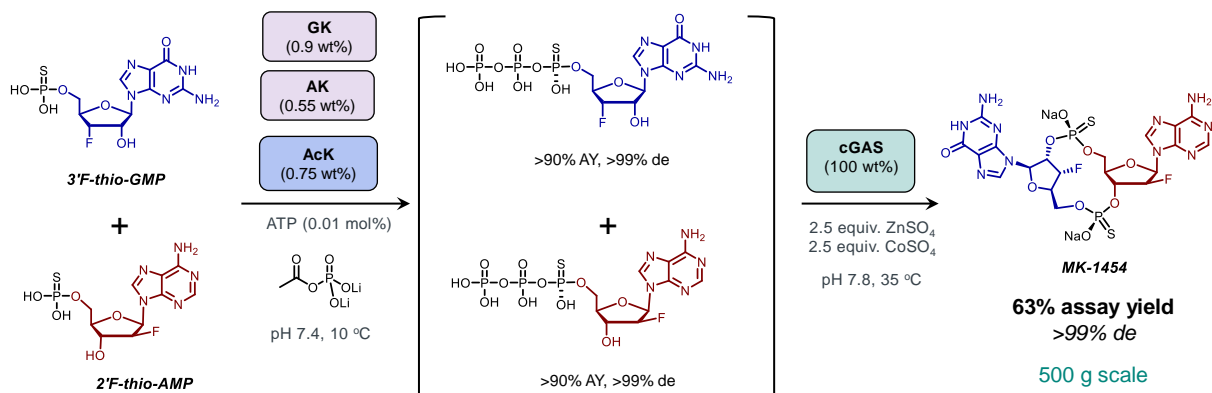
Protein Engineering Enables Phosphorylation of Unnatural Nucleotides



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Clicking Together Nucleotides in Telescoped Enzymatic Cascade



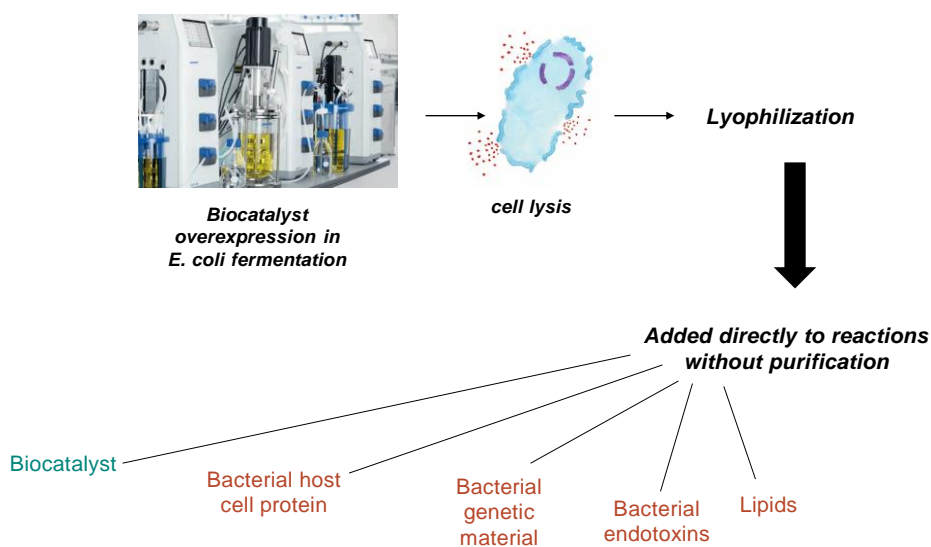
Single-pot enzymatic cascade!

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Lyophilized Cell Lysates As Standard Biocatalyst Sources



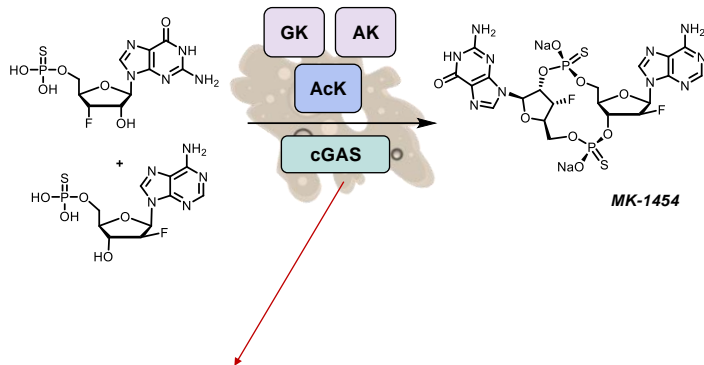
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Post-synthetic Process Chemistry Challenges



MK-1454 is injected into patients

Higher standard for API purity compared to orally administered drugs



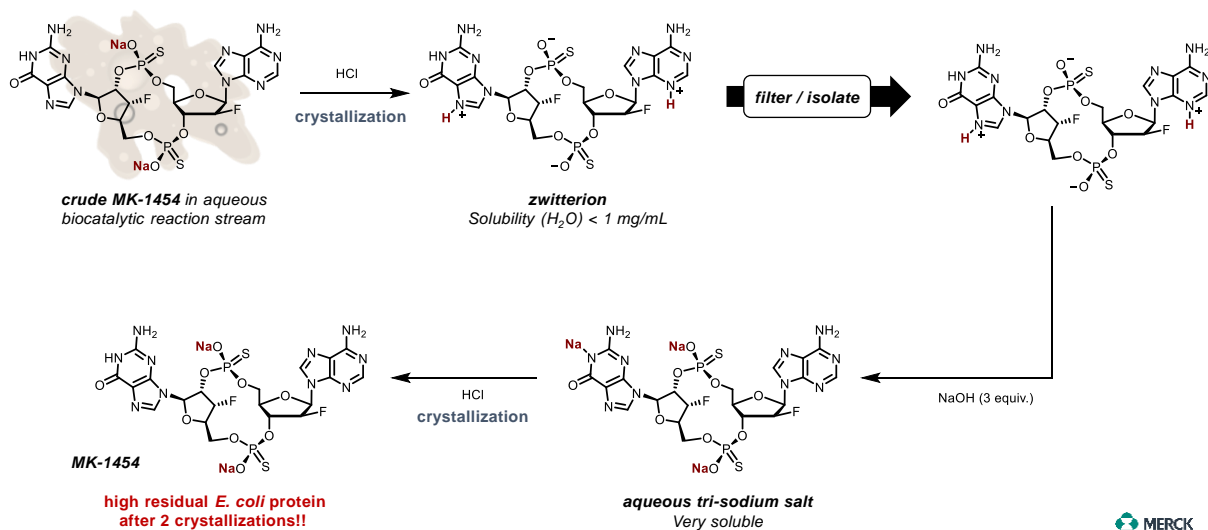
***E. coli* lysed cell powder can elicit adverse immune response**

Challenge! Protein in final product must be undetectable (<20 ppm)



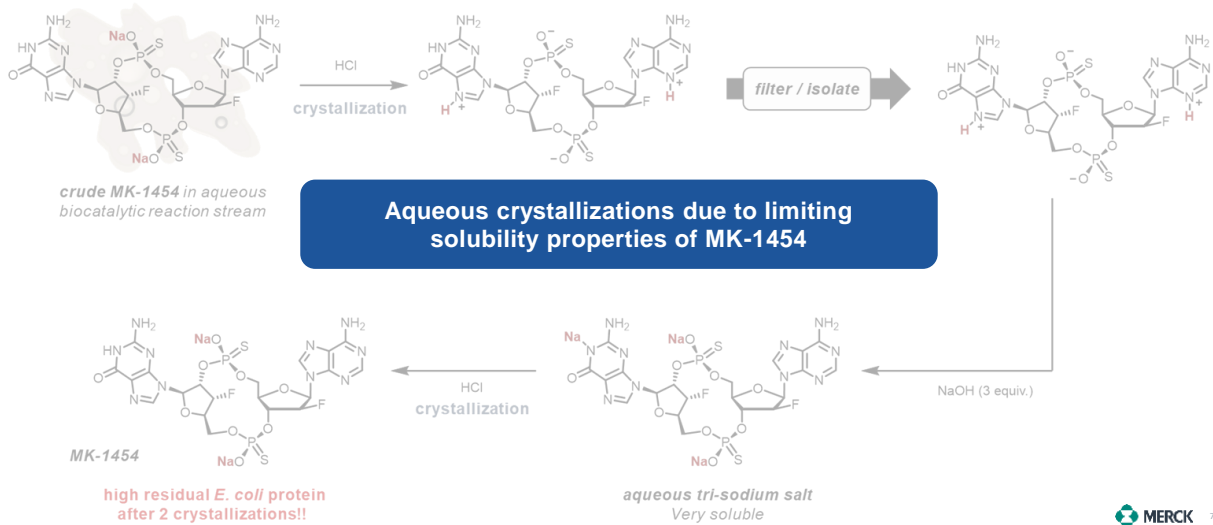
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Sequential Crystallizations of MK-1454



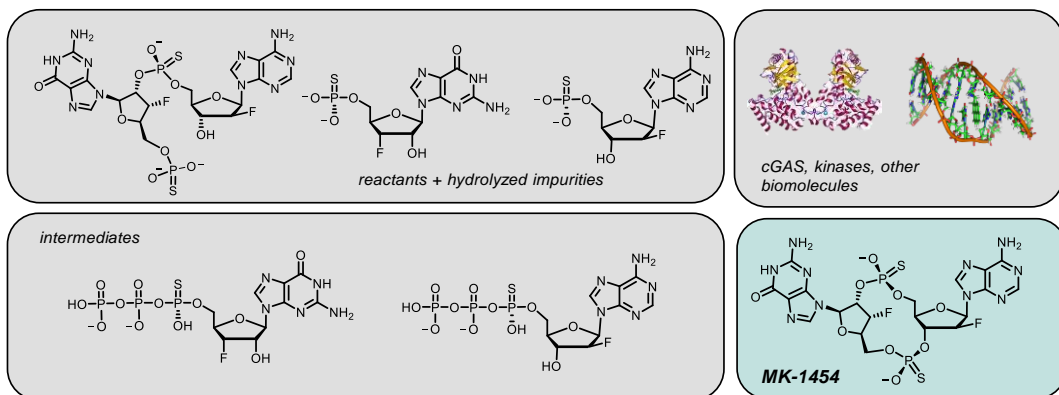
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Workup and Isolation Challenges



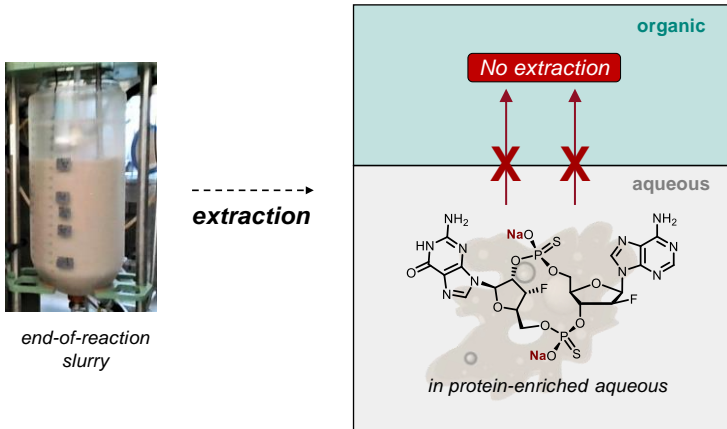
Like MK-1454, **major impurities** are highly polar, highly soluble in water, and poorly soluble in organics



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Poor Extraction of MK-1454 Into Organic Solvents

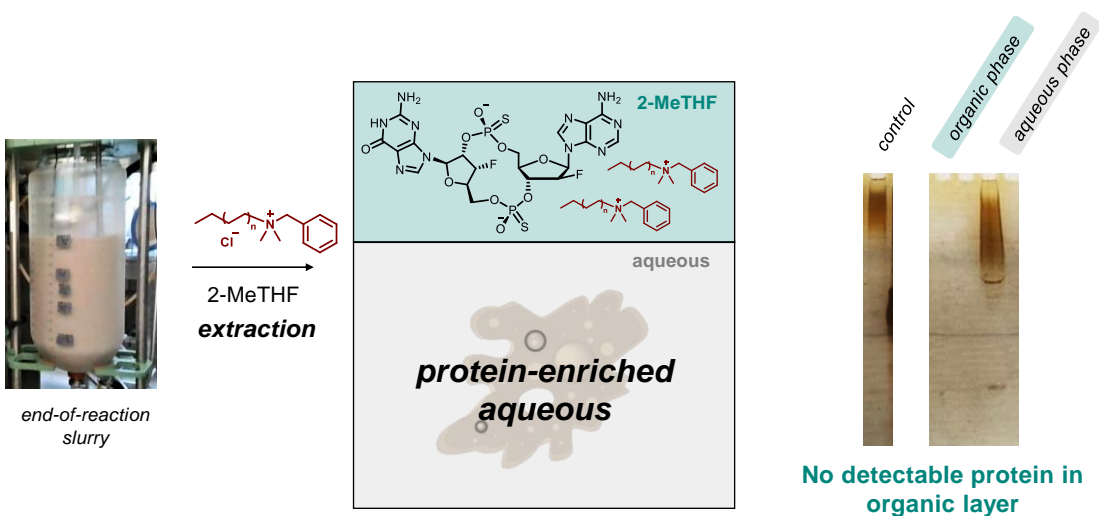
MK-1454 is insoluble in most organic solvents



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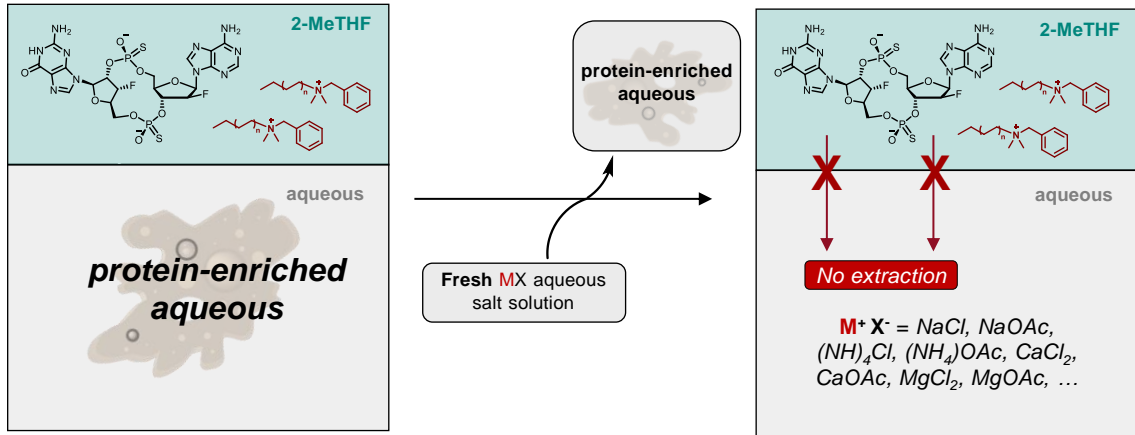
Quaternary Ammonium Extractants for MK-1454 Purification



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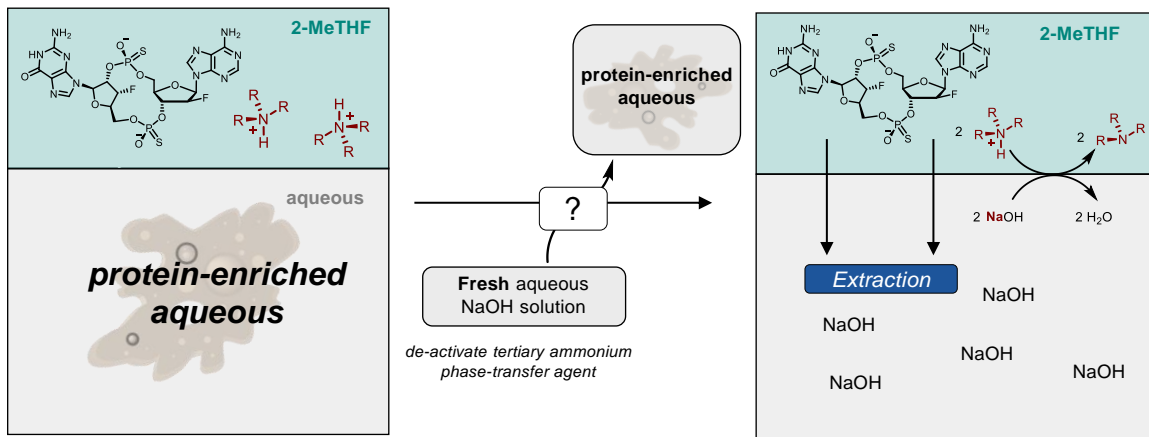
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Intercepting an Aqueous Crystallization: Back-Extraction into Water



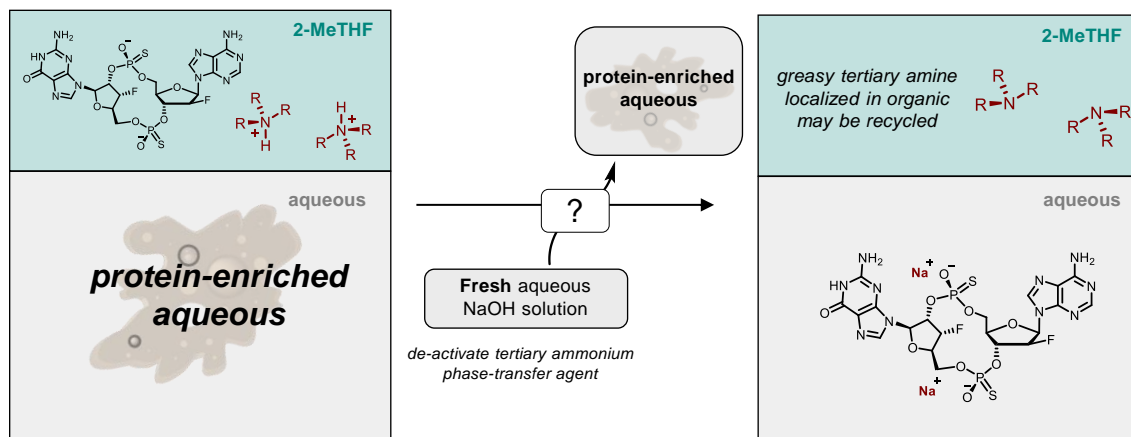
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Tertiary Amines as pH-Switchable Extractants?



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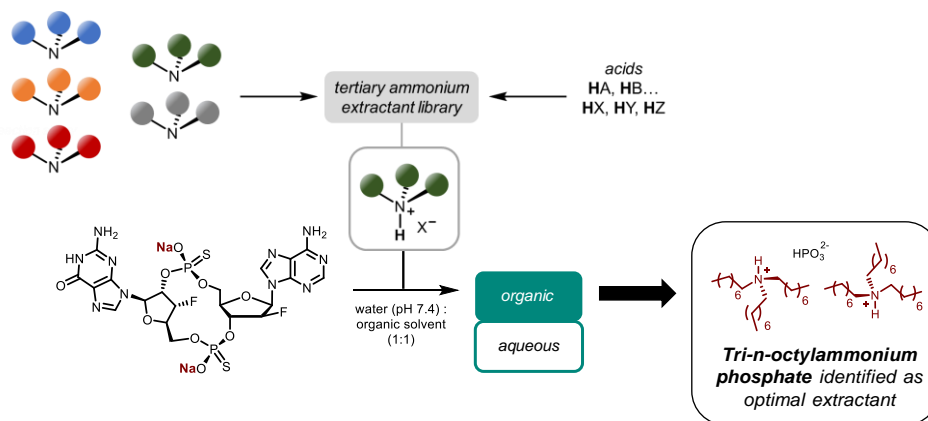
Hypothesis: Tertiary Amines as pH-Switchable Extractants



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High-Throughput Discovery of Tertiary Ammonium Extractants

Extractant library synthesized by combinatorial acid / base reactions

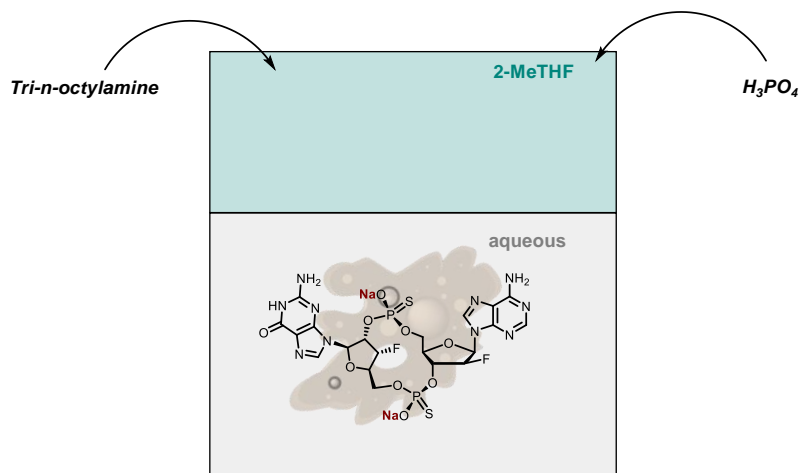


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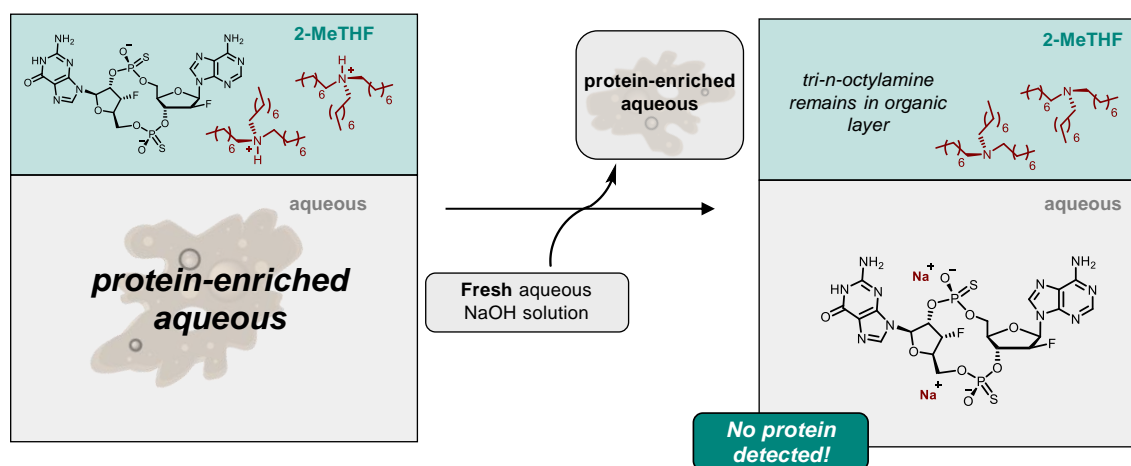
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pH-Switchable Extractants: Proof-of-Concept Achieved!



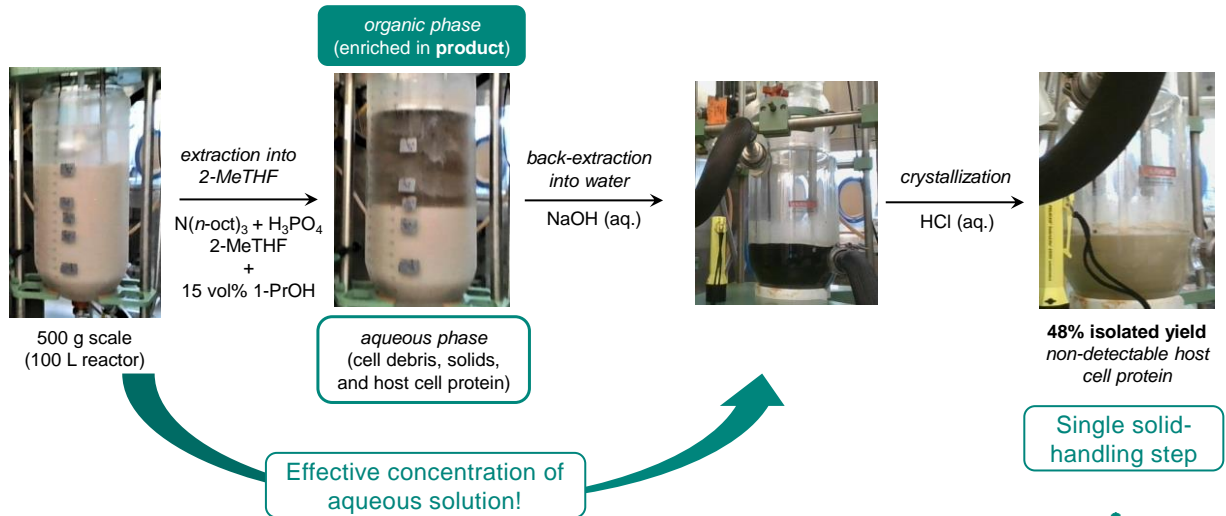
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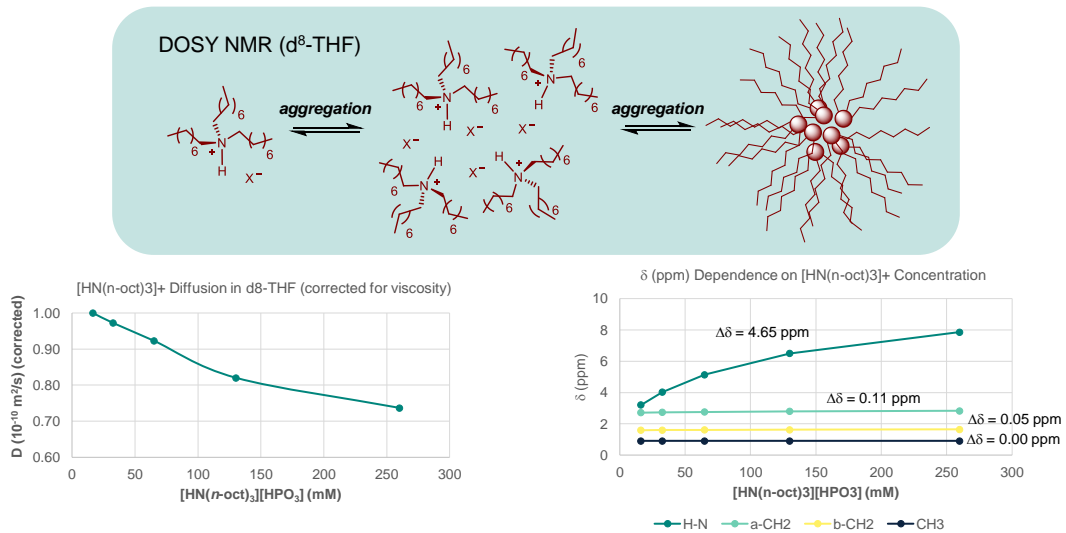
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Prep Scale Demonstration of Extraction



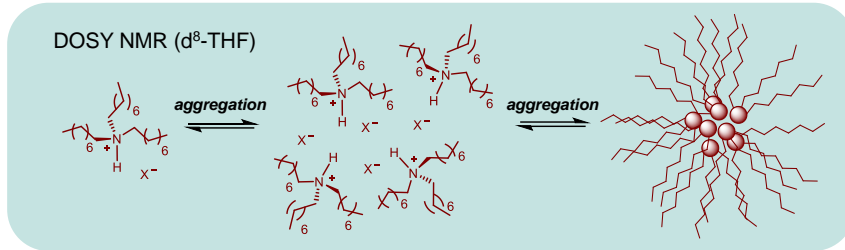
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Probing Solution-State Extractant Interactions



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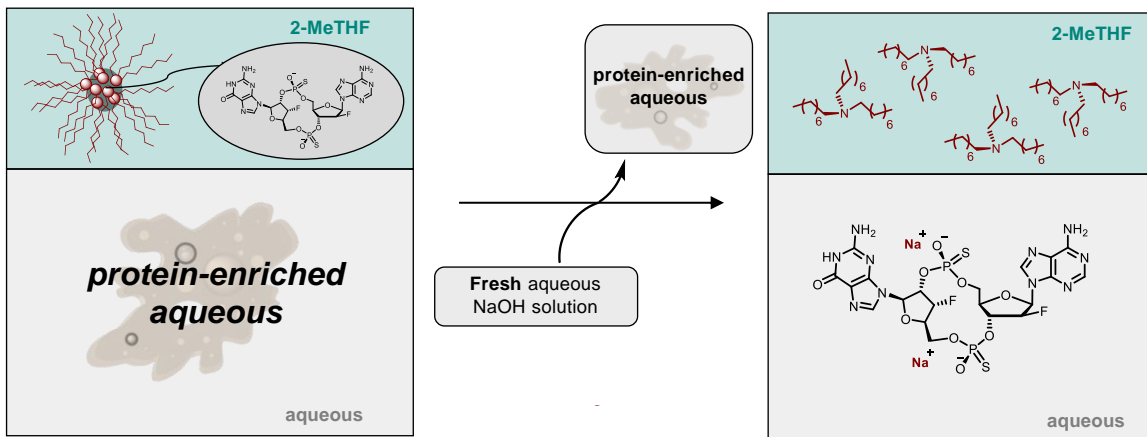
MK-1454 likely extracted in reverse micelles

General phenomenon demonstrated with other polar hydrophilic molecules



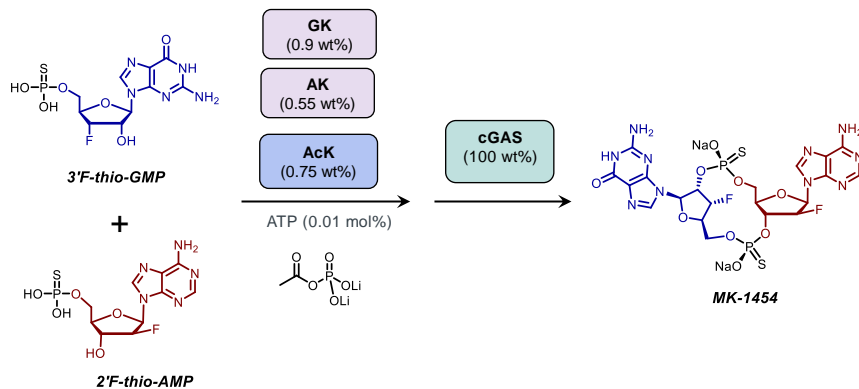
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Reverse Micellization of pH-Switchable Extractants



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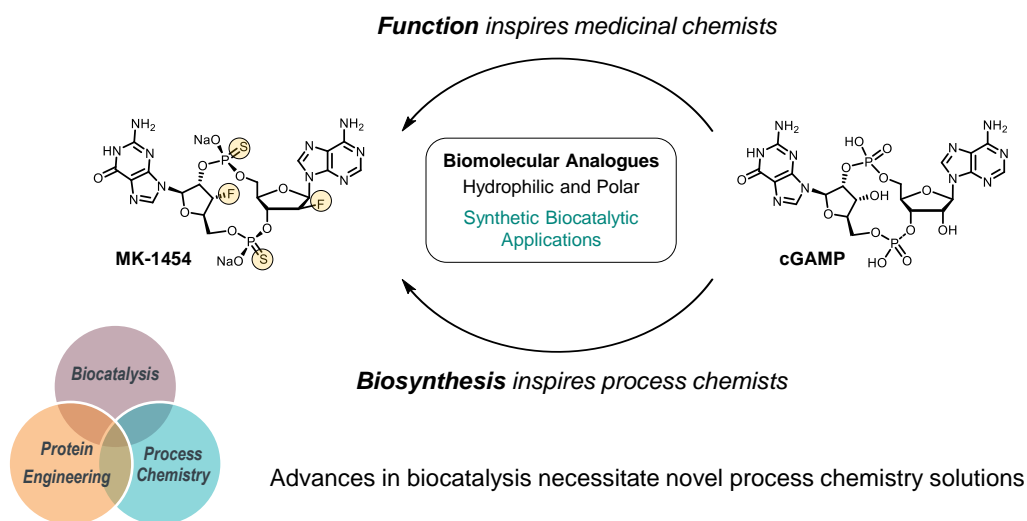


- **Enzyme engineering** in concert with process development enabled a complex biocatalytic cascade to MK-1454.
- Leveraged **enzyme substrate specificity** and **diastereoselectivity** to prepare a single cyclic dinucleotide diastereomer.
- >10x improvement in **process mass intensity** (~800) over 1st generation non-biocatalytic route.



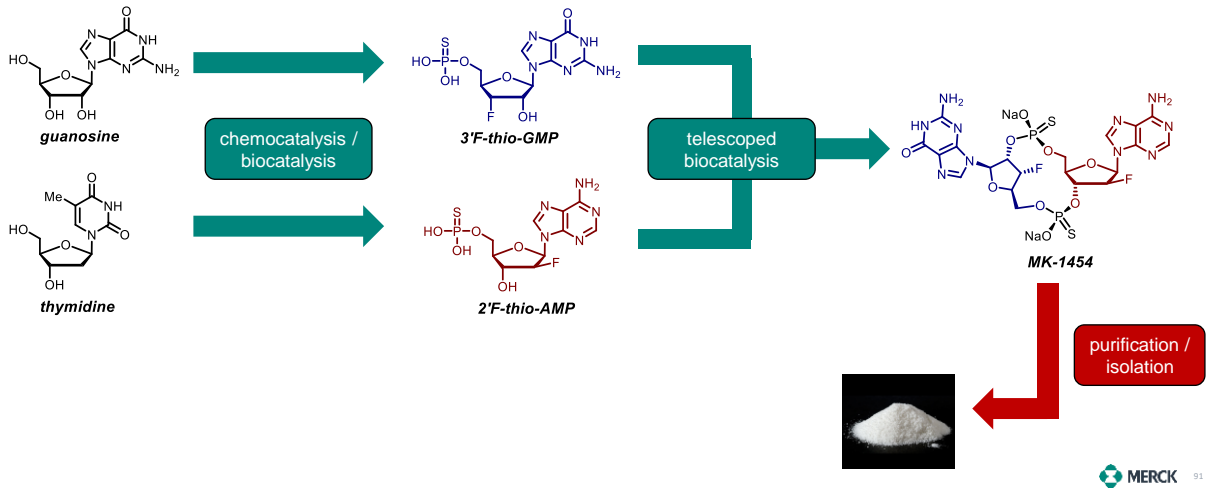
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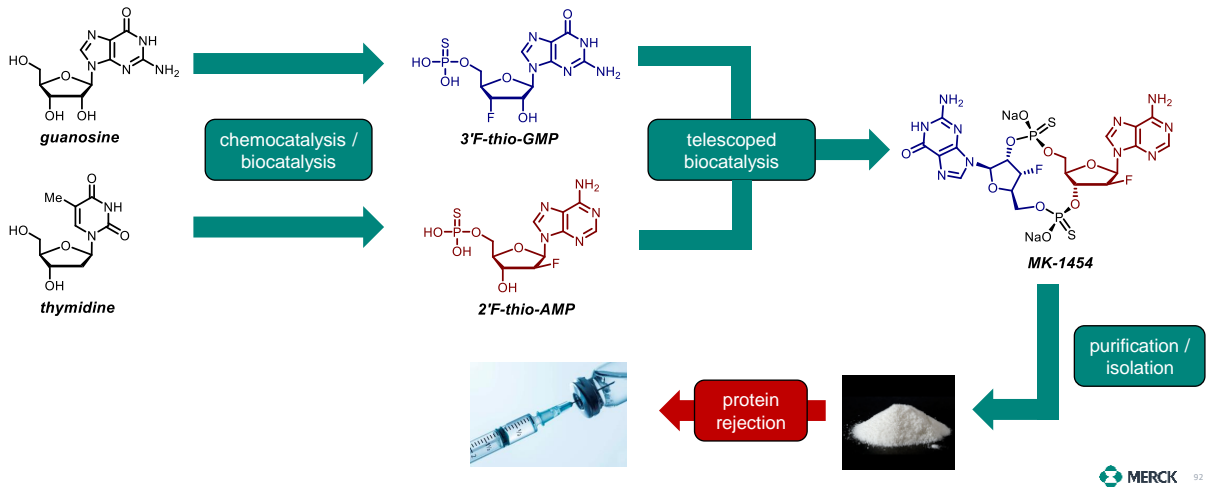
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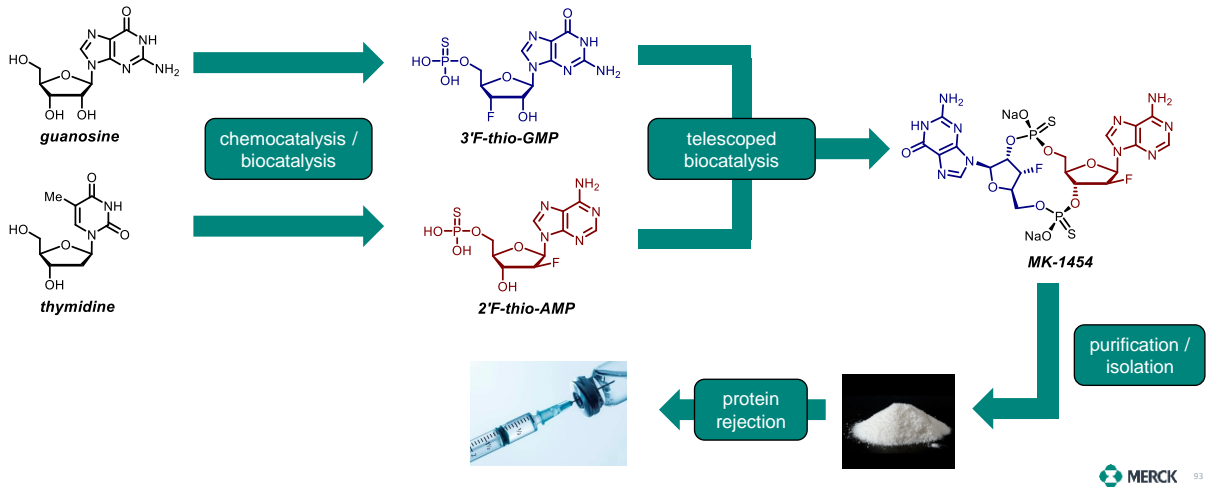
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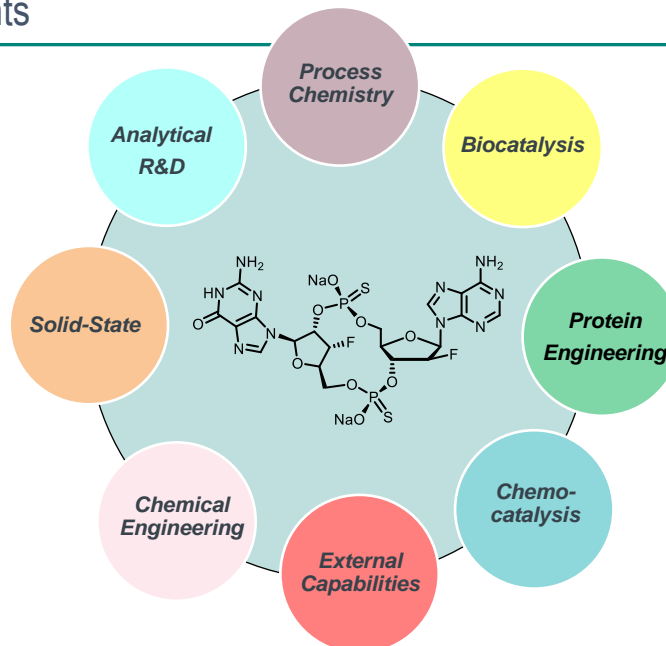
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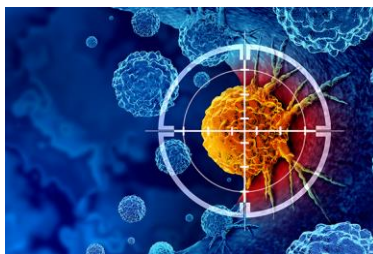
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