



selectAZyme™ Biotransformation and Scale up

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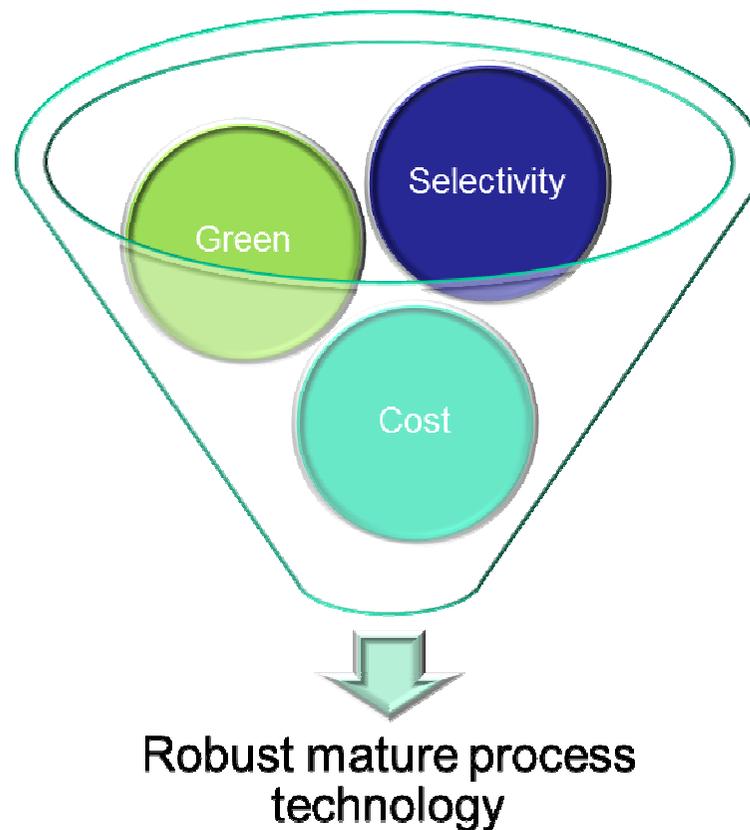
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Enzyme Technology

Case Studies

Hydrolase enzymes
Purification
Oxido Reductase enzymes
Biooxidation
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Summary



Almac Group Global presence



- EU headquarters, UK
- US headquarter, Pennsylvania USA
- Asia (Japan and Singapore)
- 48 Distribution Depots in over 41 countries worldwide
- Partnership in Asia
- Financially stable and privately owned
- 30 years experience serving 600+ clients
- Employs approx. 3400 staff worldwide
- Asset investment in excess of \$740M



History



1968	Galen founded by Sir Allen McClay
1997	Galen floated on stock market
2000	Galen acquired by large pharma company
2001	Sir Allen McClay retires
2002 2003	Sir Allen McClay comes out of retirement and acquires Galen service divisions

2004 2006	Galen's service divisions are integrated
2006	Almac Group globally launched
2008	Almac Group grows rapidly
2009	Almac Group achieves foundation status 
2010	North American HQ opened

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Group

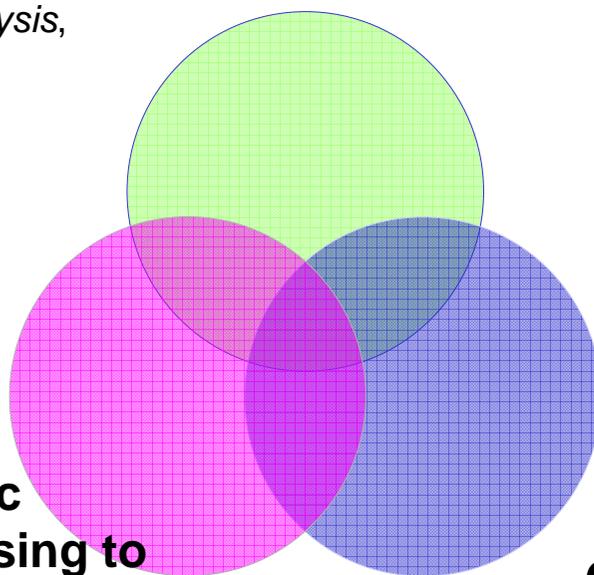


Biocatalysis

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Adv. Syn. Catalysis,
2012

Dedicated group of 28 people

Molecular
Microbiology
Chemistry
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Chemical engineering
Analytical



Academic
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Colorimetric assay design

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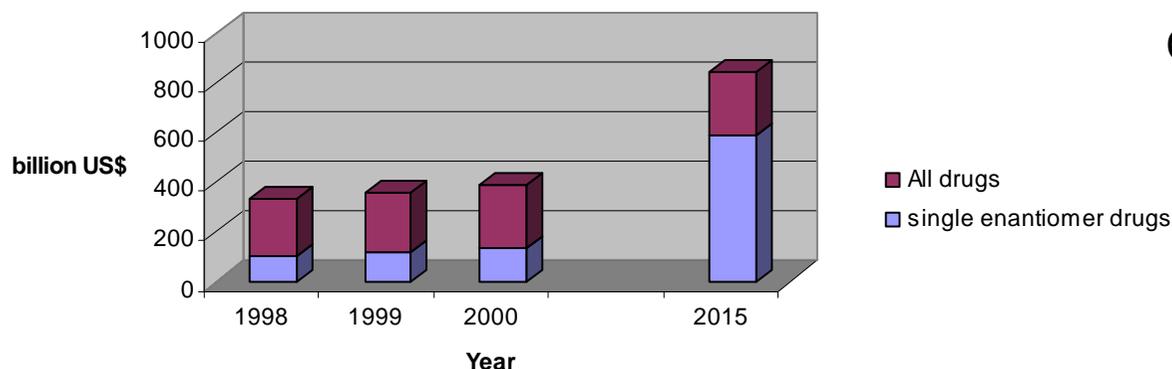
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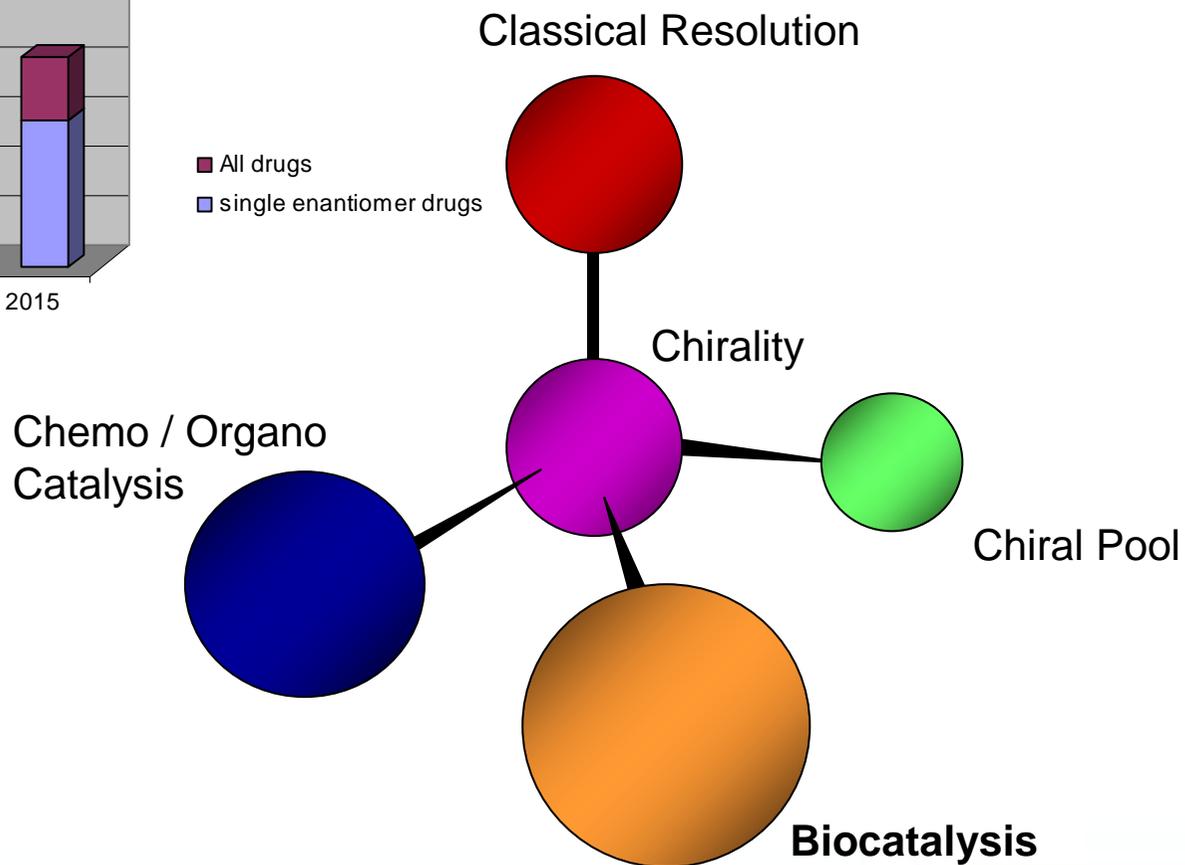
Exploring Manufacturing Routes To Chiral Building Blocks:



Relevance of chiral drugs

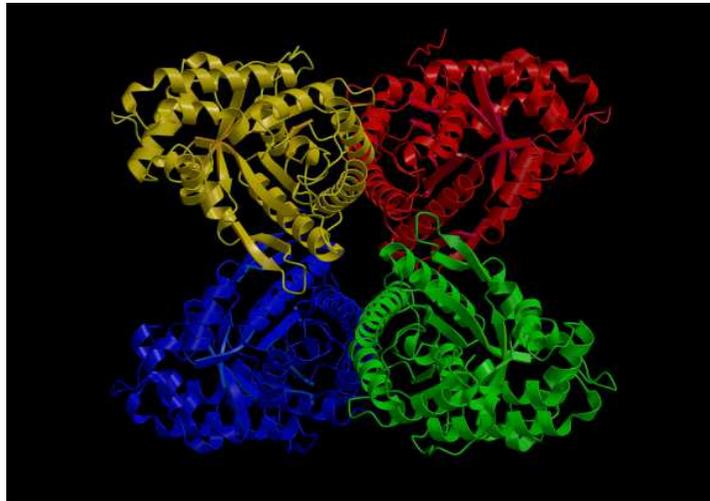


The trend for new chiral pharmaceutical reagents is continuing. In 2000, 35% of intermediates were chiral and this number is expected to increase to 80% by 2015





What is a Biocatalyst??



A 'biocatalyst' is an enzyme or micro-organism that can be used as a catalyst for the synthesis of fine chemicals or pharmaceuticals

The active constituent of a biocatalyst is always an enzyme

Enzymes are polypeptides that typically have MW's 20KD-300 KD.

- Enzymes can be stable aqueous buffers, organic solvents and at elevated temperatures.
- Enzymes activity is defined in Units (U) per milligram=U/mg.

Biocatalysis pros and cons



- Chemo- and regio-selectivity not seen with chemical reagents
- Non-hazardous reagents which work in water
- Unique activities
- Leave no harmful residues in effluent streams
- Reduce the number of synthetic steps

- Cheap!



Unfamiliar reaction conditions for traditional organic chemists

MAJOR HURDLE!!



Modern Biocatalysis Mainstream Technology??

- Biocatalysis must be a first-line option, not an alternative!!
 - Must not be tried after everything else has failed.
 - Considered even at discovery end!!

Four trends are helping:

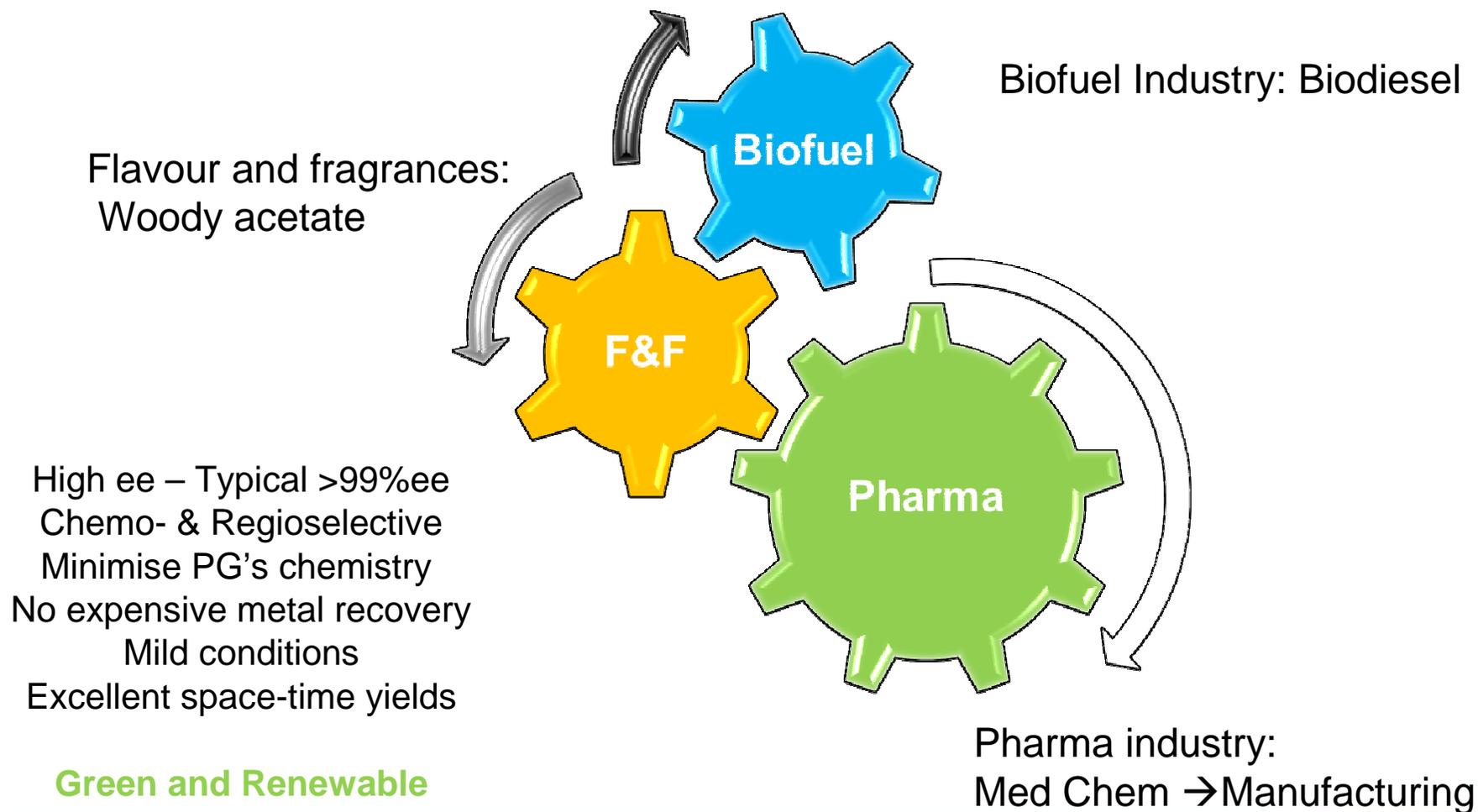
Greener Processes

Wide Availability of Robust Enzymes

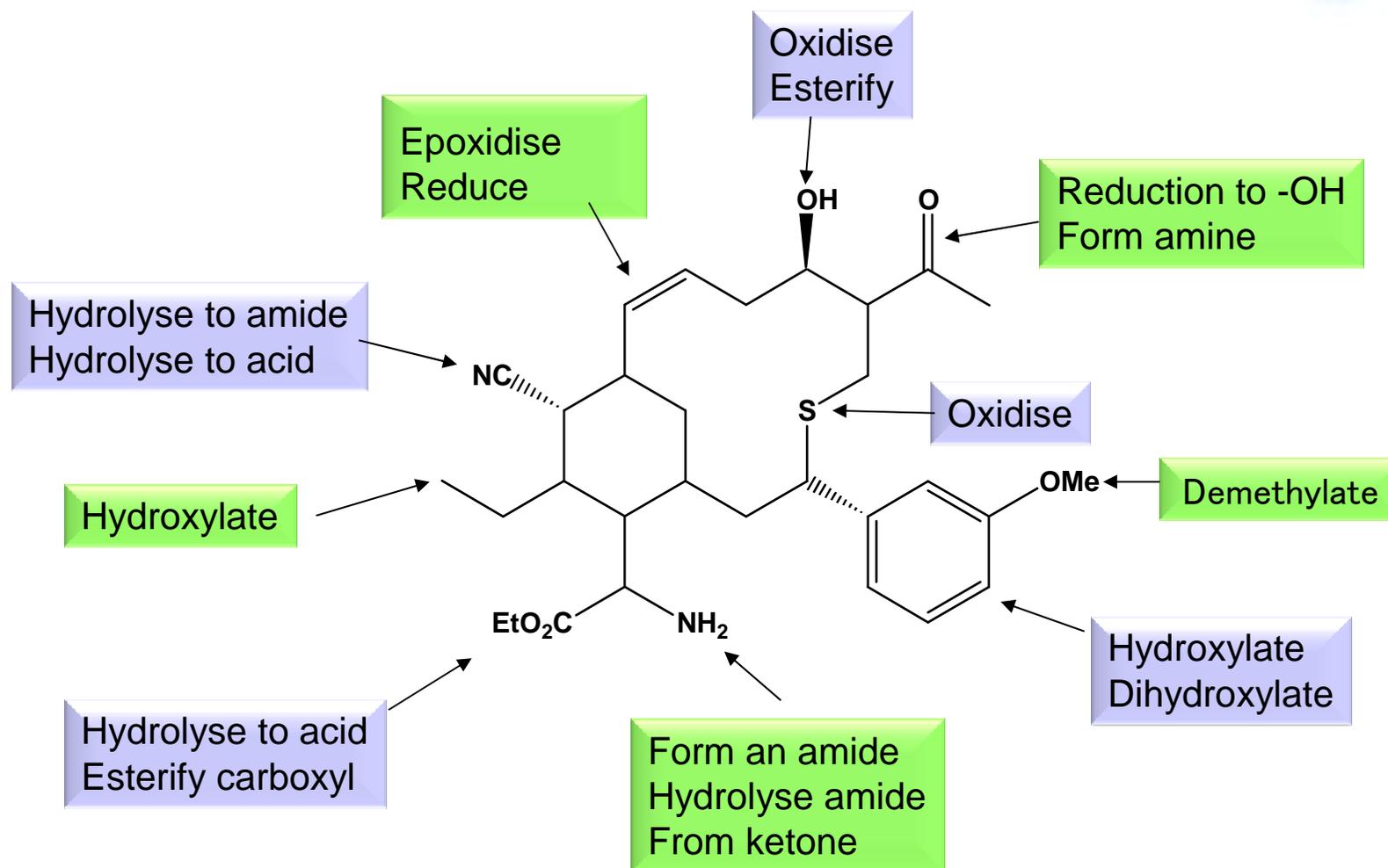
Process Intensification, Reduction in Costs

Nothing helps like SUCCESS!!

Technology



Technology



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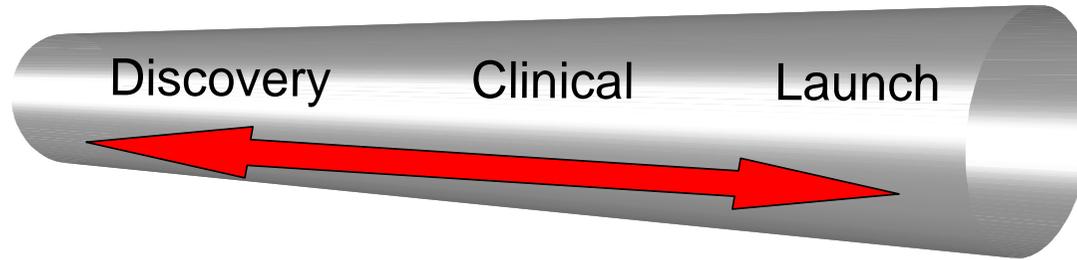


Enzyme Platforms	Product classes
Aldolases	Alcohols, Diols, Amino alcohols
Proteases	Peptides, Amines, Carboxyesters
Lipases and Esterases	Alcohols, Esters, Carboxylic acids
Ammonia lyases	Amino acids
Hydantoinases, Carbamoylases, Racemases	Amino acids
Amidases	Amino acids, Amides
Acyases	Amino acids, N-Acetyl-Amino acids
Hydroxynitrile lyases	Cyanohydrins
Omega-Transaminases	Amines
Oxidases	Alcohols, Aldehydes, Carboxylic acids
Dehydrogenases (alcohol & amino acid)	Alcohols and Amino acids
Nitrilases	Carboxylic acids, Nitriles
Nitrile hydratases	Amides, Nitriles
Monooxygenases (P450, Baeyer-Villiger)	Alcohols, Sulfoxides
Epoxide hydrolases	Epoxides, Diols

Enzyme Partner
with



Technology



mg-10 g

100 g-1 kg

1 kg-100 kg

>100 kg

“Off-the-Shelf” biocatalysts

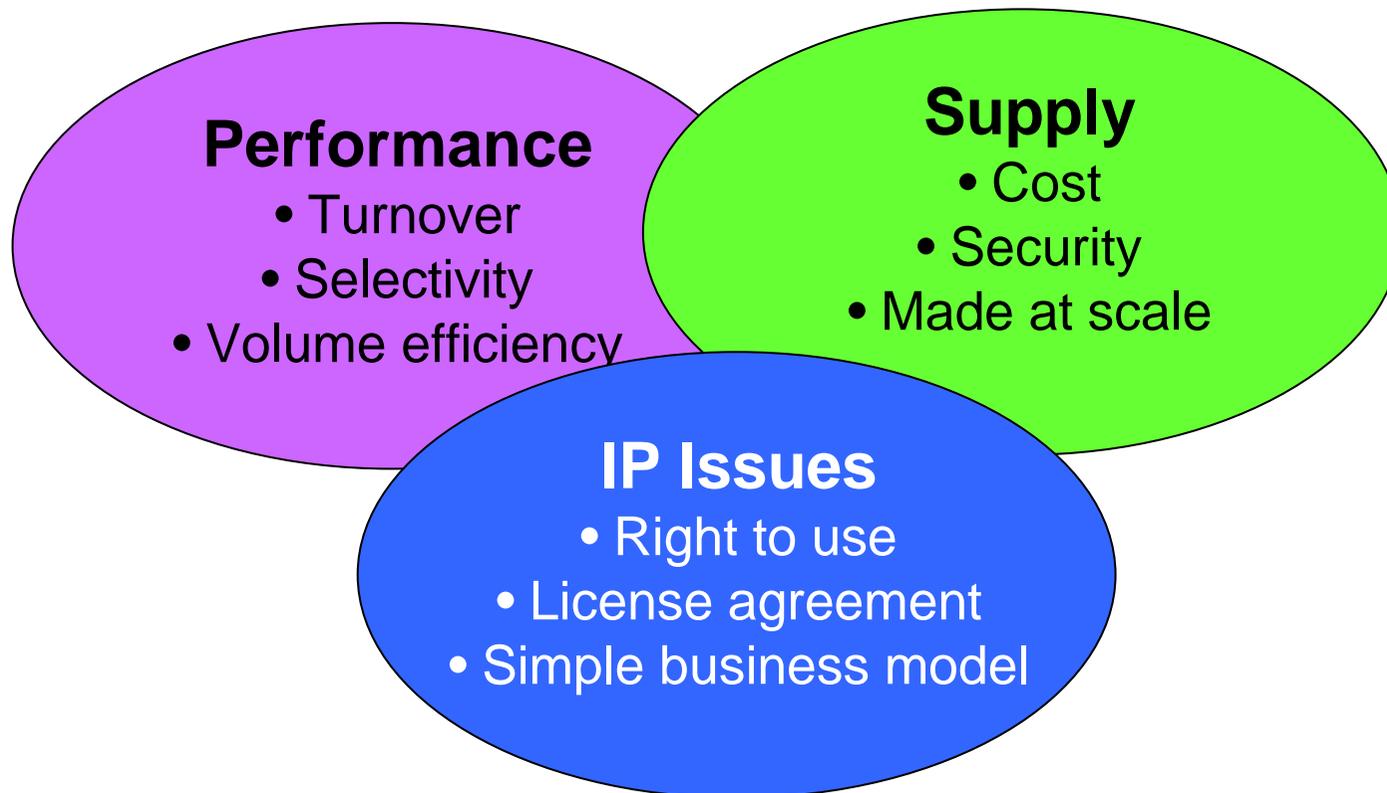
Process Dev

Speed

COST



A **commercially viable** biocatalyst is defined by.....





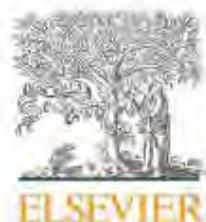
CASE STUDIES

Hydrolase Enzymes

Protic ionic liquids



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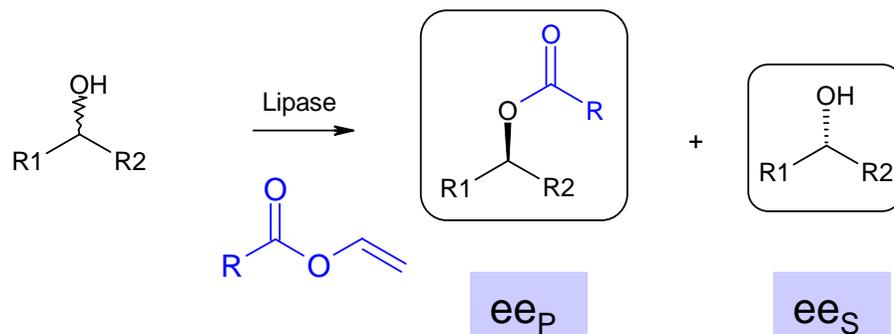


Simple one-pot process for the bioresolution of tertiary amino ester protic ionic liquids using subtilisin

Maude Brossat *, Thomas S. Moody *, Stephen J. C. Taylor, Jonathan W. Wiffen

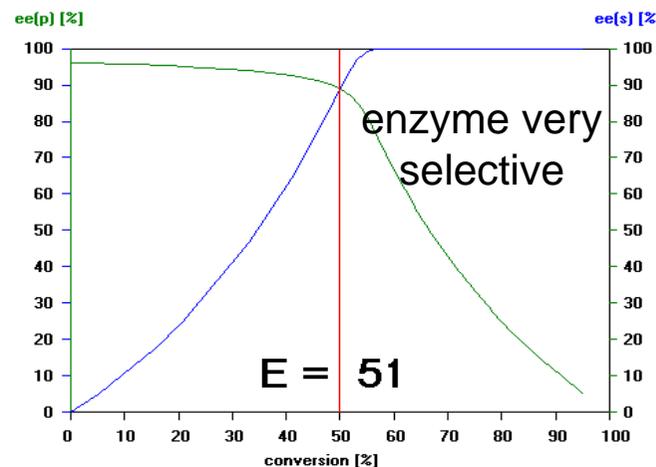
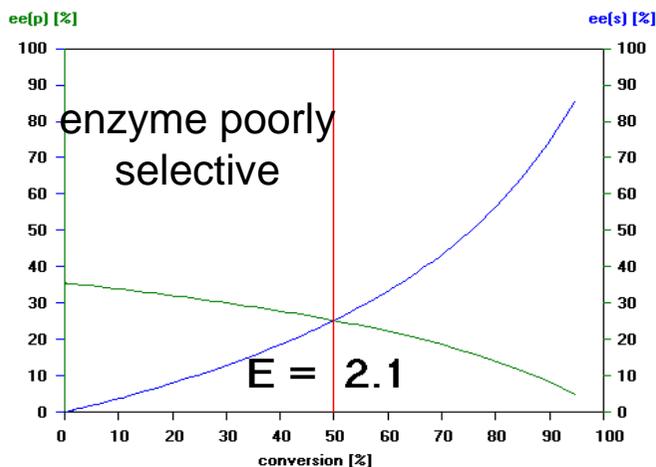
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Kinetic Resolution



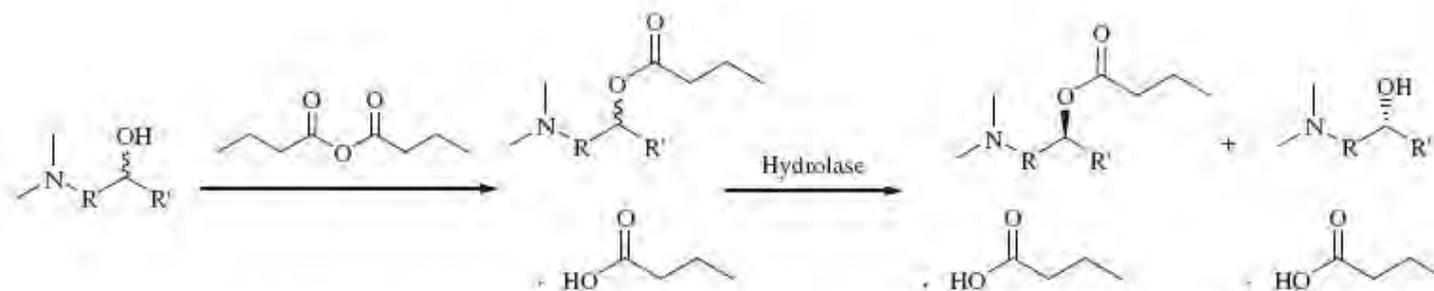
Two important concepts: **ee** and **E** (enantiomeric ratio)

$$E = \frac{\ln \left(\frac{1-ee_s}{1+(ee_s/ee_p)} \right)}{\ln \left(\frac{1+ee_s}{1+(ee_s/ee_p)} \right)}$$

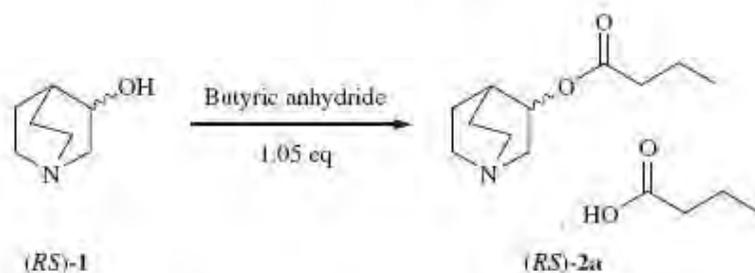


For a viable synthetic process: $E > 30$

Protic ionic liquids



Scheme 1. Simple one pot process for the bioresolution of tertiary amino ester protic ionic liquids.



Scheme 2. Preparation of protic ionic liquid (RS)-2a from (RS)-1.

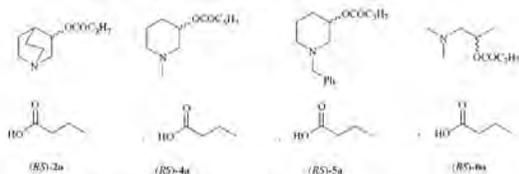


Figure 1. Tertiary amino ester protic ionic liquids (RS)-2a, (RS)-4a to (RS)-6a.

Table 1
Subtilisin-catalyzed hydrolysis of (RS)-2a, (RS)-4a to (RS)-6a

Entry	Substrate	ee substrate ^a (%)	ee product ^b (%)	Conv. ^c (%)	E ^c
1	(RS)-2a	97.0	90.4	52	79
2	(RS)-4a	28.9	89.2	25	23
3	(RS)-5a	48.3	3.7	92	1.5
4	(RS)-6a	40.7	73.8	36	10

^a Ee determined by extraction of the ester with hexane and basic hydrolysis in MeOH using 2 M aqueous NaOH followed by HPLC using CHIRALCEL AD-H column.

^b Ee determined by HPLC using CHIRALCEL AD-H column.

^c Calculated from ee_{total} and ee_{ester} after 16 h reaction.

Protic ionic liquids

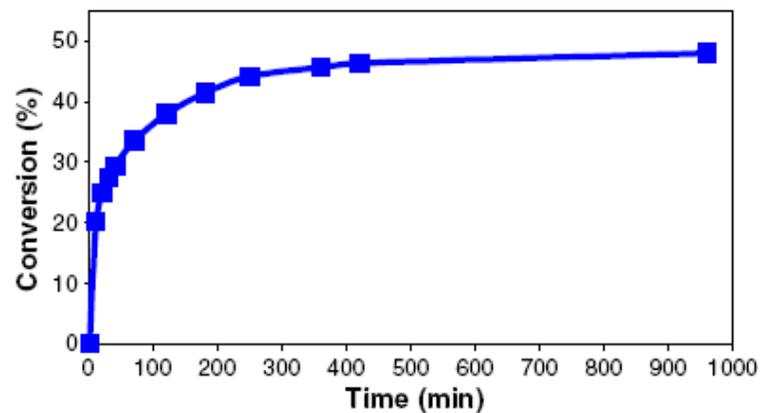
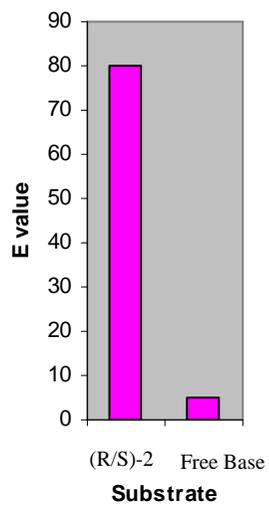
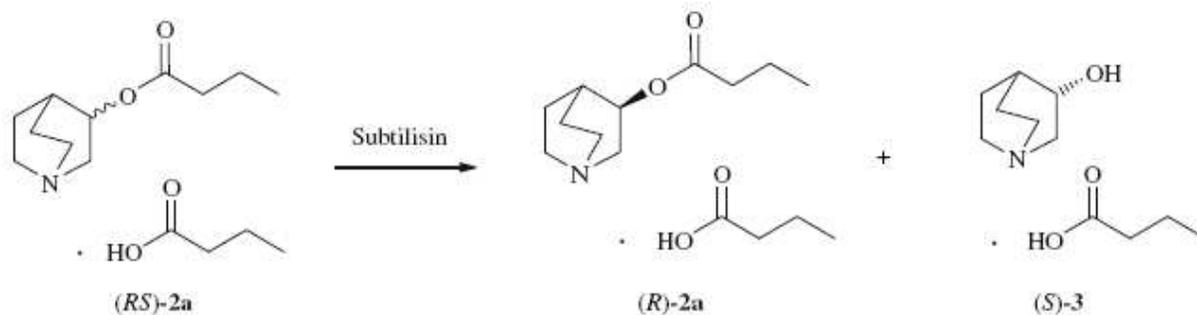
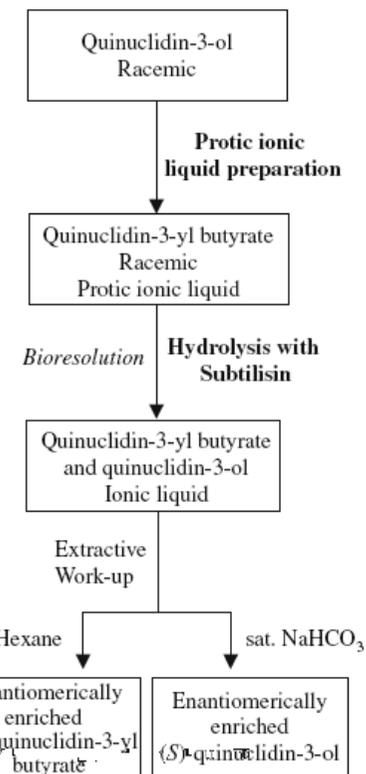
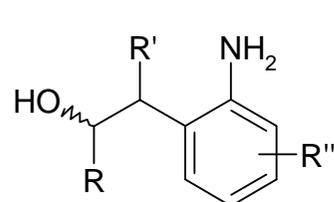


Figure 3. Reaction profile for the bioresolution of $(RS)\text{-}2a$.

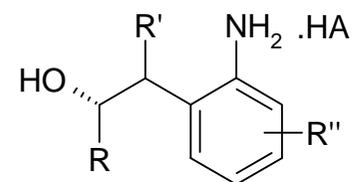


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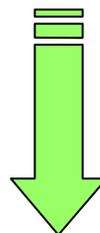
5 Step GMP process



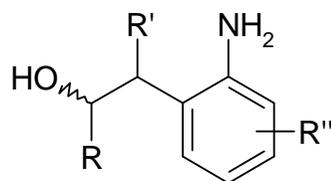
STEP 2
HA classical
resolution



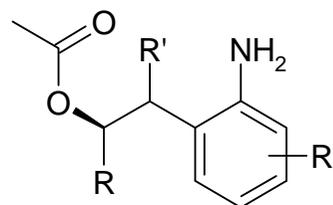
20% yield
Slow filtration
Isolation problems



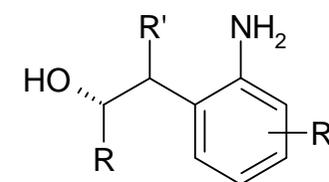
Parallel Biocatalysis
Enzyme Selection (240 RXNs)



Enzyme Screen
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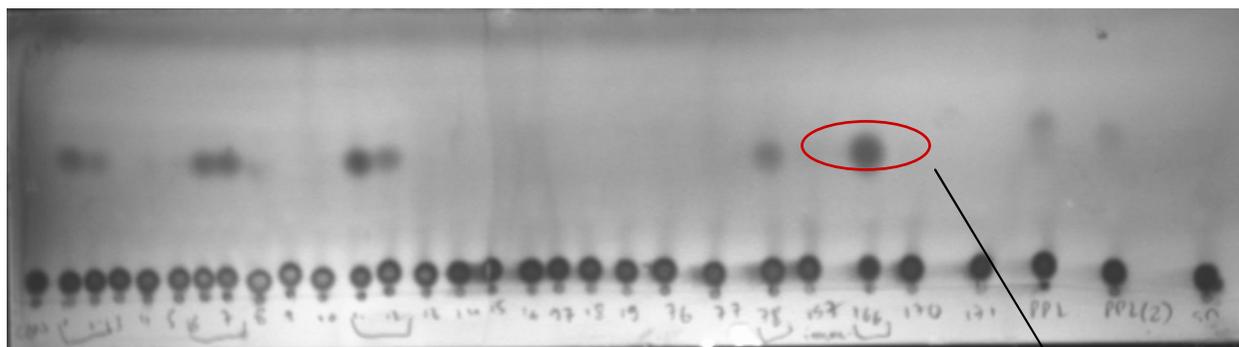
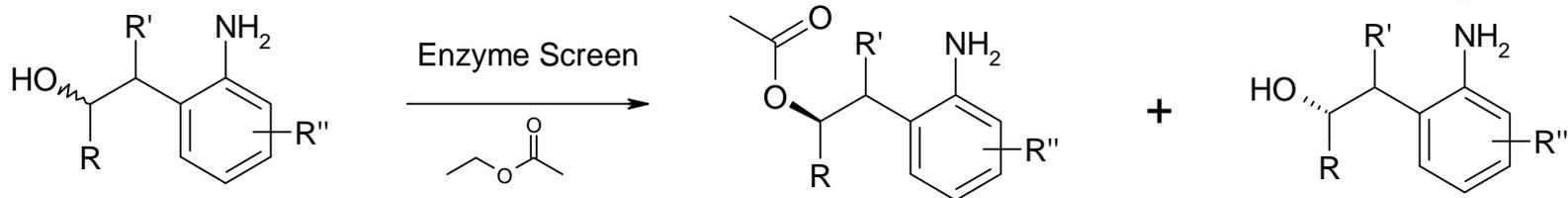


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- Process fit to scale
- Increase yield to 80%
- Reduction in manufacture time for Step 2
- No change in manufacture deadlines

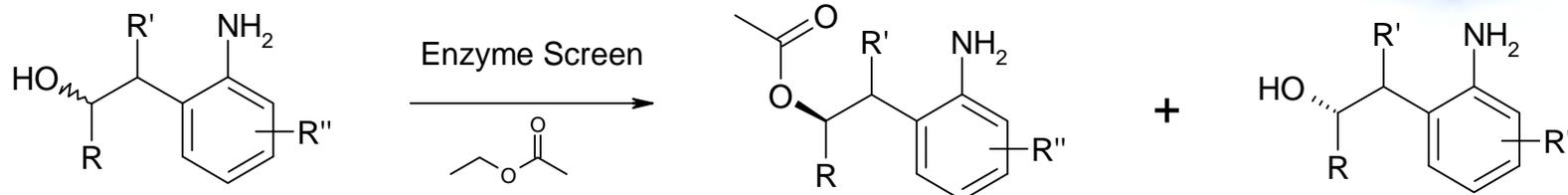
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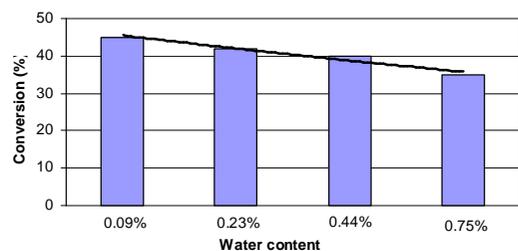
Enzyme	ee (SM)	ee (product)	E value
1	16.6	91.5	28
2	3.9	76.3	7.6
6	15.4	88.9	19
7	16.2	91.8	28
11	23	92.6	34
12	7.6	80.4	9.7
78	6.6	46.4	2.9
166	91.8	96.7	>200
PPL1	1.3	44.6	2.7
PPL2	0.3	30.8	2.7

166 enzyme selected

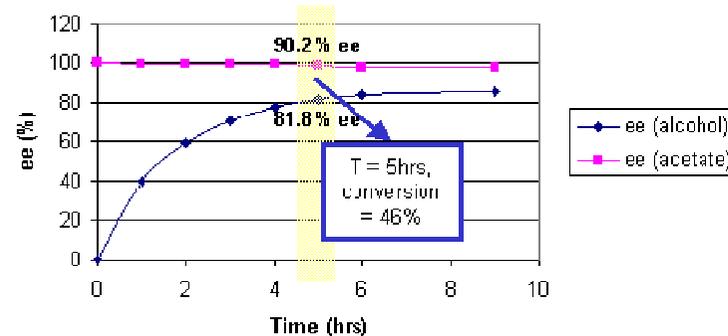
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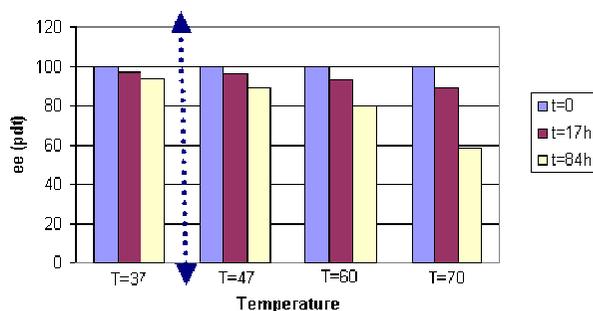
Conversion dependence on water content



Reaction profile on 20 g



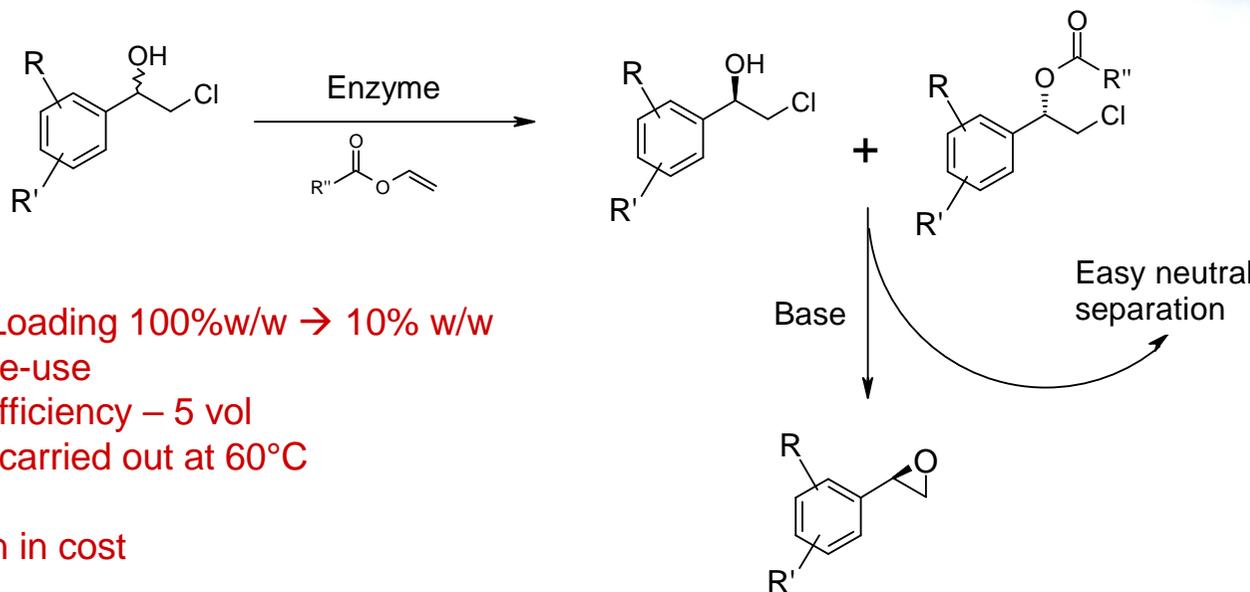
Effect of the temperature



Critical parameters

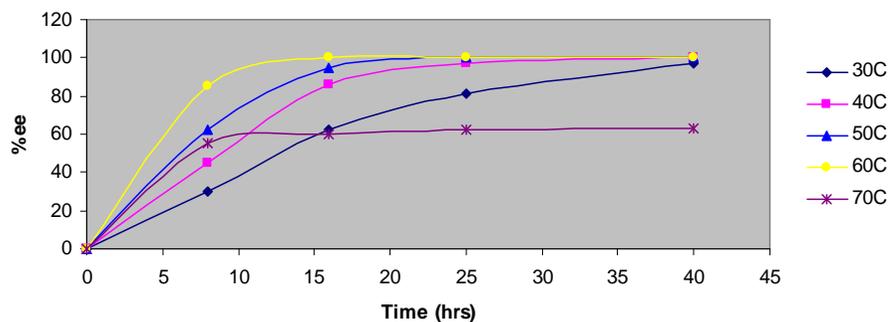
- Water content
- Enzyme loading
- Temperature
- Time studies
- Acyl donor choice
- Solvent choice
- Stirrer speeds

Tonne Manufacture

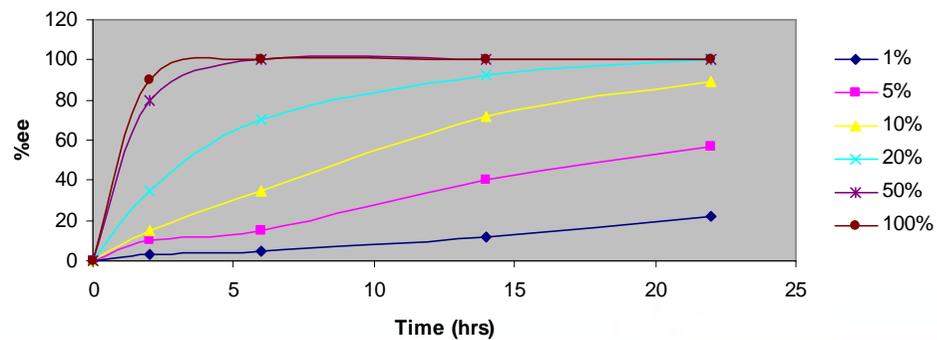


- Enzyme Loading 100%w/w → 10% w/w
- Enzyme re-use
- Volume efficiency – 5 vol
- Reaction carried out at 60°C
- Reduction in cost

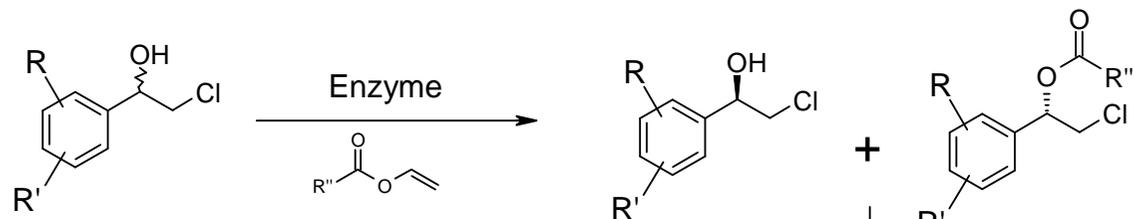
Temperature Study



Enzyme Loading



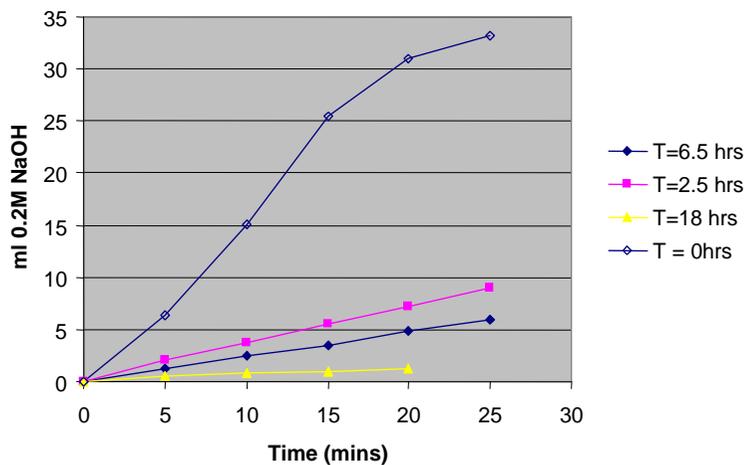
Immobilisation



Base

Easy neutral separation

Immobilisation of the Biocatalyst





CASE STUDIES

Purification



Organic Process Research & Development 2009, 13, 706–709

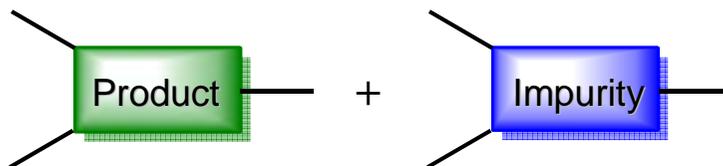
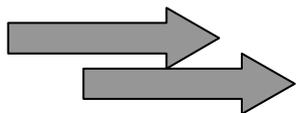
Development of an Acid-Washable Tag for the Separation of Enantiomers from Bioresolutions

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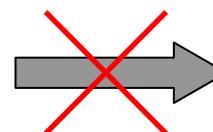
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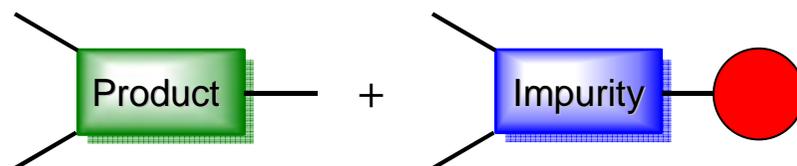
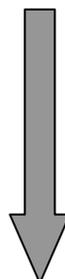
Multi-step
Synthesis



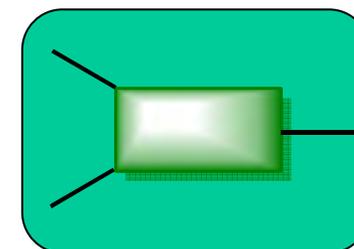
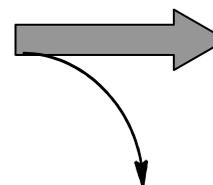
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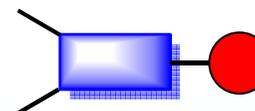
Selective Manipulation
With Biocatalyst



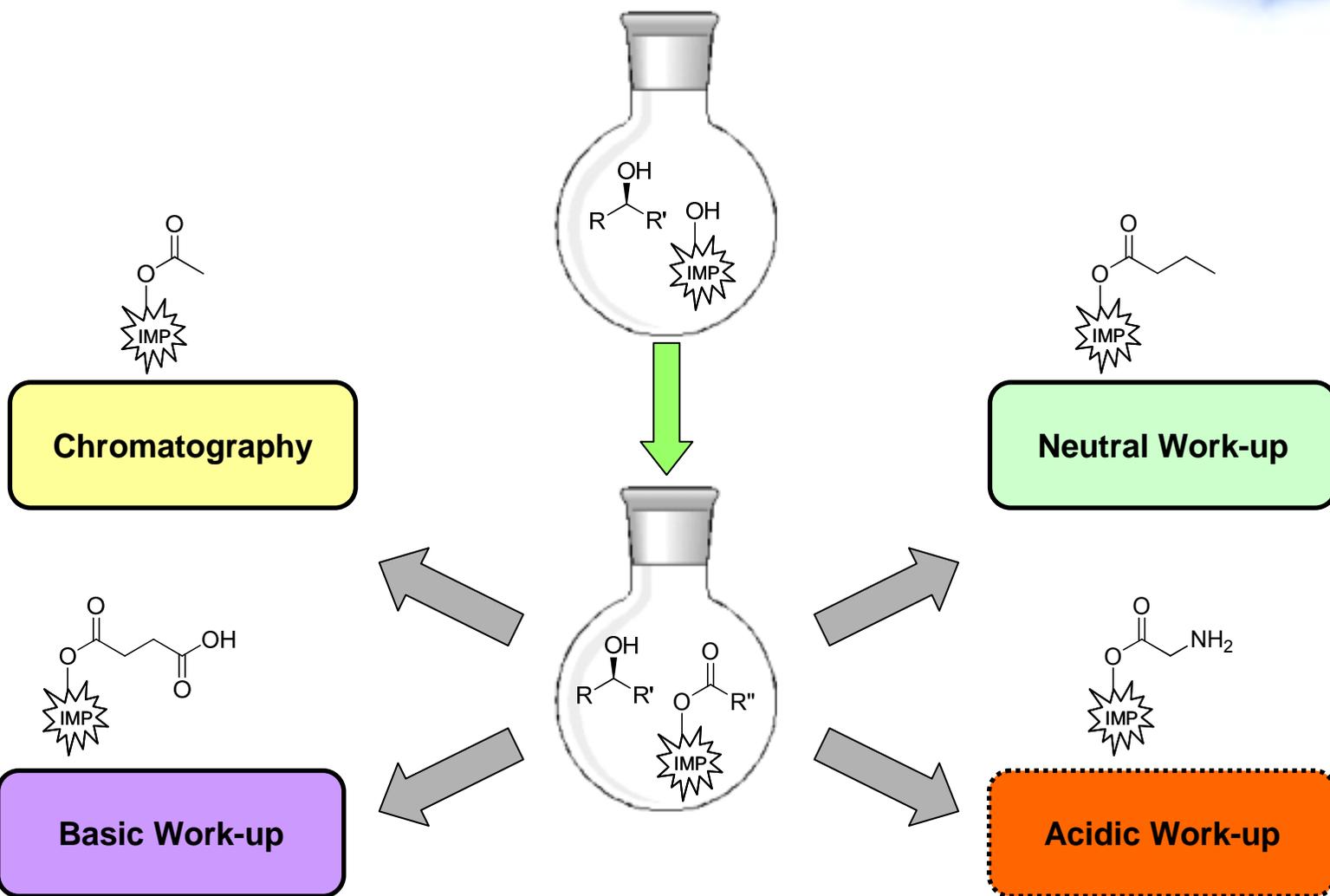
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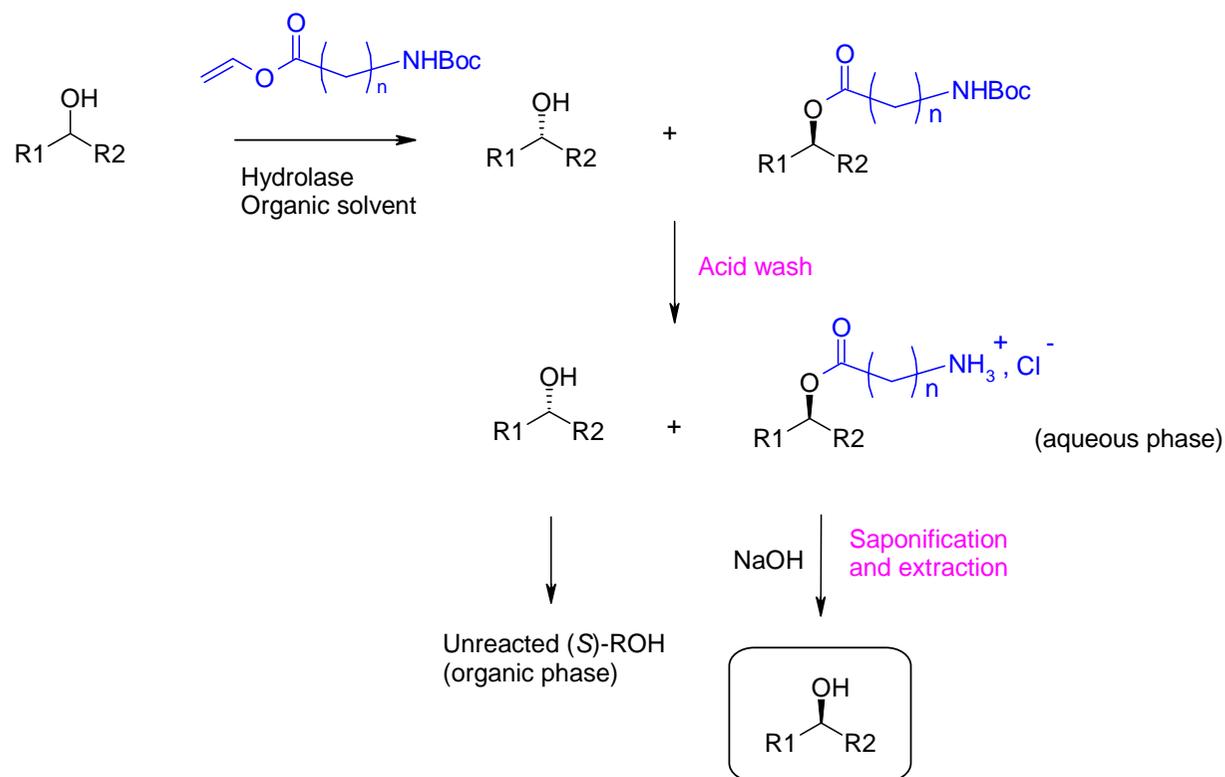
Pure product



Purification

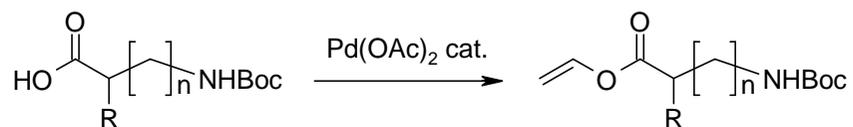


Purification



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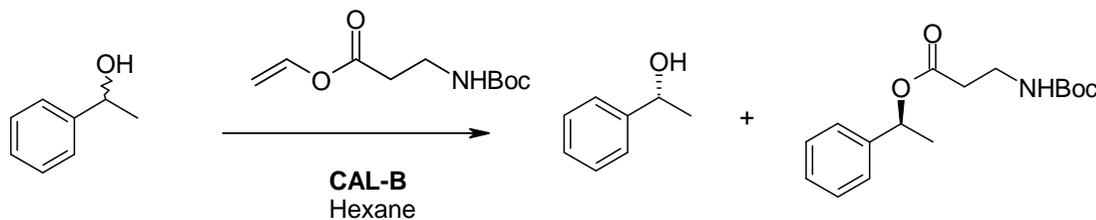
Purification



Synthesis of the vinyl ester amino acids

- 1, R=H, n=0
- 2, R=H, n=1
- 3, R=CH(CH₃)₂, n=0

- 4, R=H, n=0
- 5, R=H, n=1
- 6, R=CH(CH₃)₂, n=0



Bioreolution of phenylethanol using alanine and CALB

16 hrs

ee = 92.7%

ee = 96.7%



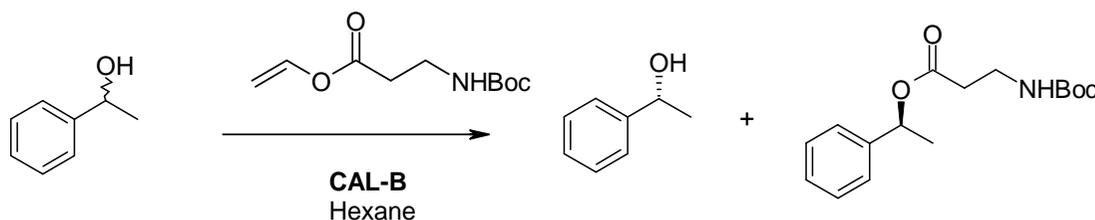
E > 200

Purification



Solvent screen

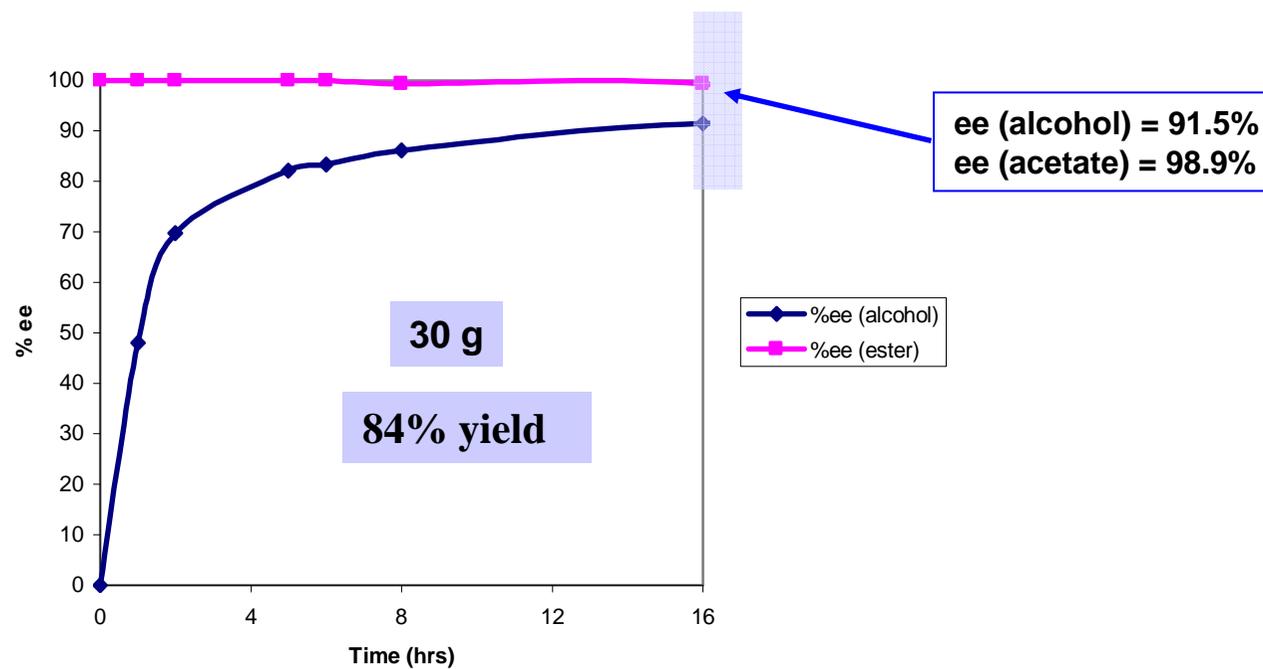
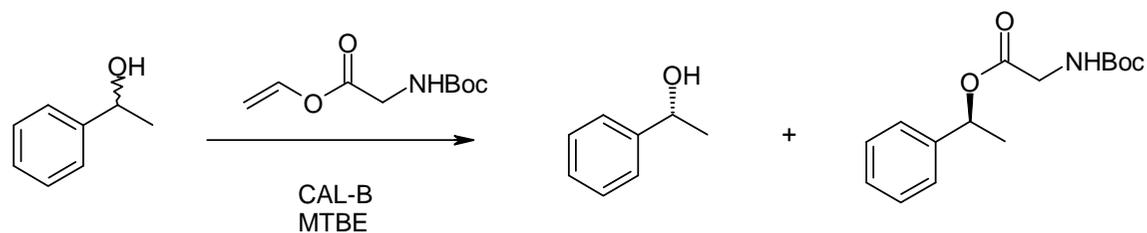
Solvent	(S)-Alcohol (% ee)	(R)-Ester (% ee)	Conversion %	E
MTBE	98.6	93.6	51	170
Hexane	92.7	96.7	49	> 200
Heptane	100	94.3	52	> 200
THF	58.6	100	37	> 200
MeTHF	68.5	96.8	41	134
Toluene	99.9	84.4	54	90
Acetonitrile	98.8	100	5	> 200
Acetone	38.9	99	28	> 200
Cyclohexane	99.6	89.8	53	141



*Bioresolution of phenylethanol
using
alanine and CALB*

25%w/w CALB in hexane at 30°C

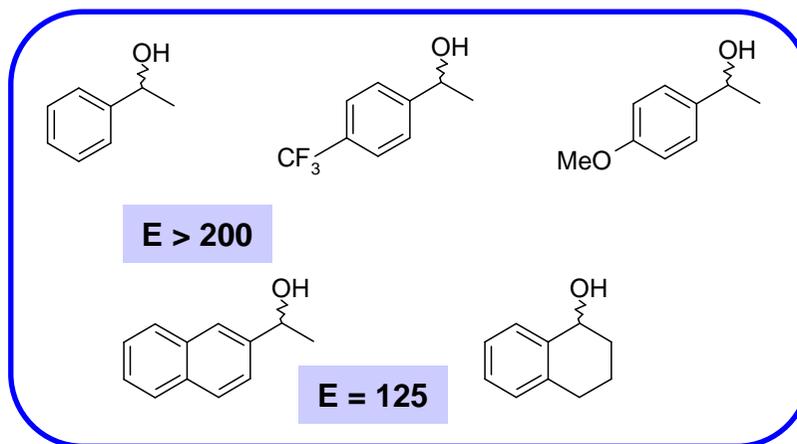
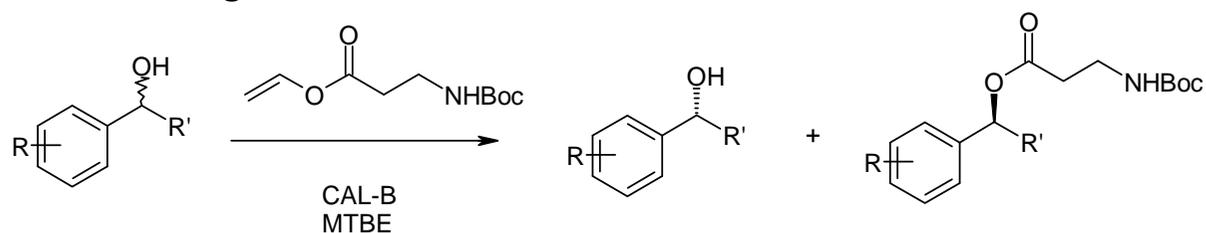
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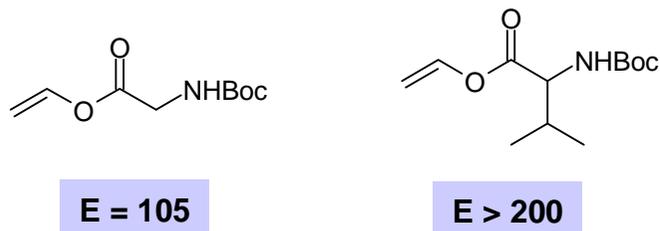
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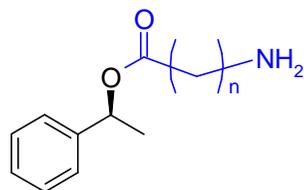
Amino acids screening:



Purification



- ✓ Introduction of an amine tag:

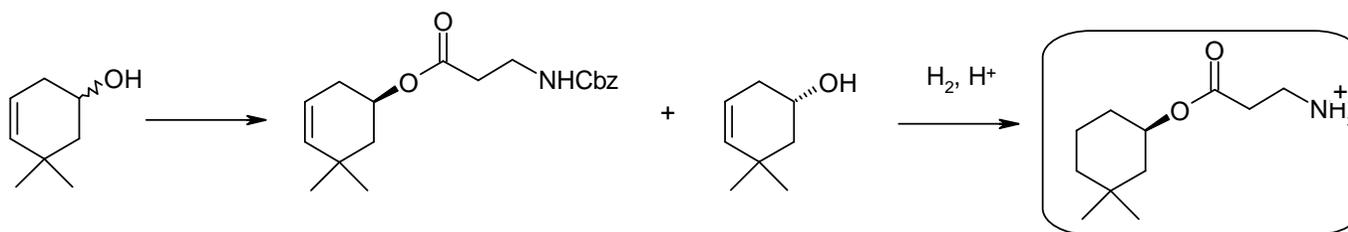


Potential ee polish

- ✓ Tuning the vinyl donor to the chemistry:



Intelligent design

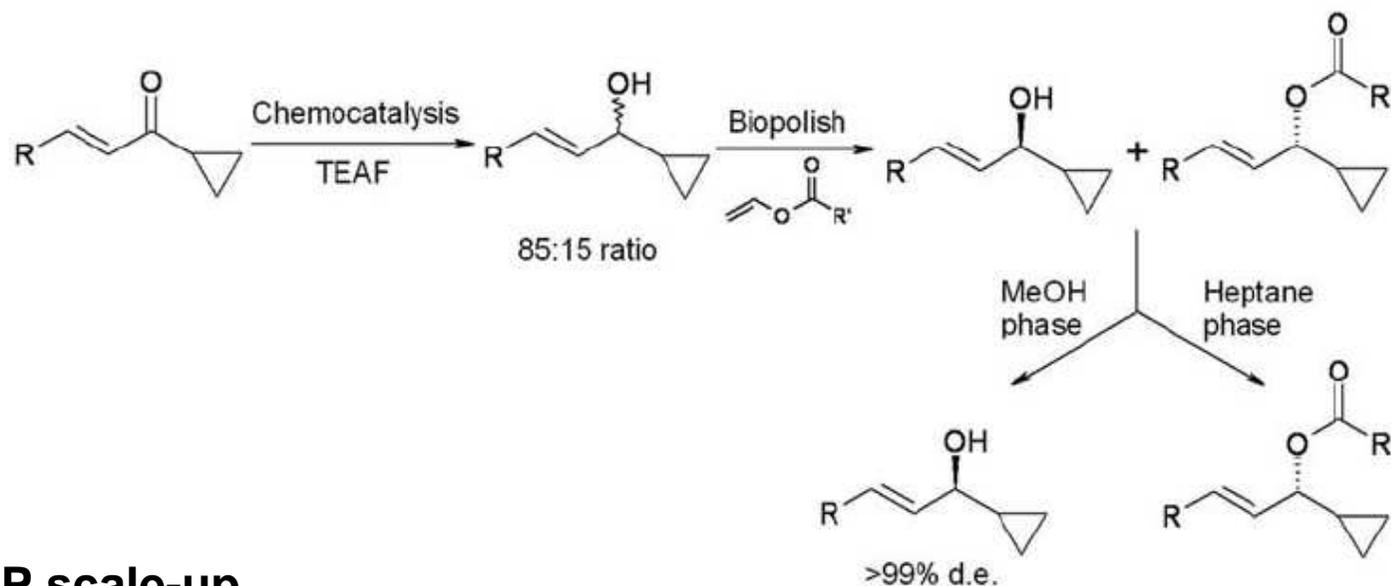




Greener, sustainable processes using efficient biocatalyst purification tools at Almac Sciences

Moody, T. S.; Pharma Chem, April/May edition, 36-38, 2010. "Cleaner processes using biocatalyst purification tools at Almac Sciences".

Biopolish



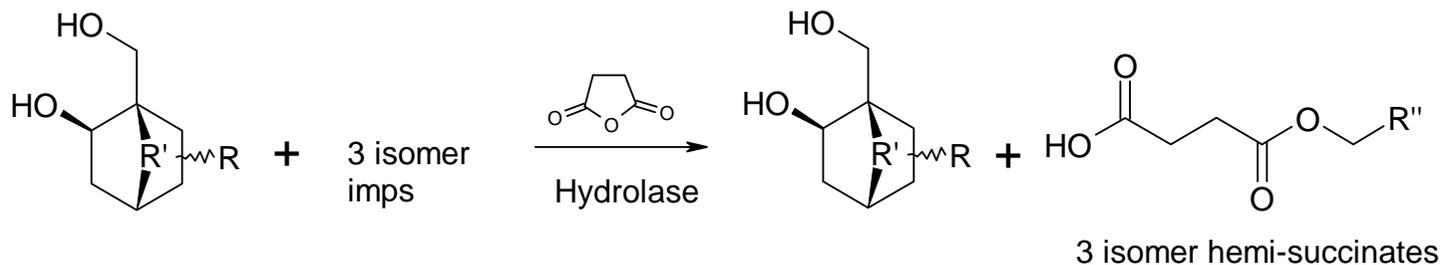
GMP scale-up

Biocatalysis Technology to solve separation problem

>10 kg scale

Complex natural product (15 Steps)

Biopolish in GMP Processing

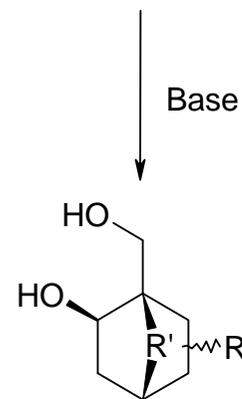


PROBLEM

- Difficult purification of isomeric impurities

SOLUTION

- Lipase selective acylation of impurities
- Basic work-up - removal ofimps
- Reaction carried out in THF (20vols)
- Reaction time 16 hrs



Delivery of material with purity >98% wt/wt

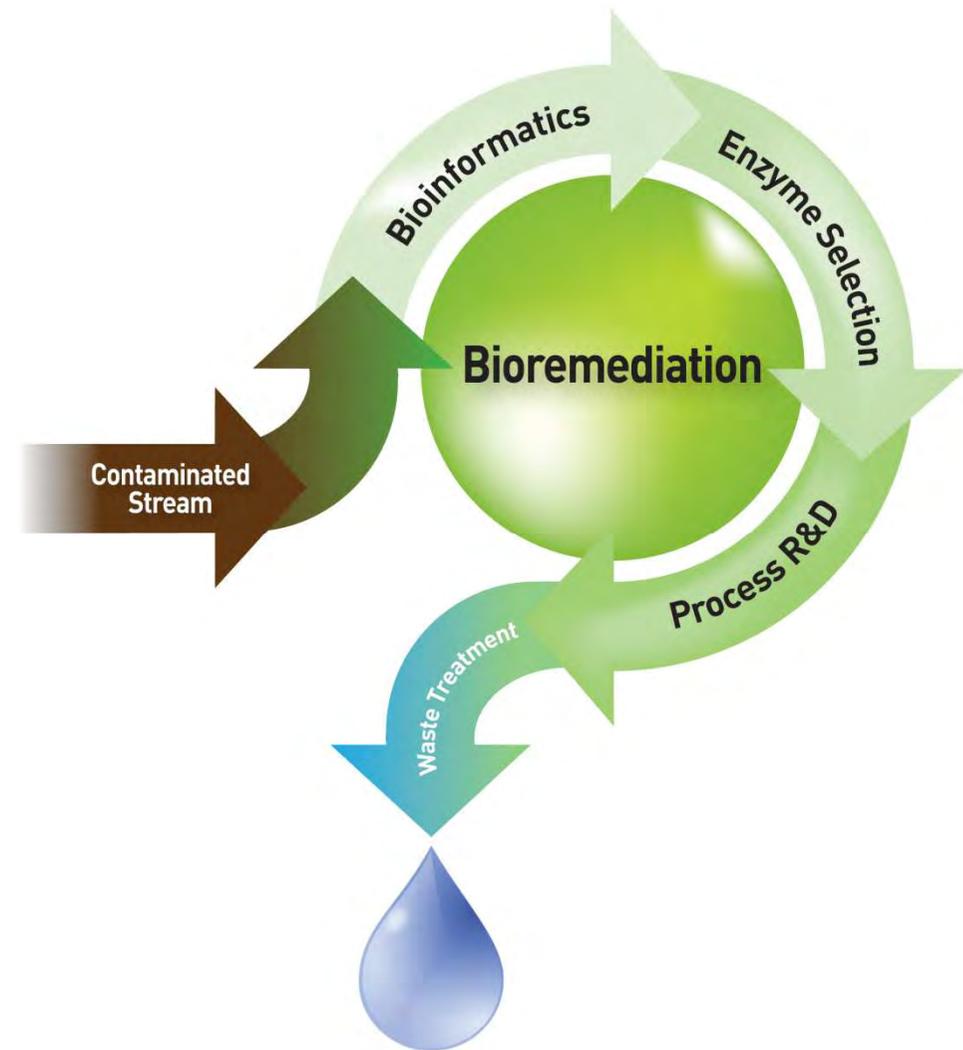
Cyanide Removal

Starting Point

- API process stream contained >1000ppm of cyanide.

Targets

- < 5 ppm of cyanide
- Avoidance of traditional chemical cyanide removal
- Reduction in process waste
- Treatment time < 6h
- Temperature limits and substrate concentrations defined



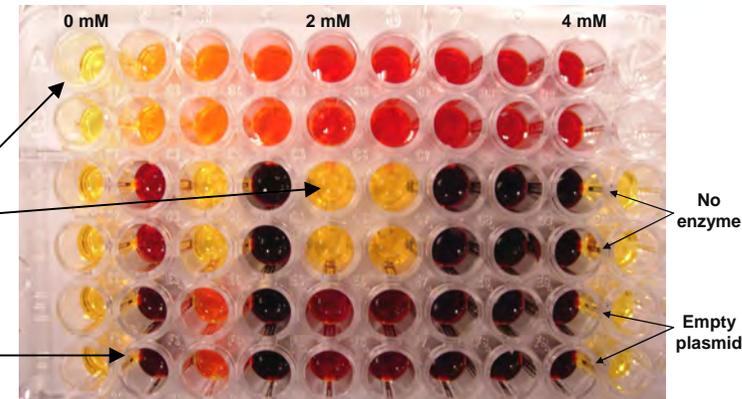
Cyanide Removal



Colorimetric assay for cyanide detection in presence of API

Active enzyme

Inactive enzyme

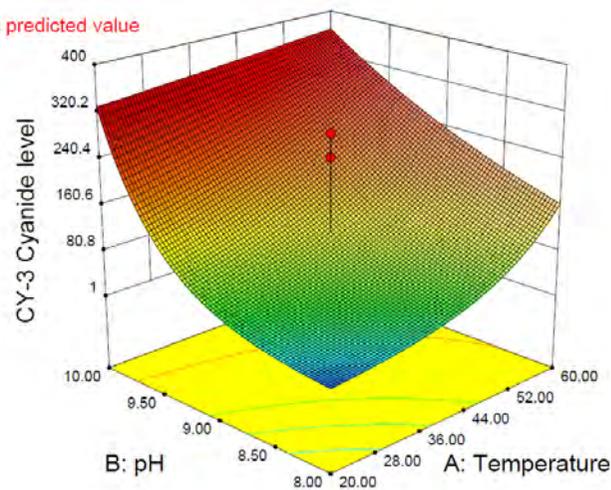


Factor Coding: Actual
Original Scale
(median estimates)
CY-3 Cyanide level

● Design points above predicted value
319
6.8

X1 = A: Temperature
X2 = B: pH

Actual Factor
C: Time = 3.50



Project Progress

- Series of cyanide dihydratase enzymes identified using molecular biology.
- These were sequenced and expressed in a recombinant host
- Screened against cyanide containing feed stock
- Cyanide contamination lowered to <0.1ppm
- DoE experiments yielded optimum conditions of pH 8.0 and 30 °C with an enzyme loading of 0.5 mg / L of product



CASE STUDIES

Oxidoreductase Enzymes

CRED technology



Organic Process

Research &

Development

ARTICLE

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Overcoming Equilibrium Issues with Carbonyl Reductase Enzymes

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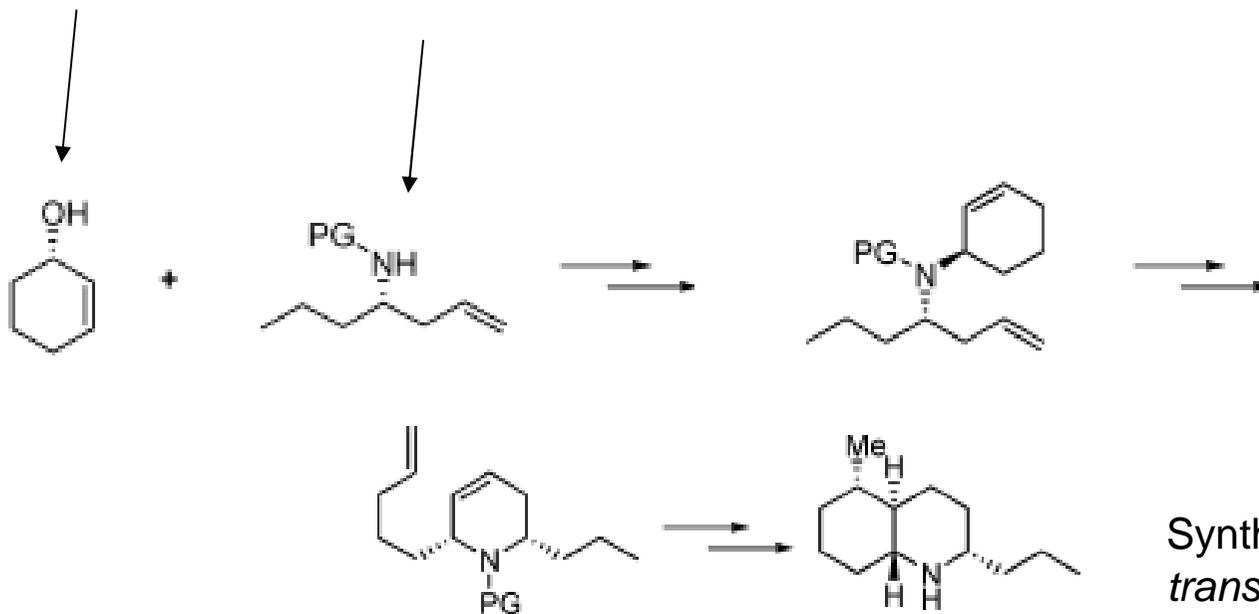
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Driving Equilibrium



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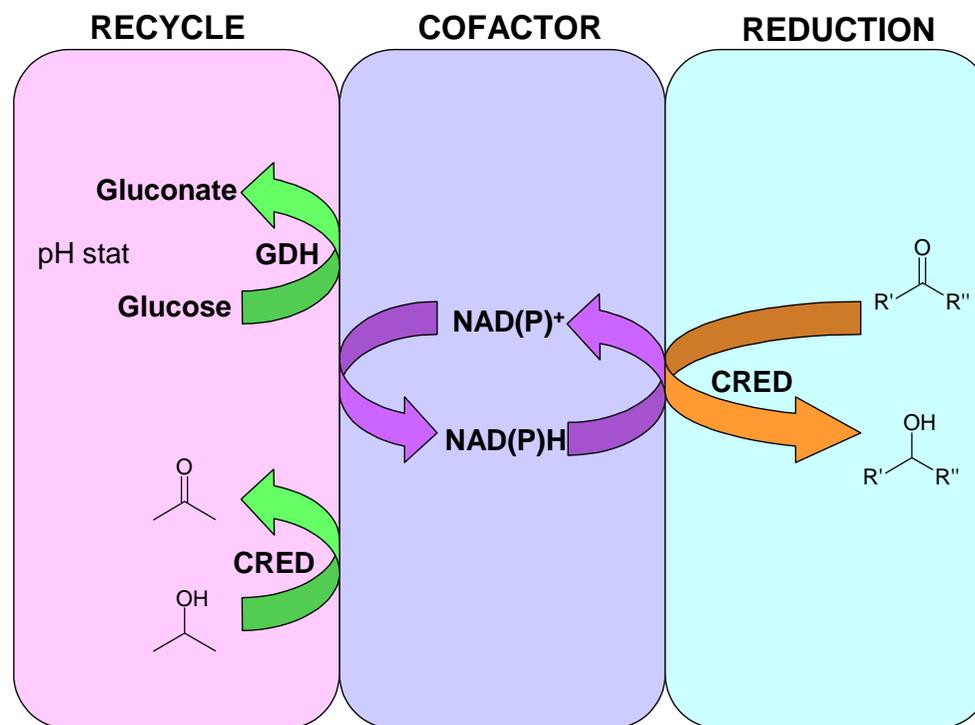
Transaminase



Synthesis of (+)-*trans*-195A

Moody, T.S., *et al.* OPRD, 2012

Driving Equilibrium



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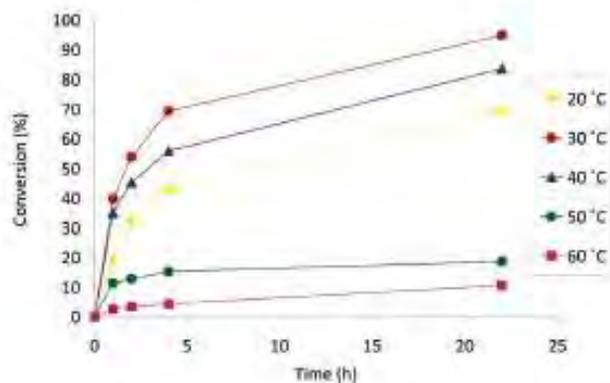


Figure 2. Thermostability assessment for A-601 in the conversion of ketone 1 to alcohol (S)-3.

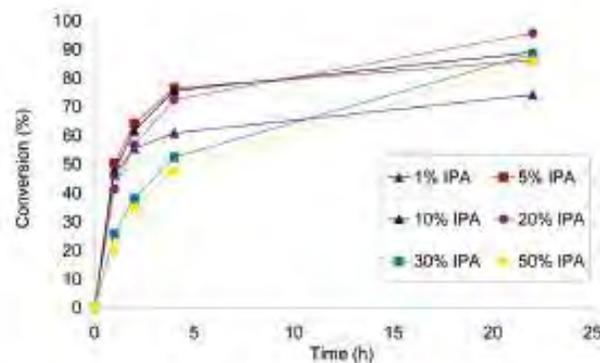


Figure 4. Effect of IPA loading on the conversion of ketone 1 to alcohol (S)-3.

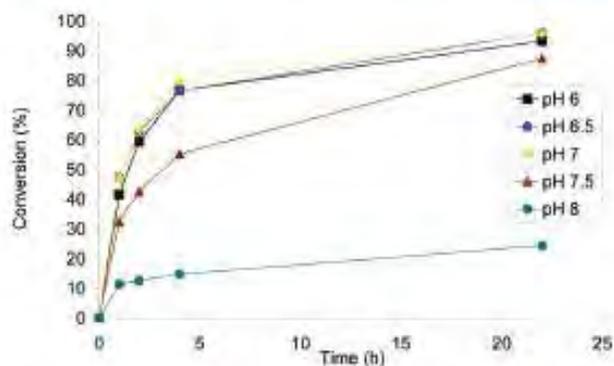


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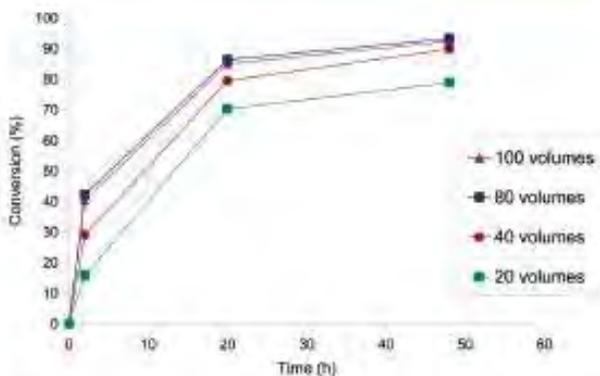


Figure 5. Effect of concentration on the A-601 reduction of ketone 1 to afford alcohol (S)-3.

Driving Equilibrium

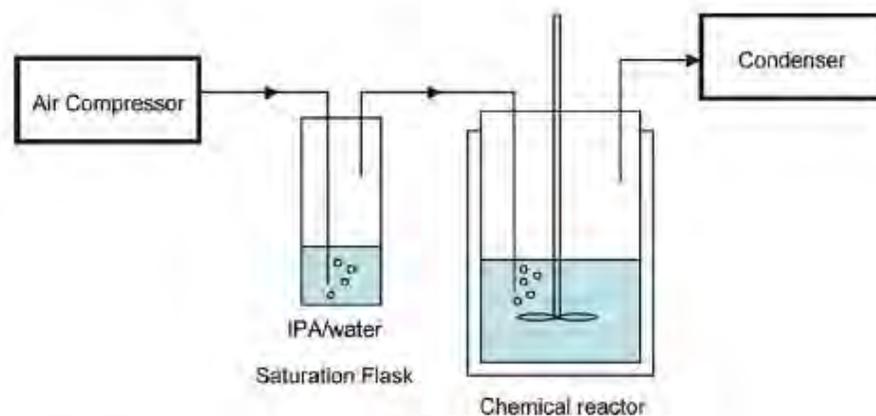


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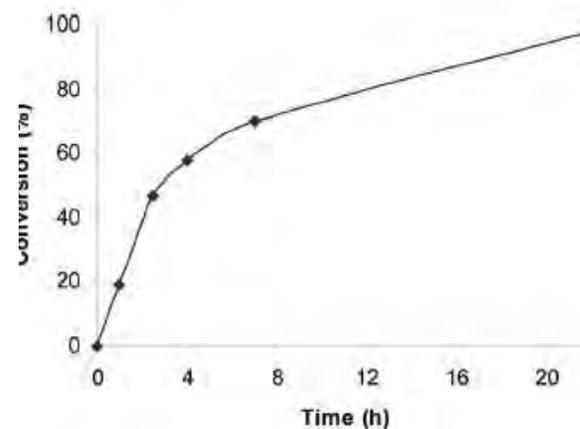
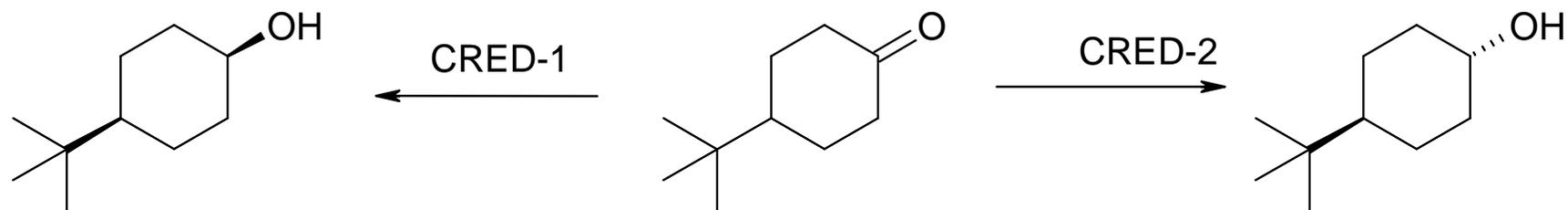


Figure 8. Reaction profile of the bioreduction of ketone 1 to alcohol (S)-3 at 100-g scale.

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Bio route –

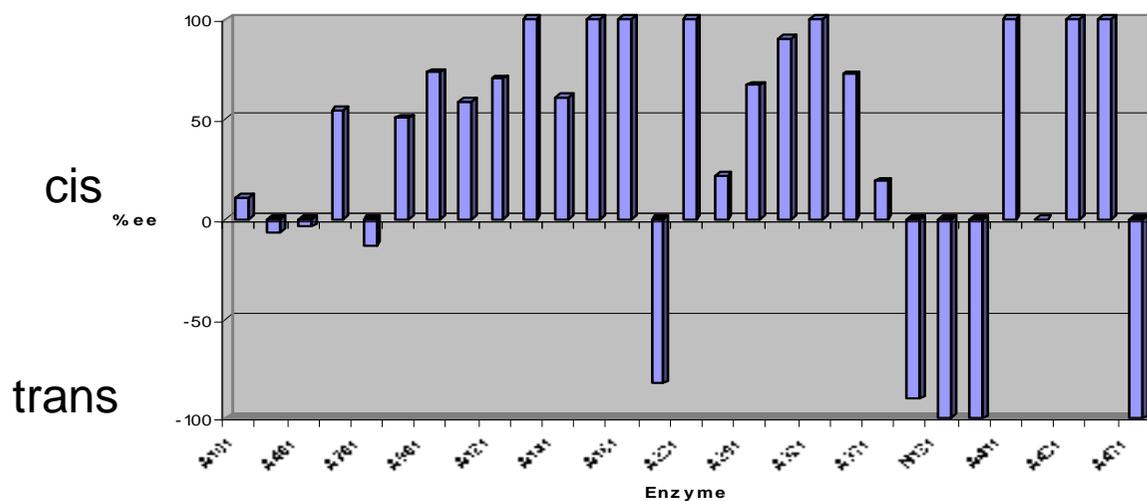
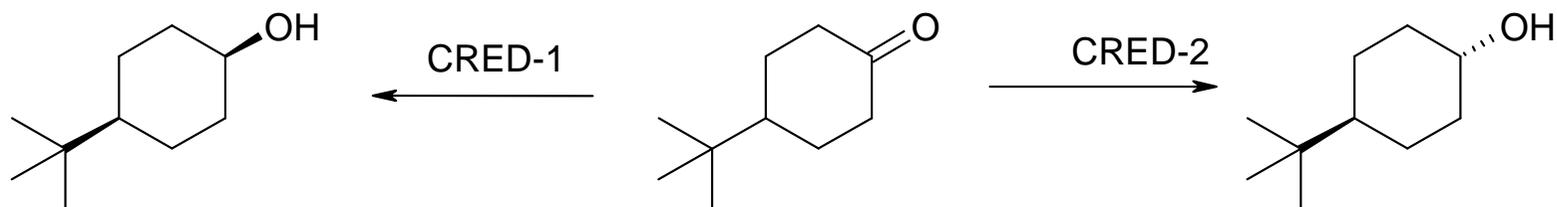
- Cheap cell pellet used for reduction
- One enzyme system

- 99% cis
- 99% trans

- >90% yields

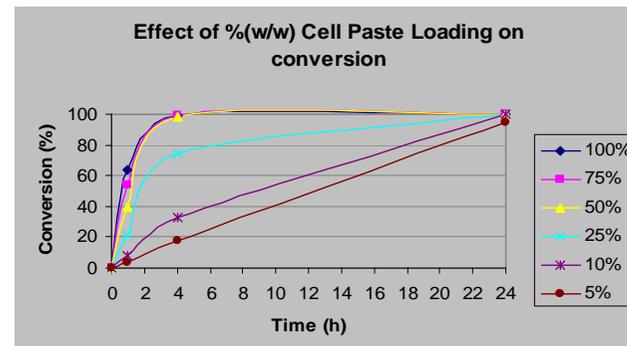
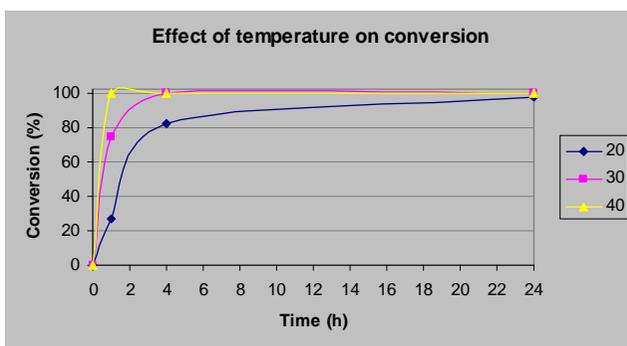
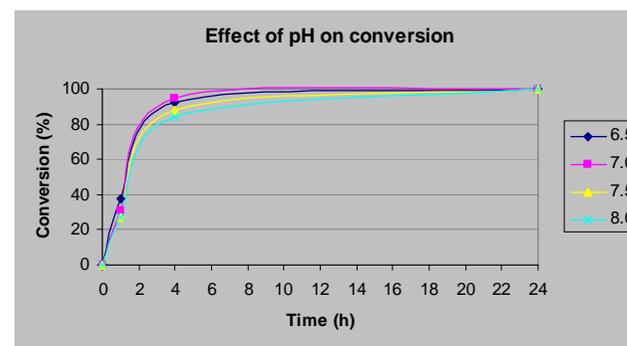
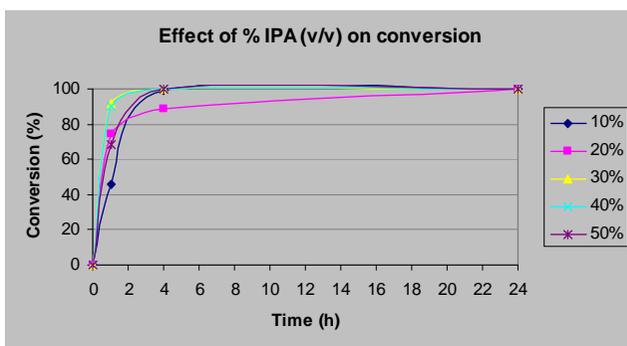
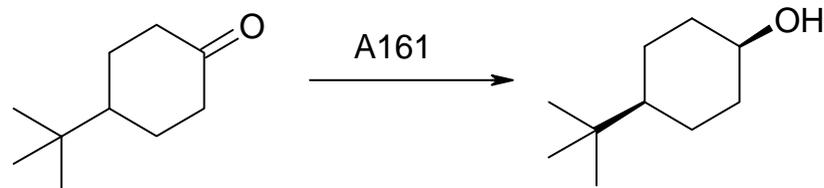


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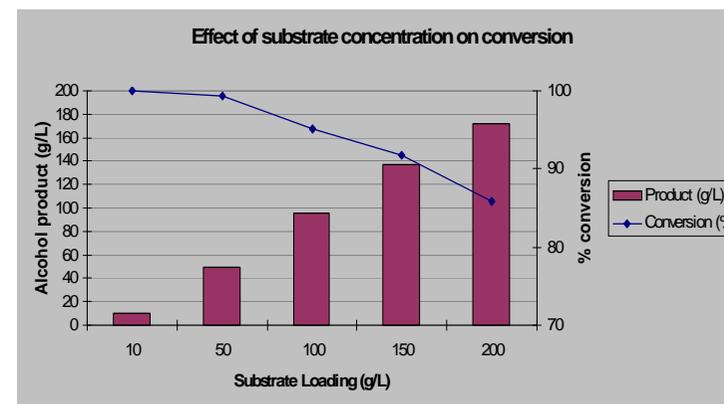
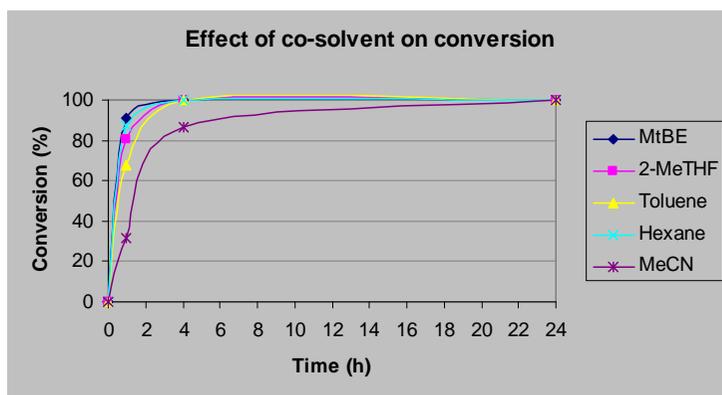
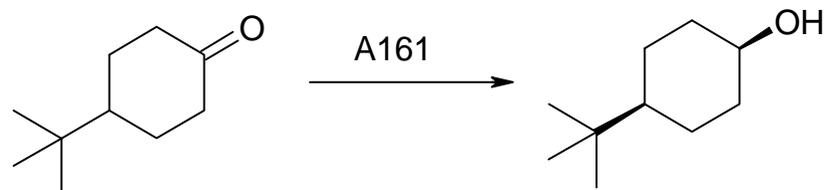


A161 used as enzyme for development

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Cheap whole cell used for bioreduction

IPA used as “hydrogen” source

Demonstrated reduction at ~500g/L



CASE STUDIES

Biooxidation

Metabolites



Metabolite Identification and Synthesis

The selectAZyme™ platform is used for rapid metabolite synthesis, isolation, and structural identification.

Metabolite Synthesis

- > Cloned Human P₄₅₀
- > Cloned Microbial P₄₅₀
- > Extensive microbial collection

Metabolite Isolation/Structure ID

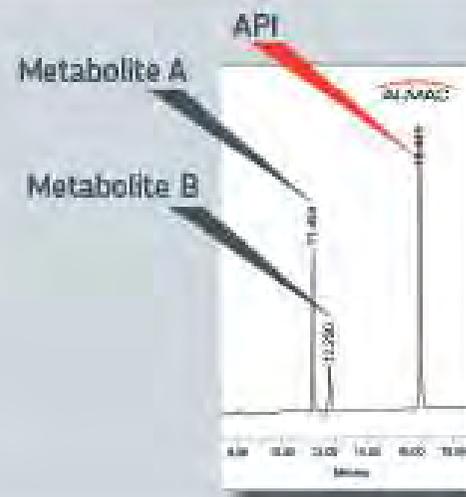
- > Analytical and prep LC
- > LC/MS
- > High-field NMR

Case Study:

Rapid Structural Identification

Customer detected two metabolites at >10% of total drug load by HPLC. Almac selected the best biocatalyst for production of each metabolite from its enzyme and microbe collections.

- > mgs prepared
- > Preparative LC separation
- > Structure ID by LC-MS and NMR



cGMP Whole Cell Biooxidation

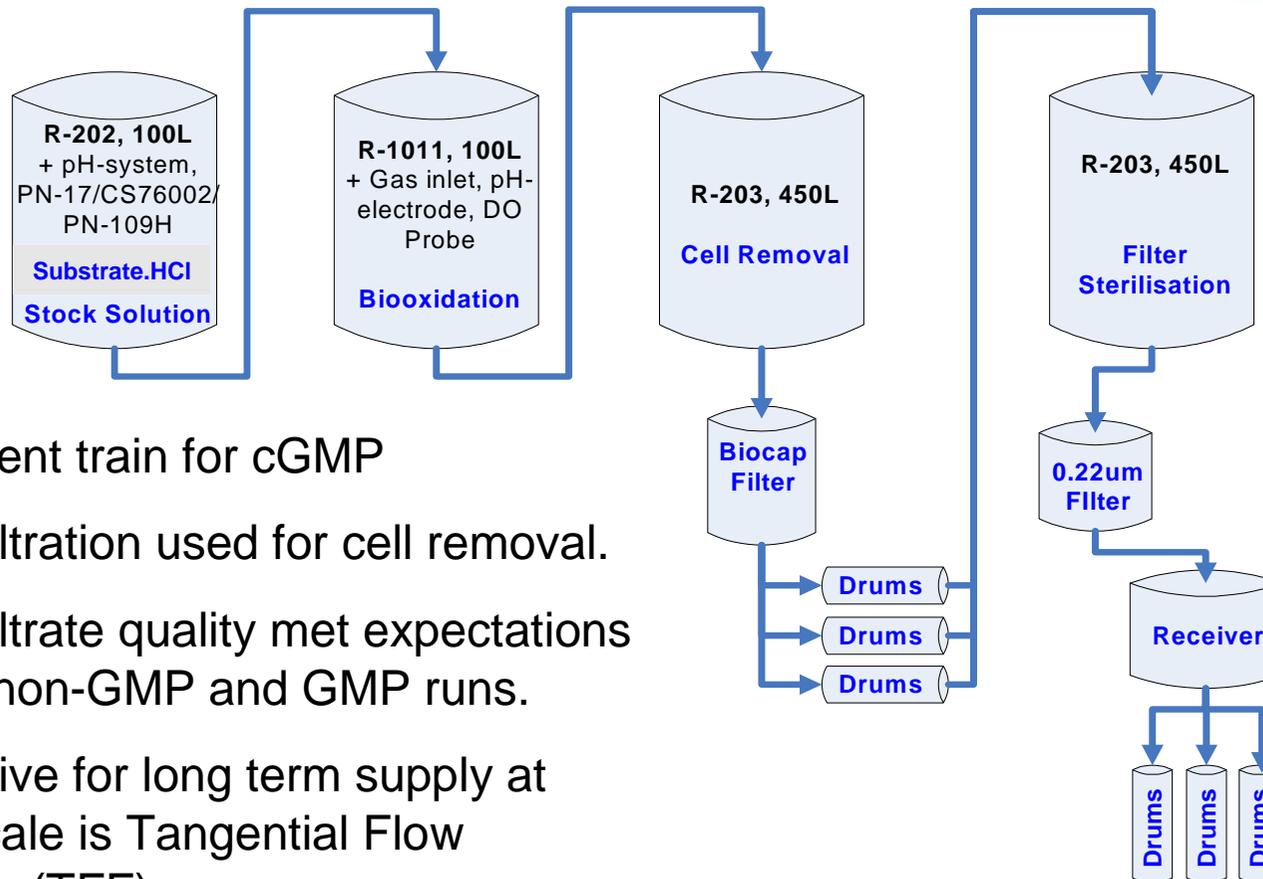
Case Study Sorbitol Dehydrogenase



Project background

- Biooxidation required as part Multistep cGMP API synthesis
- Recombinant Membrane bound dehydrogenases are not easy to obtain or handle
- Whole cell system provides all co-factors and recycling systems (via P_{450})
- Example: Gluconobacter oxydans mediated selective oxidation of an azasugar drug intermediate
- Reaction uses resting cells, integrity of cells is pre-condition for reaction

cGMP Whole Cell Biooxidation Case Study Sorbitol Dehydrogenase



Equipment train for cGMP

Depth filtration used for cell removal.

Depth filtrate quality met expectations in both non-GMP and GMP runs.

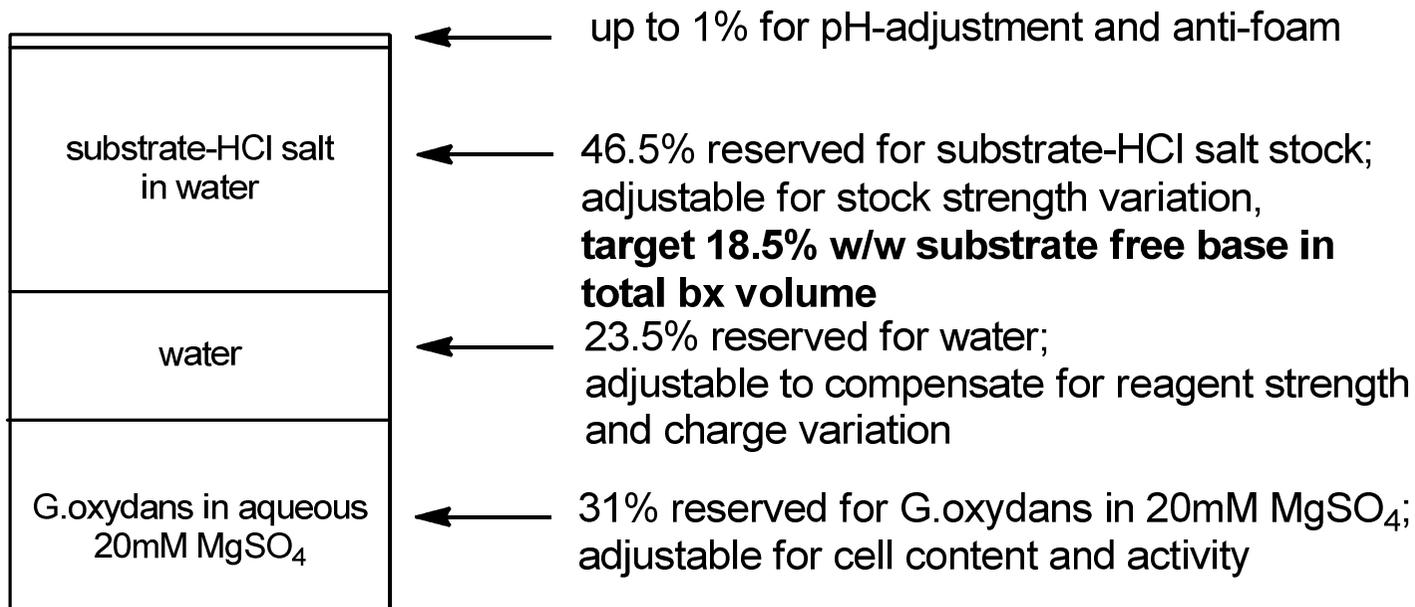
Alternative for long term supply at large scale is Tangential Flow Filtration (TFF)

cGMP Whole Cell Biooxidation Case Study Sorbitol Dehydrogenase



Total Batch Volume

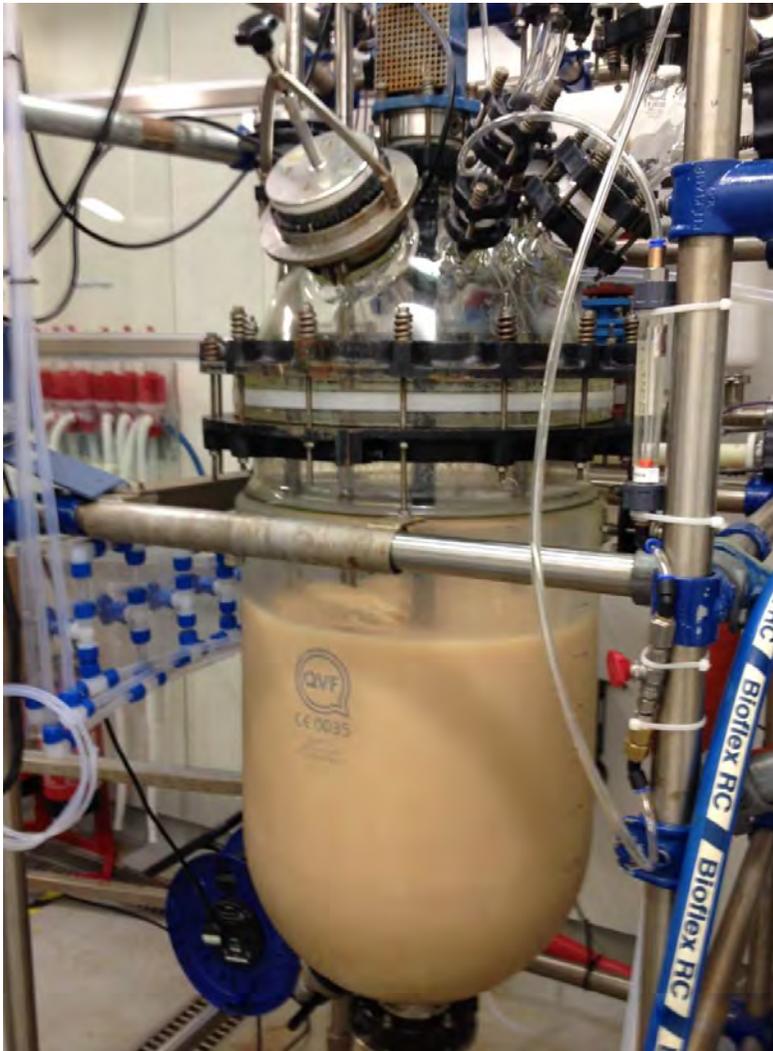
Dedicated Batch Volume Fractions



Step 2B biooxidation: composition of reaction mixture

Biomass charge is verified by lab use test as part of biomass release testing.

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R-1011 in use for
step 2B

At close to 1M
concentration,
oxygen demand is
high.

Balance to be struck
between adequate
mixing/aeration and
control of shear
impact on the cells.

cGMP Whole Cell Biooxidation Case Study Sorbitol Dehydrogenase



Ion exchange setup in
Almac's manufacturing
plant

Used for product
purification in catch and
release mode.

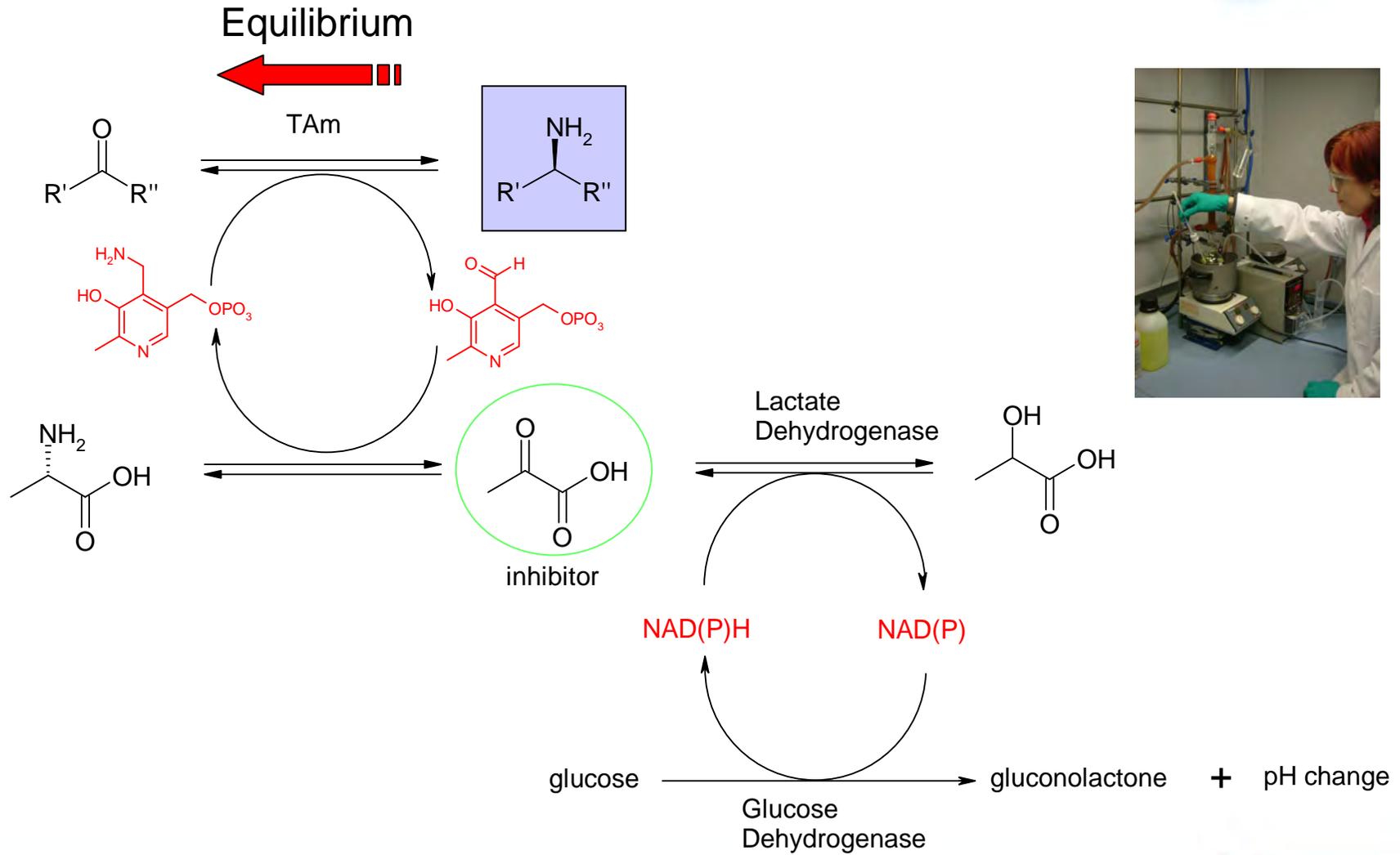
Smaller units applicable to
e.g. process stream de-
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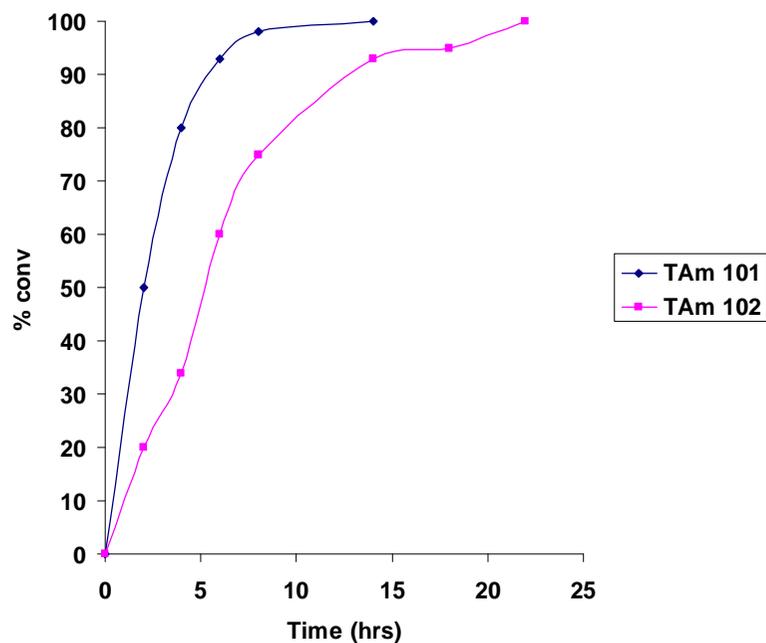
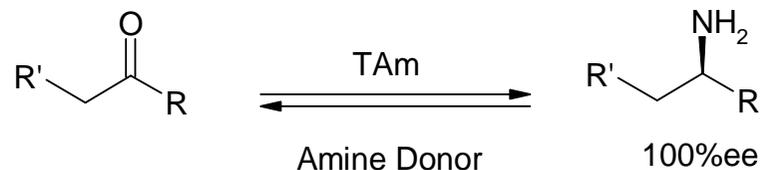
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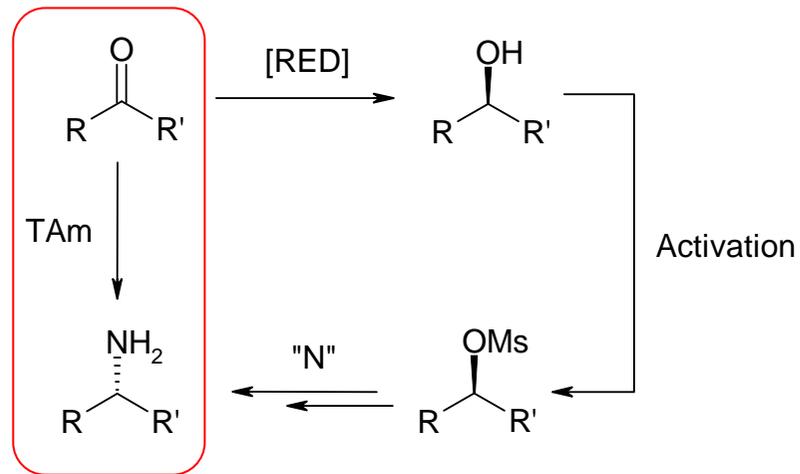
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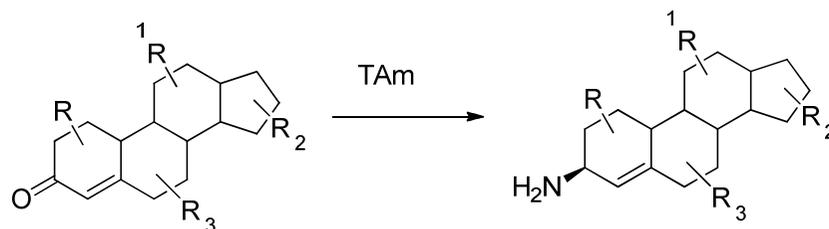


Shortening the Path – TAm technology



Reaction carried out in < 2vol buffer

Transaminase



Modular Project Deliverables

- TAm screen and TAm identification
- TAm optimisation
- Delivery of chiral product

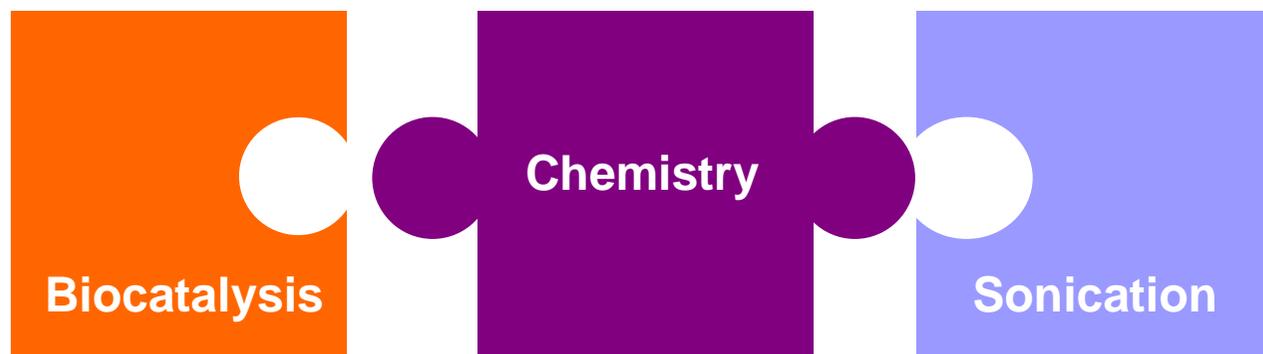


**TAm resulted in
removal of
8 steps of chemistry**



New Technology

Technologies



Our Chemistry group is linked to Biocatalysis and Sonication technologies for isolation of chemical products

Sonication



Sonication

- Chemical substrates
- Biomass sugars
- Sugars and starches

Feedstocks

- Lower enzyme cost
- Faster reactions
- Higher yields

- Enzymes
- Bacteria
- Fungi

Biocatalysts



Higher productivity
Lower cost of goods

Natural Product Extraction



- An efficient technique for extracting bioactive compounds from natural and synthetic matrices
- Advantages include
 - Reduced solvents
 - Reduced temperature
 - Reduced time for extraction
- Acoustic extraction is very scaleable
- Especially useful for the extraction of thermolabile and unstable compounds



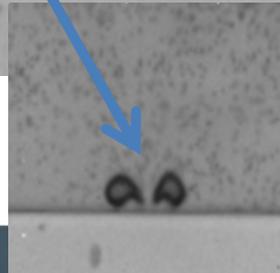
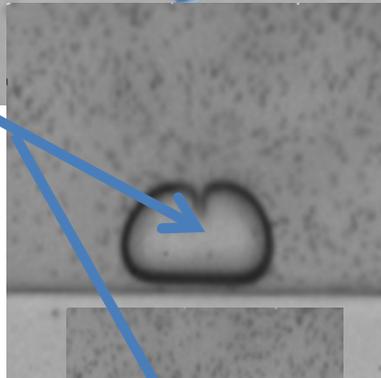
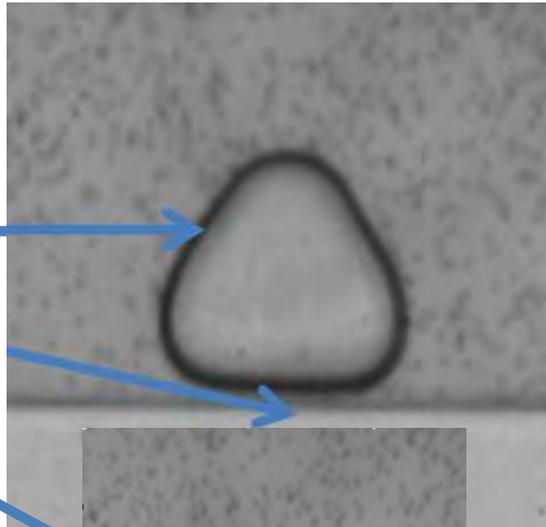
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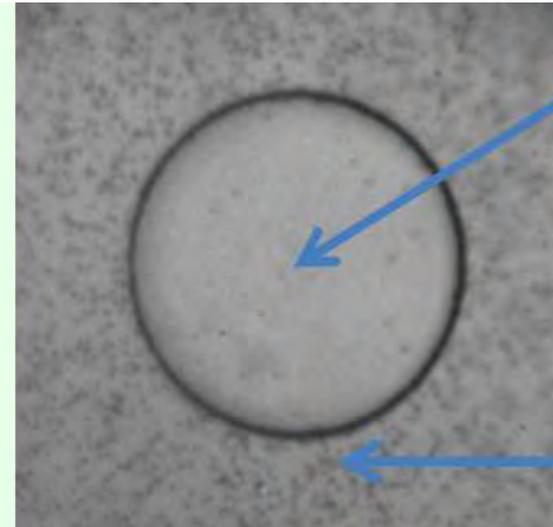
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UNSYMMETRIC COLLAPSE

Inrush of liquid from one side of the collapsing bubble produces powerful jet of liquid targeted at surface



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- (Bio)polymer degradation
- Crystallization
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IN THE CAVITY
extreme conditions on collapse
5000°C and
2000 atmospheres

IN THE BULK MEDIA
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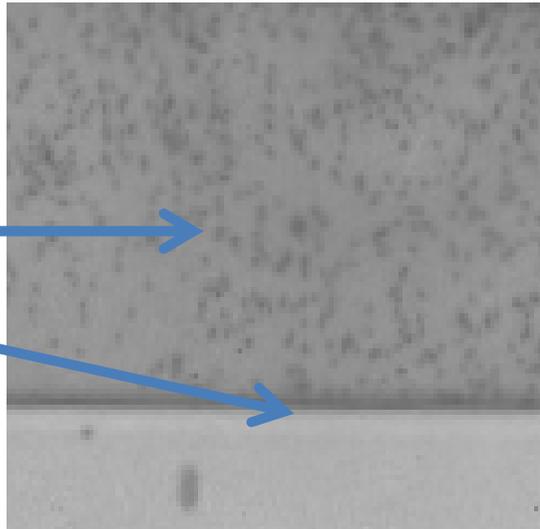
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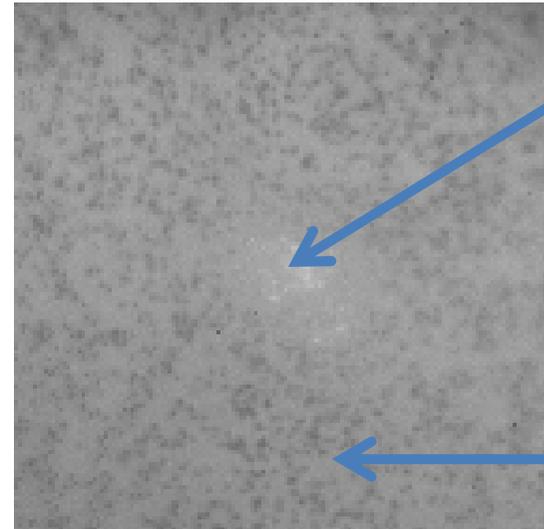
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Video courtesy of University of Twente, Netherlands. and Shimadzu Europa GmbH, Duisburg, Germany

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Natural Product Extraction



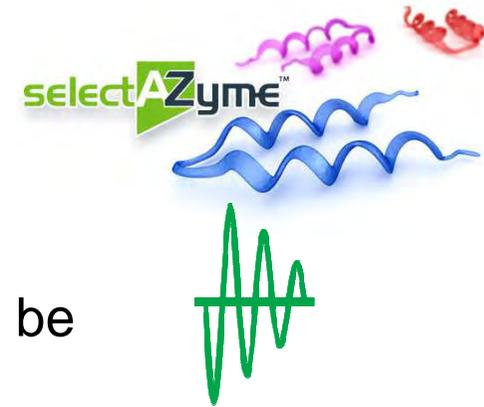
Sono-probe

- Simple continuous lab set up
- Increased product extraction profiles
- Altered composition of extracted products from natural sources
- Potential for new compositions of products from fermenting biomass

Stirred vessel

Continuous flow

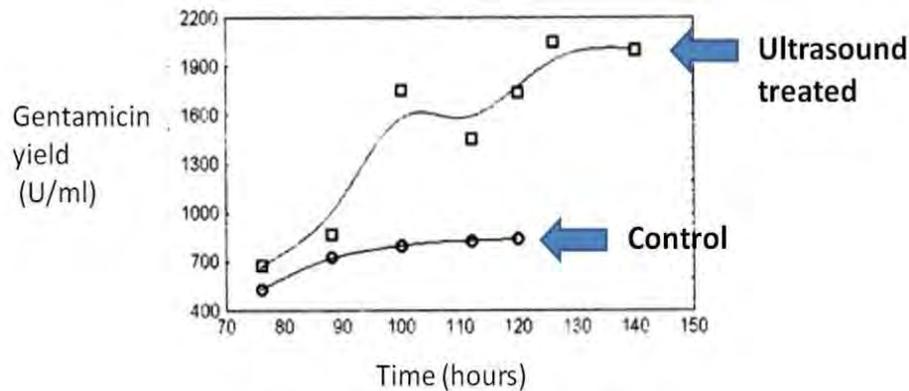
Sono Biocatalysis



Striking improvements in bioprocess performance can be achieved.....

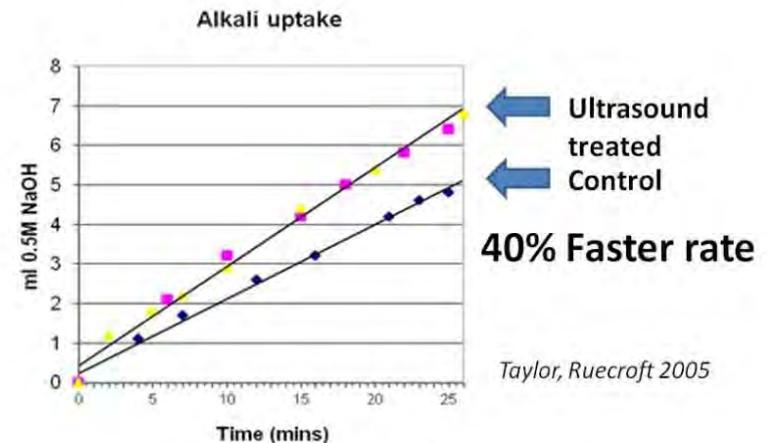
Fermentation for Antibiotics Drug Intermediate Manufacture

Increased antibiotic production (lab scale)



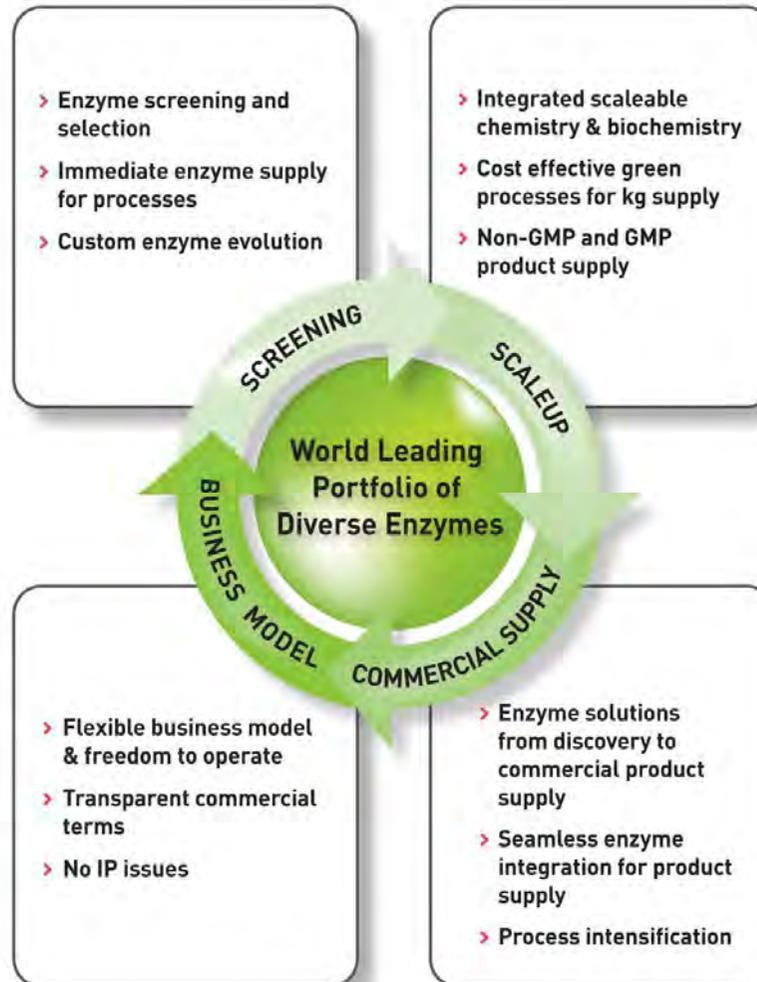
Process Biochemistry, 2000, 35, 569-572

Faster Enzyme Reactions: Model ester cleavage by a lipase enzyme



Taylor, Rucroft 2005

Summary



Future Outlook



- Tailor-made/designed biocatalysts
- Solvent free environments
- Continuous mode operation
- Tandem biocatalysis
- Conversion of waste to chemicals
- Lower downstream waste

**Integration from drug discovery to
commercialisation**

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