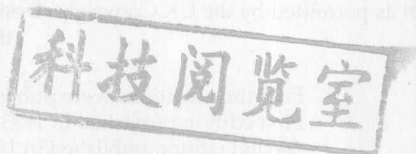




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# Preface

This book has grown considerably since the first edition in 1993. The fifth edition is the most comprehensive of all editions to date and reflects the increasing complexity of the speciality. The enthusiastic uptake of this book is a tribute to The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine of The Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom who have done so much to sponsor the discipline leading to the discipline achieving the status of specialist recognition.

However, we have been aware that the book has appealed to a much wider audience than those for whom it was initially written,

namely those studying for the Diploma of Pharmaceutical Medicine. It is now the standard text used by courses in pharmaceutical medicine in both Europe and the United States.

Widening the scope of the textbook to cover all aspects of the speciality's Higher Medical Training (HMT) programme has also increased the usefulness of the book to those working in National Drug Regulatory Authorities, as well as those involved in the economics of healthcare, pharmaceutical marketing and NHS purchasing of medical products.

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## **PART I**

# **Research and development**



# 1

## CHAPTER 1

# Discovery of new medicines

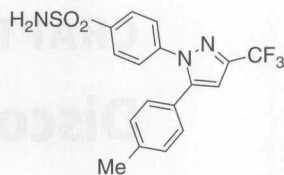
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### 1.1 Introduction

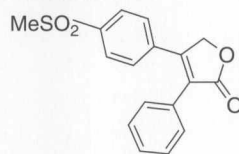
Ancient civilisations, like modern society, had a keen interest in the health of man and other animals. Continuation of this interest over a period of time led to the discovery of a large number of therapeutic agents primarily from the natural sources; many of the natural sources are still being used as lead structures for the discovery of new drugs.<sup>1</sup> In more recent times (~50 years), with the involvement of a large number of pharmaceutical companies and many academic institutions, progress in the understanding of disease processes and mechanisms to control or eliminate the disease has accelerated. Similarly, despite the advances and achievements of the last 50 years, the need to discover treatments for existing and evolving diseases has also increased. This is primarily due to the inadequacies of the current medicines. In many cases the treatment only leads to symptom relief, and in various other cases, the cure is associated with undesirable side effects. In some cases (e.g. infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria and HIV), resistance/tolerance to the existing treatments may develop, thus making them ineffective against the infecting bacteria, parasite or the virus.<sup>2</sup> New infectious agents such as SARS, hepatitis C, human herpes virus-6, -7 and -8 are also appearing.<sup>3</sup> In addition, with the changing environmental factors, lifestyle and increasing life span, more and more pathological abnormalities that require new treatments are being identified. For example, obesity and a number of cardiovascular diseases may have their

origins in altered (more prosperous?) lifestyle habits including environmental and psychosocial factors and diet.<sup>4-6</sup> Changing social attitudes are also creating markets for the so-called lifestyle drugs. Although the term 'lifestyle drug' is applied currently to drugs such as sildenafil for erectile dysfunction and minoxidil or finasteride for baldness, the precise definition of lifestyle drugs is a subject of debate.<sup>7</sup> Increasing knowledge about the underlying causes of diseases is enabling the discovery of more selective and less toxic drugs. Progress in molecular biology (e.g. sequencing of human genome, proteomics, pharmacogenomics and protein engineering) is creating new avenues for the understanding of precise disease mechanisms (biochemical pathways) and discovery of new targets based on new disease pathways. Advances in this field are expected to lead to highly selective and efficacious medicines. Recombinant technologies are enabling the synthesis of larger biologically active proteins in sufficient quantities. Proteins and monoclonal antibodies are therefore becoming more important and common as therapeutic agents. Equally important is the progress being made in the fields of combinatorial chemistry, enabling the synthesis of millions of compounds, high-throughput screening technologies and other automation techniques facilitating more rapid drug discovery. In the longer run, a combination of all the new developments is likely to generate safer and more effective medicines not only for the existing diseases but also for the diseases of the future which may become more important as a consequence of changes in lifestyle, and increasing age.

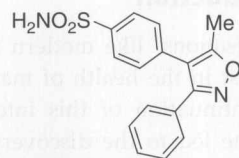
Malaria (caused in humans by single-celled *Plasmodium* protozoa parasites), tuberculosis (caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*) and leprosy (caused by *Mycobacterium leprae*) can be considered examples of 'older' diseases still in need of more effective and cheaper treatments.<sup>8-14</sup> Each year, 300–500 million people contract malaria and about 2–3 million die. A number of medicines, including chloroquine, 4-aminoquinolines, atovaquone, malarone, halofantrine, mefloquine, proguanil and artemisinin derivatives are available. Three main types of vaccines, based on the three major phases of the parasite's life cycle, are being developed: anti-sporozoite vaccines designed to prevent infection (pre-erythrocytic vaccines), anti-asexual blood stage vaccines (anti-invasion and anti-complication) designed to reduce severe and complicated manifestations of the disease and transmission-blocking vaccines aimed at arresting the development of the parasite in the mosquito itself. A number of vaccines are in phase I and phase II clinical trials. Monoclonal antibodies against specific malarial antigens are being explored for diagnostic and potential therapeutic purposes. In addition, efforts are also being made to shed light on the origin of the development of resistance in specific cases. Discovery of complete genome sequences of the human malarial parasite *Plasmodium falciparum* and the malaria-transmitting mosquito *Anopheles gambiae* is likely to enhance the discovery of antimalarial drug candidates. Like malaria, tuberculosis and leprosy are more common in less-developed countries. Tuberculosis is the second leading cause of death worldwide, killing nearly 2 million people each year. Multidrug-resistant tuberculosis continues to be a serious problem, particularly among some countries of Eastern Europe, China and Iran.<sup>15</sup> Currently available drugs for tuberculosis include isoniazid, rifampicin, pyrazinamide and ethambutol. The first-line drugs against leprosy are rifampicin, clofazimine and dapsone. Other drugs like minocycline, the macrolide clarithromycin and the fluoroquinolones pefloxacin and ofloxacin are all highly active against *M. leprae* but are rarely used in field programmes because of their cost.



1 Celecoxib



2 Rofecoxib



3 Valdecoxib

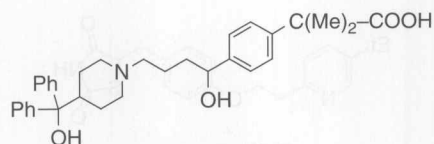
Bone disorders like arthritis and osteoporosis are examples of diseases that are becoming increasingly important with the ageing population.<sup>16-18</sup> Anti-inflammatory glucocorticoids like prednisolone and methylprednisolone and immunosuppressants such as cyclosporin-A and dexamethasone are used for the treatment. Although the treatment options have increased recently, most of these therapies focus on addressing the symptoms rather than the underlying causes of the disease. For example, cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitors such as celecoxib (1), rofecoxib (2, recently withdrawn from the market), etoricoxib,<sup>19</sup> valdecoxib<sup>20</sup> (3) and parecoxib (prodrug of valdecoxib) are being marketed as safer non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).<sup>21-23</sup> Although the older NSAIDs are highly effective as analgesic, antipyretic and anti-inflammatory agents, long-term ingestion causes gastric lesions. The discovery that the COX enzyme, which catalyses the conversion of arachidonic acid to prostaglandin H<sub>2</sub> (common biosynthetic precursor to prostaglandins and thromboxane – mediators of physiological and pathological processes, including pain, fever,



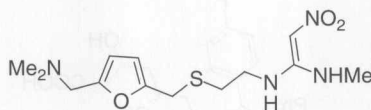
inflammation),<sup>24</sup> exists in two isoforms, with COX-2 being the primary isoform at sites of inflammation, led to a suggestion that inhibition of this isoform accounts for the therapeutic benefit of NSAIDs whereas inhibition of COX-1 results in adverse effects. The newer COX-2 selective agents appear to have a superior gastrointestinal (GI) safety profile. COX-2 inhibitors are also being investigated for the prevention and treatment of colorectal cancer.<sup>25</sup> In addition to COX-2 inhibitors, inhibitors of matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) are emerging for the treatment of many diseases including arthritis. Enzymes that degrade the extracellular matrix are normally controlled by a set of tissue inhibitors that, if disrupted, will allow the enzymes to work unchecked, degrading the matrix and promoting not only arthritis but also tumour growth and metastasis. Another treatment option is the inhibition of tumour necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ ), an inflammation-promoting cytokine associated with multiple inflammatory events, including arthritis. Anti-TNF- $\alpha$  therapies are already in the market. Finally, a variety of genes that code for antiarthritic proteins are under investigation.

Recently, the process of drug discovery has been expanded to cover a range of molecular biology, biotechnology and medicinal chemistry (including combinatorial chemistry) techniques. The newer disciplines like genome analysis, proteomics and bioinformatics are likely to lead to many new targets (receptors, enzymes, etc.) and therapeutically important proteins. Techniques like combinatorial chemistry and high-throughput screening are expected to identify hits/leads against various therapeutically important receptors and enzymes. Depending upon the knowledge available on the receptor or the enzyme of interest, the hits/leads can then be modified in a random, semi-rational or rational manner to generate the drug candidates.

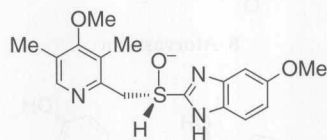
Like the chapter in the fourth edition of this book,<sup>26</sup> this chapter includes a short account of the historical aspects<sup>27</sup> and a short introduction to some of the newer disciplines. The main theme/objective of this chapter is to give an idea about the changing disease patterns, which may be reflected in the discovery process,



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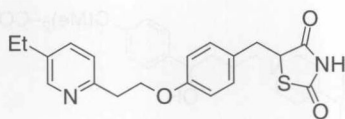
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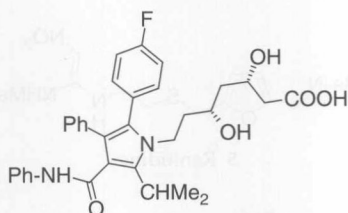
6 Esomeprazole

examples of receptor agonists and antagonists, enzyme inhibitors, including signal transduction inhibitors and inhibitors of protein-protein interaction that have been discovered by random and 'semi-rational/rational' approaches, antibody and protein therapeutics and currently available drugs for more widespread diseases. This enables one to understand actual drug discovery procedures and the science that has led to many drugs currently in the market. Examples include

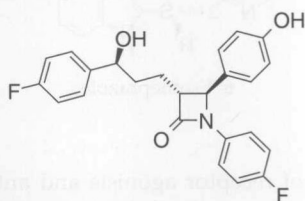
- COX inhibitors (1–3)
- angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors (antihypertensives such as captopril and lisinopril)
- histamine H<sub>1</sub> receptor antagonists (anti-allergic compounds such as fexofenadine (4))
- histamine H<sub>2</sub> receptor antagonists (acid secretion inhibitors such as cimetidine and ranitidine (5))
- proton pump inhibitors (acid secretion inhibitors such as omeprazole and esomeprazole (6))<sup>28,29</sup>
- nuclear peroxisome proliferator activated receptor- $\gamma$  activators such as pioglitazone (7)<sup>30</sup> and troglitazone (type 2 diabetes mellitus treatments)



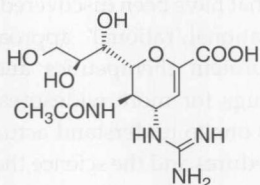
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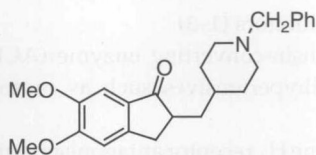
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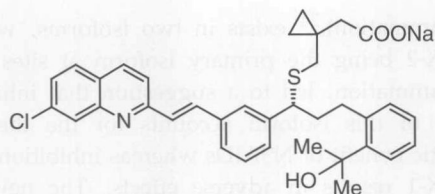


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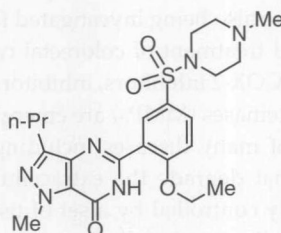


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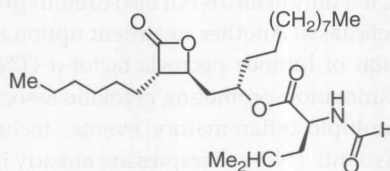
- lipid lowering agents such as atorvastatin (8) and rosuvastatin and cholesterol absorption inhibitor ezetimibe (9)<sup>31</sup>
- anti-influenza treatments like zanamivir (10)<sup>32</sup>
- acetylcholinesterase inhibitors such as donepezil (11) for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease
- selective and competitive inhibitor of the cysteinyl leukotrienes (LTC<sub>4</sub>, LTD<sub>4</sub> and LTE<sub>4</sub>)



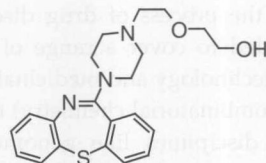
12 Montelukast



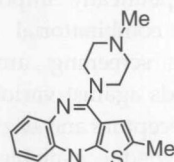
13 Sildenafil



14 Orlistat



15 Quetiapine



16 Olanzapine

such as zafirlukast and montelukast (12) for the treatment of asthma

- sildenafil (13; an inhibitor of phosphodiesterase type 5 used for erectile dysfunction)<sup>33</sup>
- antiobesity compound orlistat (14)
- atypical antipsychotic agents such as quetiapine (15) and olanzapine (16).