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Chapter 1 is intended to give an overview of the subject and also includes some topics of peripheral interest to medicinal chemists that are not discussed further in the text. Chapter 2 discusses the approaches used to discover and design drugs. The remaining chapters cover the major areas that have a direct bearing on the discovery and design of drugs. These chapters are arranged, as far as is possible, in a logical succession.

The approach to medicinal chemistry is kept as simple as possible. Each chapter has a summary of its contents in which the key words are printed in bold type. The text is also supported by a set of questions at the end of each chapter. Answers, sometimes in the form of references to sections of the book, are listed separately. A list of recommended further reading, classified according to subject, is also included.

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The second edition of *Medicinal Chemistry, an Introduction* has a new layout that I hope presents the subject in a more logical form. The main changes are that Chapter 2 has been rewritten as three separate chapters, namely, structure–activity and quantitative structure relationships, computer-aided drug design and combinatorial chemistry. Two new chapters entitled Drugs from Natural Sources and Drug Development and Production have been added. The text has been simplified and extended where appropriate with a number of case histories, new examples and topics. Among the new topics are a discussion of monoclonal antibodies and photodynamic drugs. The inclusion of the new chapters and new material has necessitated a reduction in the biological and chemical introductions to some topics and the omission of some material included in the first edition. Furthermore, the reader should be aware that there are many more drugs and targets than those discussed in this text.

Chapter 1 introduces and gives an overview of medicinal chemistry. This is followed by chapters that discuss the principal methods used in drug design and the isolation of drugs from natural sources. Chapters 7–14 are concerned with a discussion of more specialised aspects of medicinal chemistry. The final two chapters outline drug and analogue synthesis, development and production. Appropriate chapters have an outline introduction to the relevant biology. Each chapter is supported by a set of questions. Answers to these questions, sometimes in the form of references to sections and figures in the book, are listed separately. An updated list of further reading, classified according to subject, is also included.

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ABBREVIATIONS xxi

Abbreviations

A Adenine Abe Abequose

AC Adenylate cyclase

ACE Angiotensin-converting enzymes

ACh Acetyl choline

ADAPT Antibody-directed abzyme prodrug therapy
ADEPT Antibody-directed enzyme prodrug therapy

ADME Absorption, distribution, metabolism and elimination

ADR Adverse drug reaction

AIDS Acquired immuno deficiency syndrome

Ala Alanine

AMP Adenosine monophosphate

Arg Arginine Asp Aspartate

ATP Adenosine triphosphate AUC Area under the curve

AZT Zidovudine

BAL British anti-Lewisite

BESOD Bovine erythrocyte superoxide dismutase

C Cytosine CaM Calmodulin

cAMP Cyclic adenosine monophosphate
Cbz N-(Benzyloxycarbonyloxy)succinamide

Cl Clearance

CNS Central nervous system

CoA Coenzyme A

CoMFA Comparative molecular field analysis

CYP-450 Cytochrome P-450 family

Cys Cysteine

 C_x Concentration of x

dATP Deoxyadenosine triphosphate d.e. Diastereoisomeric excess

DHF Dihydrofolic acid
DHFR Dihydrofolate reductase

DMPK Drug metabolism and pharmacokinetics

DNA Deoxyribonucleic acid

dTMP Deoxythymidylate-5'-monophosphate dUMP Deoxyuridylate-5'-monophosphate

EC Enzyme Commission

EDRF Endothelium-derived relaxing factor

xxii ABBREVIATIONS

EDTA Ethylenediaminotetraacetic acid

e.e. Enantiomeric excess ELF Effluent load factor

EMEA European Medicines Evaluation Agency

EPCEuropean Patent ConventionEPOEuropean Patent Office E_s Taft steric parameterFBioavailability

FAD Flavin adenine dinucleotide

FDA Food and Drug Administration (USA)
FdUMP 5-Fluoro-2'-deoxyuridyline monophosphate

FGI Functional group interconversion

FH₄ Tetrahydrofolate

FMO Flavin monooxygenases

Fmoc 9-Fluorenylmethoxychloroformyl group

FUdRP 5-Fluoro-2'-deoxyuridylic acid

G Guanine

GABA γ-Aminobutyric acid GC Guanylyl cyclase

GDEPT Gene-directed enzyme prodrug therapy

GDP Guanosine diphosphate

GI Gastrointestinal
Gln Glutamine
Glu Glutamatic acid

Gly Glycine

5'-GMP Guanosine 5'-monophosphate

GSH Glutathione

GTP Guanosine triphosphate HAMA Human anti-mouse antibodies

Hb Haemoglobin

HbS Sickle cell haemoglobin

His Histidine

HIV Human immunodeficiency disease hnRNA Heterogeneous nuclear RNA HTS High-throughput screening

IDDM Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus

Ig Immunoglobins
Ile Isoleucine

IP₃ Inositol-1,4,5-triphosphate

IV Intravenous IM Intramuscular

KDO 2-Keto-3-deoxyoctanoate

 k_x Reaction rate constant for reaction x

LDA Lithium diisopropylamide

ABBREVIATIONS xxiii

LDH Lactose dehydrogenase

Leu Leucine Lys Lysine

MA(A) Marketing authorisation (application)

Mab Monoclonal antibody

mACh Muscarinic cholinergic receptor

MAO Monoamine oxidase

MCA Medicines Control Agency
MESNA 2-Mercaptoethanesulphonate

Met Methionine

MO Molecular orbital

Moz 4-Methoxybenzyloxychloroformyl group

MR Molar refractivity mRNA Messenger RNA

nACh Nicotinic cholinergic receptor

NAD⁺ Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (oxidised form)

NADH Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (reduced form)

NADP⁺ Nicotinamide dinucleotide phosphate (oxidised form)

NADPH Nicotinamide dinucleotide phosphate (reduced form)

 $\begin{array}{ll} NAG & \beta\text{-N-Acetylglucosamine} \\ NAM & \beta\text{-N-Acetylmuramic acid} \end{array}$

NCI National Cancer Institute (USA)

NOS Nitric oxide synthase P-450 Cytochrome P-450 oxidase **PABA** p-Aminobenzoic acid **PCT** Patent Cooperation Treaty PDT Photodynamic therapy **PEG** Polyethyene glycol PG Prostaglandin Phe Phenylalanine

PO Per os (by mouth)
pre-mRNA Premessenger RNA

Pro Proline

ptRNA Primary transcript RNA

QSAR Quantitative structure–activity relationship

 Q_x Rate of blood flow for x RMM Relative molecular mass

RNA Ribonucleic acid
S Syedberg units

SAM S-Adenosylmethionine

SAR Structure-activity relationship

Ser Serine

SIN-1 3-Morpholino-sydnomine

T Thymine

xxiv ABBREVIATIONS

TdRP Deoxythymidylic acid THF Tetrahydrofolic acid

Thr Threonine
tRNA Transfer RNA
Tyr Tyrosine
U Uracil

UDP Uridine diphosphate

UDPGA Uridine diphosphate glucuronic acid

UdRP Deoxyuridylic acid

Val Valine

 $V_{
m d}$ Volume of distribution WHO World Health Organization

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