

Molecules of the Month Magic Methyl Effect

There are many examples in the literature demonstrating that the replacement of a C-H with C-Me in a specific position of a drug candidate can be associated with increase in potency. This effect, known as the magic methyl effect, is due to conformational change/restriction of the molecule which can increase the binding to the active site. Moreover, the strategical installation of a methyl group (i.e. benzylic, α to heteroatom, etc.) can improve pharmacodynamic and pharmacokinetic properties by preventing oxidation, improving membrane permeability and selectivity (*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2013**, 12256).

Liverpool ChiroChem can offer a number of *N*-heterocyclic scaffold bearing a chiral methyl moiety. These compounds can be used as building block and intermediates for small molecule drug discovery or fragment screening.

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