

HOW GREEN IS MY CHEMISTRY- AN R&D PERSPECTIVE

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Indian Pharmaceutical Industry



- Pharmacy of the world
- Provide High Quality Medicines at Affordable price
- Serving billions of people across the world everyday
- Saved millions of lives during Pandemic
- Nearly half of all ANDAs filed in US are from India
- Largest number of USFDA approved plant outside US

How green are our pharmaceutical manufacturing processes?

Pharmaceutical Manufacturing process





Pharmaceutical Manufacturing process





- Input materials:
 - Solvents, metal catalysts, starting materials, reagents
- Impurities from Input materials:

Starting materials impurities; impurities within solvents, pesticides...

- By-products and side products: Reaction intermediates, relatedsubstances
- Degradation Impurities
 Both API and Intermediates

The Goals of Process Development: The SELECT Criteria



SELECT	Description	Examples of potential issues
Safety	Process SafetyExposure to substances harmful to health	 explosions or exotherms; threat to workers or plant carcinogens or sensitizers
Environment	Volume of wasted natural resourcesSubstances harmful to the environment	 Quantity and variety of solvents aquatic toxins and ozone depleting chemicals
Legal	Infringement of intellectual property rights	Regulations that control use of reagents and intermediates
Economic	Meeting cost of goods and cost of manufacture target for future market	Long synthesis using expensive materials
Control	 Control of quality parameters Control of chemistry and physical parameters 	 Meeting specification and GMP requirements Non-selective reactions, unstable intermediates
Throughput	 Time scale of manufacture in available plant Availability of raw materials 	 Long route with dilute stages Use of specially made raw materials

The 12 Principles of Green Chemistry



1. Prevention

It is better to prevent waste than to treat or clean up waste after it has been created.

2. Atom Economy

Synthetic methods should be designed to maximise the incorporation of all materials used in the process into the final product.

3. Less Hazardous Chemical Synthesis

Wherever practicable, synthetic methods should be designed to use and generate substances that possess little or no toxicity to people or the environment.

4. Designing Safer Chemicals

Chemical products should be designed to effect their desired function while minimising their toxicity.

5. Safer Solvents and Auxiliaries

The use of auxiliary substances (e.g., solvents or separation agents) should be made unnecessary whenever possible and innocuous when used.

6. Design for Energy Efficiency

Energy requirements of chemical processes should be recognised for their environmental and economic impacts and should be minimised. If possible, synthetic methods should be conducted at ambient temperature and pressure.

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7 Use of Renewable Feedstocks

A raw material or feedstock should be renewable rather than depleting whenever technically and economically practicable.

8 Reduce Derivatives

Unnecessary derivatization (use of blocking groups, protection/de-protection, and temporary modification of physical/chemical processes) should be minimised or avoided if possible, because such steps require additional reagents and can generate waste.

9 Catalysis

Catalytic reagents (as selective as possible) are superior to stoichiometric reagents.

10 Design for Degradation

Chemical products should be designed so that at the end of their function they break down into innocuous degradation products and do not persist in the environment.

11 Real-time Analysis for Pollution Prevention

Analytical methodologies need to be further developed to allow for real-time, in-process monitoring and control prior to the formation of hazardous substances.

12 Inherently Safer Chemistry for Accident Prevention

Substances and the form of a substance used in a chemical process should be chosen to minimise the potential for chemical accidents, including releases, explosions, and fires.

Product Development Overview





- Product selection
- Business targets
- Product development strategy
- Route Design
- Process Design
- Process Optimization
- Tech Transfer and process validation
- Commercialization and LCM

Route Design and Route Selection





- High throughput
- Eco friendly



Traditional Boot's Synthesis of Ibuprofen



Six steps synthesis with 40% atom economy

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Green Synthesis of Ibuprofen



Three steps synthesis with 77% atom economy The atom economy is 99% if acetic acid recovery is considered

Leszczynski et al. Chem Rev 2022, 122, 3637



		1	Boots Synthesis				
	reagent		used in ibu	profen	unused in ibuprofen		
atom economy	formula	MW	formula	MW	formula	MW	
	C ₁₀ H ₁₄	134	C ₁₀ H ₁₃	133	Н	1	
	$C_4H_6O_3$	102	C ₂ H ₃	27	$C_2H_3O_3$	75	
	$C_4H_7ClO_2$	122.5	CH	13	C ₃ H ₆ ClO ₂	109.5	
	C ₂ H ₅ ONa	68	N/A	0	C ₂ H ₅ ONa	68	
	H ₃ O	19	N/A	0	H ₃ O	19	
	NH ₃ O	33	N/A	0	NH ₃ O	33	
	H_4O_2	36	N/A	33	H ₃	3	
	total		ibuprof	en	waste produ	ıct	
	C ₂₀ H ₄₂ NO ₁₀ ClNa	514.5	$C_{13}H_{18}O_2$	206	C ₇ H ₂₄ NO ₈ ClNa	308.5	
		BHC	Green Synthesis			-	
	reagent		used in ibup	rofen	unused in ibup	orofen	
atom economy	formula	MW	formula	MW	formula	MW	
	$C_{10}H_{14}$	134	C ₁₀ H ₁₃	133	H	1	
	$C_4H_6O_3$	102	C ₂ H ₃ O	43	$C_2H_3O_2$	59	
	H ₂	2	H ₂	2	N/A	N/A	
	CO	28	CO	28	N/A	N/A	
	total		ibuprofe	n	waste produ	ict	
	$C_{15}H_{22}O_{4}$	266	$C_{13}H_{18}O_2$	206	$C_2H_4O_2$	60	



•NF-kB is a key regulator of inflammatory genes and plays a critical role in the pathogenesis of a number of human disorders, particularly those with COPD

- IKB kinase 2 (IKK2) is a key regulator of the activity and function of NF-kB
- It has now been observed that Inhibiting IKK2 gives an unexpectedly beneficial therapeutic effect in the treatment of COPD and other inflammatory conditions
- AZD3264 was being developed as potential IKK2 inhibitor to treat COPD conditions

Development of a Robust and scaleable process for AZD3264







AZD3264- MedChem Route challenges

- Poor yield and selectivity during the bromination step
- Poor solubility of the API in most of the solvents
- Poor overall yield (28 kgs of Bromopyrrolidine was used) to deliver 1.5 kg of API
- High Pd content (>700ppm) in the API (because of the API's affinity towards Pd)
- High DMSO content in the API (>20000 ppm)
- Poor solid properties, difficulties during micronization and formulation

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Route Design Examples- AZD 2115



• Straight forward two step process from the chloroketone

- A new reaction, epoxide opening with NaHMDS has been developed
- Opportunity for publication

Ref: WO 2012156693 A1

Andiappan et al. Tetrahedron Letters 2012, 53, 5739

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First Generation Synthesis of Pregabalin



Poor overall yield (<20%), expensive route Huge of waste generation Wrong enantiomer can not be recycled

Leszczynski et al. Chem Rev 2022, 122, 3637



Green Synthesis of Pregabalin



Good overall yield (>40%) Less expensive route Wrong enantiomer is recycled 2000 tons of raw materials & 10 million gallons of solvents were saved per annum

Process Design



- Focus on Individual Steps
- Multiple possibilities to effect a transformation
- Choice of Reagents
- Choice of Solvents
- Equipment design

• Optimize the quantities of the Raw materials used

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- Process Risk Assessment
- Process safety risk assessment
- Safety testing
- Calculate PMIs
- Detoxification and waste treatment

Process Design- Reagent Selection



- Specific for desired synthetic transformation
 - 1. Should be compatible with other functional groups of the molecule
 - 2. Should be compatible with the other reagents and solvent involved in the transformation
 - 3. Regio & Stereo selective if applicable
- Reacts under ambient condition
- Reacts at reasonable rate
- Non-toxic/least toxic- itself or its metabolic products
- Poses no chemical reaction hazard to personnel
- Produce no by product/non-toxic by product-lower disposal cost
- If catalytic, readily recovered and reused
- Recyclable- cost advantage and reduce effluent
- Readily available with consistent quality

Process Design- Solvent Selection



- Provide safe scale-up condition
- Facilitate the rate of reaction
- Ease of product separation
- Removes impurities and byproducts
- Ease removal from the product
- Safe to operate
- Non-toxic or Least toxic
- From Renewable Sources
- Recovery and reusability
- Commercial availability and cost

Process Design- Osimertinib







- EGFRM T790m inhibitor
- First in class
- Breakthrough Therapy Designation & Fast Track Designation
- Took <3 years from FTIM to Launch
- Generating revenues > \$5 billion

Osimertinib (AZD9291)

Process Design- Osimertinib





Osimertinib- Optimized Process





- Novel chemistry to introduce acrylamide function
- Multiple campaign delivered at very short time to support rapid clinical

progress



- Most of the APIs and their intermediates are either acidic or basic
- Hence pH has great influence in their reactivities, extraction & isolation



Speciation vs pH

A useful rough guide

$$pH = pK_a + \log \frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}$$

pH equals	Ratio HA : A ⁻	log ([A ⁻]/[HA])
р <i>К</i> _а - 2	99:1	log (~0.01) = -2
р <i>К</i> _а - 1	9:1	log (~0.1) = -1
p <i>K</i> _a	1:1	log (1) = 0
p <i>K</i> _a + 1	1:9	log (~10) = 1
р <i>К</i> _а + 2	1:99	log (~100) = 2

- pKa is a numerical term
- Approximate values can be obtained from databases ... ACD labs, ChemDraw etc
- Accurate values can be obtained by experiments
- Is a handy tool for reagent selection, reactive crystallization (salt formation) and extractions

Use of pKa values for efficient work up & purification





- Made use of difference in pKas for purification
- The crude material was dissolved in aq.sulfuric acid
- pH was adjusted between 9 to 9.5 by the addition of aq. NaOH
- Extracted with toluene to remove the impurity
- The MLR with pure material was basified and extracted with 2-MeTHF and the product was precipitated as HCl salt

Speciation of the Product and the impurity Based on their pKa Values







>97% of the product exits in protonated form at pH~9



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Recycling of Homogeneous Catalyst in Suzuki Reaction



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If there is drop in activity, topping up of catalyst and solvent may preserve the activity



Entry	Comp No	\mathbf{R}_1	X	Y	Cycle	Catalyst (5 mol%)	% Conv (time in h) ^a	% Yield/purity by HPLC
1	9a	H	COOH	H	1	Pd-100	94.3 (4)	85/97.0
2	9a	H	COOH	H	2	1.000	96.0 (4)	82/98.2
3	9a	H	COOH	H	3	_	94.5 (3)	70/99.0
4	9b	F	COOH	н	1	Pd-100	94.5 (3)	77/95.0
5	9b	F	COOH	н	2	—	96.0 (3)	76/96.9
6	9b	F	COOH	H	3	_	75.6 (3)	65/96.5
7	9c	OMe	COOH	H	1	Pd-100	93 (2)	81/97.9
8	9c	OMe	COOH	H	2	_	96.0 (17)	80/98.2
9	9c	OMe	COOH	H	3		93.3 (10)	80/94.3
10	9a	H	COOH	н	1	Pd-106	82.2 (3)	*
11	9a	Н	COOH	н	2	-	93.2 (3)	*
12	9a	H	COOH	H	3	-	88.2 (3)	*
13	9b	F	СООН	н	1	Pd-106	97.0 (3)	*
14	9b	F	COOH	Н	2	_	97.7 (3)	*
15	9b	F	СООН	н	3	-	96.6 (3)	*
16	9c	OMe	COOH	н	1	Pd-106	93.2 (3)	*
17	9c	OMe	COOH	н	2	-	89.2 (3)	*
18	9c	OMe	COOH	н	3	-	95.5 (3)	*
19	9a	H	COOH	н	1	Pd-118	96.2 (3)	*
20	9a	H	COOH	н	2	—	91.8 (3)	*
21	9a	H	СООН	н	3	-	94.7 (3)	*
22	9b	F	COOH	н	1	Pd-118	96.8 (3)	*
23	9b	F	COOH	H	2	_	97.1 (3)	*
24	9b	F	COOH	н	3	-	97.1 (3)	*
25	9c	OMe	COOH	н	1	Pd-118	95.4 (3)	*
26	9c	OMe	COOH	H	2	—	96.3 (3)	*
27	9c	OMe	COOH	н	3	_	96.9 (3)	*
28	9d	H	Н	COOH	1	Pd-118	94.5 (3)	*
29	9d	н	н	COOH	2		94.6 (3)	*
30	9d	Н	Н	COOH	3		93.3 (4)	*



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Process Optimization

80 S.G. Manjunatha et al.

Entry	Product	X	R ₁	Cycle	Catalyst (5 mol%)	% Conv (time in h) ^a
1	12a	Η	F	1	Pd-118	98 (1)
2	12a	H	F	2	_	98 (1)
3	12a	H	F	3	—	92 (1)
4	12a	H	F	1	Pd-100	85 (2)
5	12a	H	F	2	—	72 (4)
6	12a	H	F	3	_	57 (4)
7	12b	N	F	1	Pd-118	90 (4)
8	12b	N	F	2		88 (5)
9	12b	N	F	3	-	72 (5)
10	12b	N	F	1	Pd-100	71 (24)
11	12b	N	F	2	-	53 (24)
12	12b	N	F	3		27 (24)

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	Table 2.	Recycling	of homogeneous	catalyst in	Suzuki reaction	with acidic wo	rk up	(Scheme 2)
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^a% Conversion to product, with respect to starting material.

Various Catalysts, Reagents & Solvents can be explored

Reactions in Aqueous Medium



- The solubility of the organic substrates in water often considered as a limitation
- High temperature water (>200°C) and super critical water (>374°C) behave more like organic solvents



- The reaction between Azido dicarboxylate and cyclohexene in organic solvent or neat require 24h for completion with 60-70% yield
- The same reaction "on water" completed in 8h with 91% yield

Sharpless et al. Angew Chem Int Ed 2005, 44, 3275



- Hydrogenation of the nitrobenzoic acid under basic condition, filtration of the catalyst and treatment with KCN afforded the urea.
- At pH>13 and on heating the urea cyclized to afford the quinazoline dione in excellent yield

Sukhtankar et al. Geen Chem Int Ed 2005, 7, 586

Mechano-chemical Reactions





reaction without additive



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reaction with THF

Koji Kabota et al. Nature Communications 2021, 12, 6691

Implementation





An illustration of the need to integrate various groups of people, educate, cooperate at different levels and look for agreement

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