Applications of Directed Evolution in Organic Synthesis



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All Enzymes contain an active site







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Limitations:

- Few natural enzymes show wide levels of promiscuity
- Elevated temperatures results in denaturation
- · Water is the only viable solvent

- Substrate tolerance is limited by steric and electronic fators
- high EE's are only achievable from native substrate
- Millions of years of evolution required to reach this state





















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Mutator Strain:

 XL1-red *E. coli* contains defective DNA proof-reading and repair mechanisms Normal *E. coli* mutation rate 10⁻¹⁰; XL1- red mutation rate 10⁻⁵
8 h of growth (24 generations) accumulate ~ 1 mutation/gene

> mutates whole genome decreasing desired mutations limits the number of mutations/generations



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certain nucleotide substitutions are preffered over others does not evenly sample the amino acid codon space

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Cassette Mutagenesis: modified primers that replace a series of codons allowing for greater variation

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2 3,066		6	2	430	430	
3 98,163		3	3	5,175	5,175	
4 3,141,251		51	4	62,118	62,118	
5 100,520,093		5	745,43	745,433		

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Saturation mutagenesis of 3 positions based on 20 amino acids (15% coverage)



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Mutagenesis Summary

Chemical mutagenesis:

- Not commonly used
- Inconsistent and biased mutations

Mutator Strains:

- Easy to use
- Low Mutation rates
- There is a mutational limit
- Somewhat used

epPCR:

- Easy to use
- High mutation rates
- Difficult to sample all AA combinations
- Very common

Site-directed saturation mutagenesis:

- Fully samples amino acid repertoire
- Capable of introducing specfic mutations
- Higher quality libraries
- Generally require larger screens
- Very common

Recombinative mutagenesis:

- Used in tadem with epPCR or Sat. Mut.
- Very common

Directed Evolution







Transformed E. coli.

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Isolation



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- other methods include: pH, MS, NMR, IR, GC-MS, LC-MS

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– 27 total mutations

Number of Mutations		
5		
5		
17		
Merck's Sitagliptin Synthesis





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Ipc₂BH - 100% ee





New to Nature Enzymatic Catalysis

3 types of development of new to nature enzymes:

- Repurposing native enzymes
- Redesign/ de novo synthesis
- Artificial cofactors

P450 catalytic cycle



Enzymatic Carbenoids and Nitrenoids



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Cyclopropanations (Arnold, 2013)



72% yield, 99% ee 9:1 cis:trans 67,800 TTN

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Ru-ketone hydrogenation

(Ward, 2008)

Rh-hydrogenation (Reetz, 2006)



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Summary

Broaden the scope and selectivity of known Biological reaction

Developed new to nature reactions

Repurposed enzymes Redesigned/synthetic enzymes

Artifical cofactors

Advantages

Can in theory evolve tailor-made catalyst for any specific substrate

Reaction conditions are typlically environmentily friendly

generally run under mild conditions

Disadvantages/Limitations

Significant time required to evolve new enzymes

Structural information generally required

Artificial metalloenzymes still need development to be synthetically useful (limited scope and not commercially available)

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Background

