

# Medicilon Peptide & Macrocyclic Peptide Drug Discovery Service Platform

Peptides as a therapeutic method attract much attention due to the synthetic accessibility, high degree of specific binding, and the ability to target protein surfaces traditionally considered "undruggable". Macrocyclic peptides possess a lot of pharmacological characteristics distinct from other well-established therapeutic molecular classes, resulting in a versatile drug modality with a unique profile of advantages.

### **Peptide Drug Advantages**

- Synthetic accessibility
- Low immunogenicity and toxicity
- High binding affinity and selectivity
- The ability to target protein surfaces traditionally considered "undruggable"
- Macrocyclic peptide: Compared to the linear peptide precursor
  - more stable
  - more selective
  - more potent
  - increased membrane permeability
- Advances in high-throughput in vitro screening techniques
  - Phage display
  - mRNA display
  - Flexizymetechnology

### **Medicilon Peptide Drug Discovery Service -**

#### **♥** Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

- Dedicated R&D and Management team: standard 10 FTE team: 1 senior group leader (8-10 years) + 1 senior chemist + 2 subgroup leader (3-7 years), senior scientist, middle level scientist, junior scientist (3 member subgroup)
- Flexibility in
  - Project priorities
  - Staffing
  - Protocol

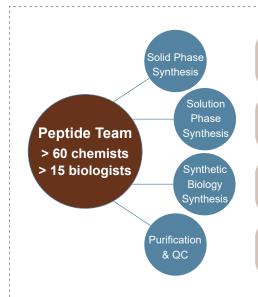
### **❖** Fee For Service (FFS)

- Services provided for specific needs/projects. Fixed fees and delivery timeframe.
  - Customization of needs
  - mg to kg custom synthesis
  - chiral separation
  - impurity separation
- CMC work for IND application and IND investigation
- Non-GMP and GMP scale-up, commercial production of API and intermediates

#### Others

- Customized synthesis: mg-100 g scale
  - Linear peptides (up to 50 AAs via one-by one coupling; >70 AAs via ligation strategy)
  - Cyclic peptides (S-S bridge, lactam/lactone, thioether, olefin metathesis, click reaction etc.)
  - Modifiedpeptides (pegylation, DOTA, phosphorylation, thiopeptide etc.)
  - Peptidomimetics
  - Peptides containing special amino acid: containing isotope atom amino acid, D-amino-acid, other unnatural amino acid etc.
- Macro cyclic peptide library synthesis
- Unnatural AAs Synthesis Chemical and Enzymatic
- ADC-like compounds
- Saltexchange: TFA/HCI,TFA/acetate

# Medicilon Peptide Drug Discovery Service Team —



- Solid phase synthesis on resin by Fmocor other chemistry
- Support various modifications on peptides
- Synthesis by both auto-synthesizer and manual apparatus
- Unnatural amino acid synthesis
- Solution/solid combination synthesis for special peptides
- ADC-like compound synthesis
- mRNA Display technology for coded macro cyclic peptide library synthesis
- Enzymatic catalysis for unnatural amino acid synthesis
- Enzymatic peptide ligation and cyclization
- Various prep-HPLC equipped with up to 20 cm columns
- Multiple types of columns: C18, C8, C4....
- Up to 60L tray-lyophilizer

# Instruments for Peptide Synthesis & Purification -



Customized manual peptide synthesis system



CsBioauto-synthesizer



OEB4 lab for ADC project



Automated small scale purification system



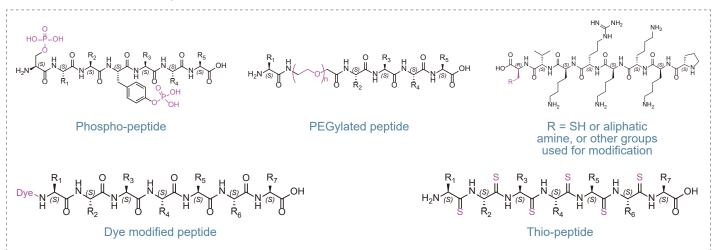
- Customized synthesis
- mg to 100 g scale

- HRMS
- Unnatural AA
- ADC-like compounds

- >60 Chemists
- >40% MS/Ph.D.

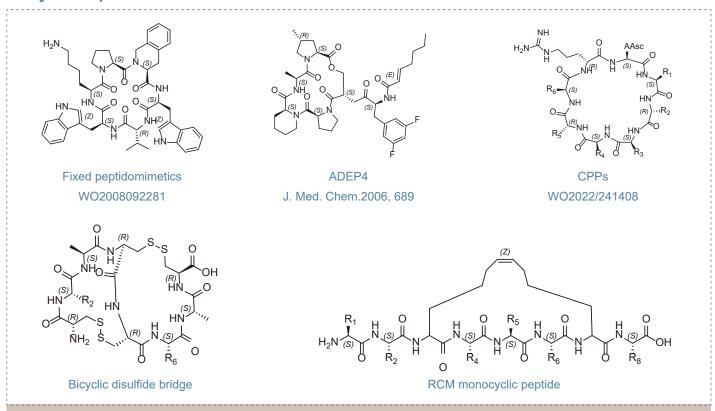
### **Peptide Synthesis**

### Linear/Modified Peptides



- Linear/Modified Peptide synthesis in solution phase, on solid phase and automatic synthesizer
- Peptide modification (N-terminal or side chain modification, C-terminal modification, peptide phosphorylation labeling, methylation and other alkylation modification, isotope labeling, fluorescence modification, PEG modification, peptide protein coupling, etc.)

### Cyclic Peptides



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#### Unnatural Amino Acids

#### →Enantioselective chemical synthesis

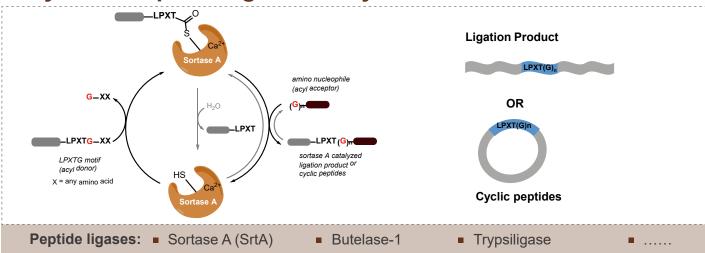
- Rich experience to prepare various unnatural amino acids in-house
- Help client to build up amino acids library
- Explore the synthesis of special AAs upon request

#### →Enzyme Catalyzed unnatural amino acid synthesis

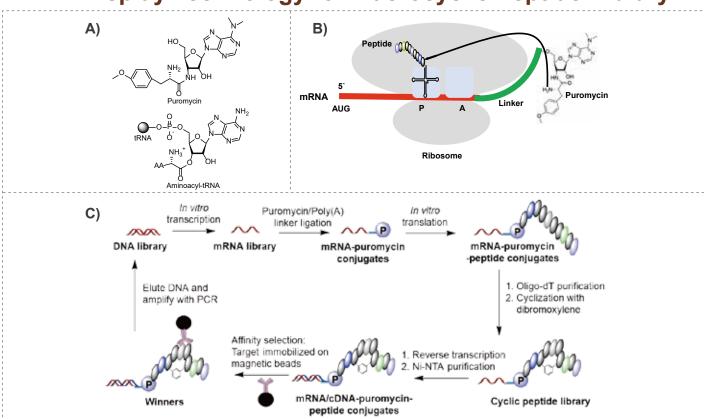
COOH 
$$R^2$$
  $NHR^2$   $R^2$   $NHR^2$   $R^3$   $NHR^2$   $R^4$   $R^4$ 

#### →Enzyme evolution was applied to improve amino acid C-N lyase

## **Enzymatic Peptide Ligation & Cyclization**



# mRNA Display Technology for Macrocyclic Peptide Library



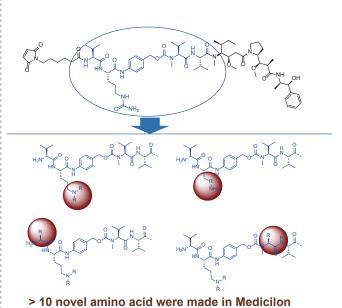
#### mRNA display technology for cyclic peptide library construction

- Library size exceeding 10<sup>13</sup>
- Unnatural amino acids will be incorporated into the peptides through PURE cell-free translation system
- A typical round of an mRNA display selection takes 2-3 days
- Hits will be easily identified through sequencing of the cDNA linked with the peptide

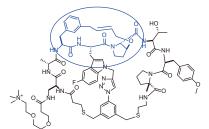
# **Case Study**

### **Medicilon Case: Peptide Synthesis**

Amino acid modification and application in ADC drug



Amino acid modification in PCSK9 peptide inhibitor synthesis









> 20 novel amino acid were made in Medicilon

### Medicilon Case: Solid-Phase Synthesis of Peptide



Peptide synthesizer



Peptide HPLC purification system

- Medicilon successfully made the reference compound in 2 weeks
- The purity of the desired compound is >98%
- The amount of the final peptide >500 mg

### **Medicilon Case: Synthesis of AOC**

# **Peptide Bio-analysis**

### LC-MS/MS and High Resolution MS (GLP and non-GLP): all Waters







ACQUITY PREMIER UPLC

Triple Quad 6500+

XevoTQ-XS



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