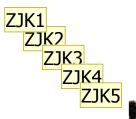
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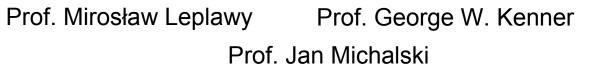
(story about fascination of unnatural amino-acids)

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Prof. Osman Achmatowicz



Prof. Gobind Khorana

Slajd 2	
ZJK2	To fill the gap, prof O. Achmatowicz arranged post-doc position to bright minded scientist dr Jan Michalski in Cambridge in the group of His good friend prof. Gobind Khorana to participate in the project focused on how nucleic acid base are coding sequences of amino-acids. ZJK; 2017-11-13
ZJK3	Prof. J. Michalski, after coming back to Lodz started research on nucleic acids, so in order to ignite research on peptides, the next young, bright scientist, dr Mirosław T. Leplawey, was sent to England, this time to Liverpool, to prof. George Wallace Kenner, the peptide offspring of Khorana group. ZJK; 2017-11-22
ZJK4	The Kenners doubts was as follow: "OK, if triplet of nucleic bases are coding sequence of proteinogenic amino-acids, so what about unnatural amino-acids which are identified in natural products? Could we synthesize proteins with unnatural amino-acids residues? ZJK; 2017-11-13
ZJK5	And dr M.T.Leplawy starting His research in Liverpool presented that synthesis of peptides from unnatural amino-acids is possible.Difficult task but affordable in experienced hands.
	ZJK; 2017-11-22
ZJK1	Story begin when Prof Osman Achmatowicz (Dean of Faculty of Chemistry) realized that nucleic acids and peptides are emerging area of organic chemistry, but in Poland without tradition and basic experience.

ZJK; 2017-11-13



Polish Visitor Wears Mr. Bisset's Kilt!

NOT a member of the Celtic Congress but a Polish Chemistry graduate. Dr. Thomas Leplawy, of Lodz, Poland, undertaking research at Liverpool University was one of 14 foreign students invited to the Island for the Easter vacation by the Douglas Rotary Club.

The Dr. was staying with the Rev. J. Duffield, M.A., at the Vicarage, Onchan, along with a Dutch student Hans Kortegaas who is studying economics. The reason for the Dr.'s Highland apparel is that during the holiday he and Mr. Kortegaas were entertained by Rotarian A. R. Bisset, a staunch Scot. Dr. Leplawy was fascinated by Mr. Bisset's regalia and it was an extra treat when he was invited to don the outfit . . . which he kept on for the remainder of the day!



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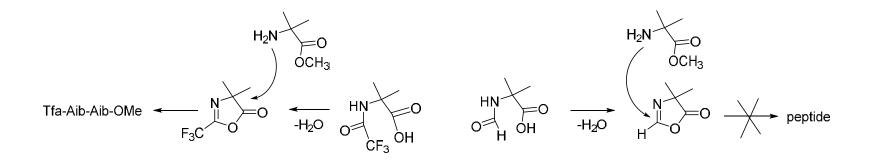
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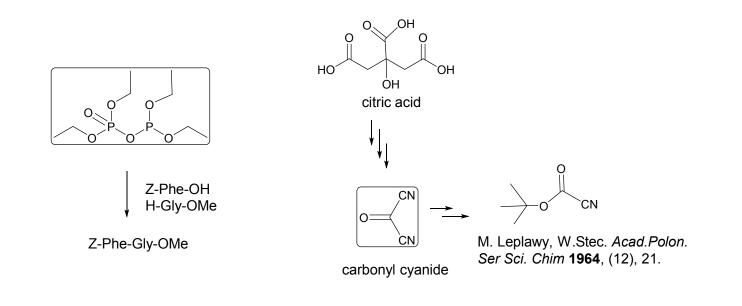
Peptides—XI: Synthesis of peptides derived from alpha-methylalanine M.T. Leplawy ¹, D.S. Jones, G.W. Kenner, R.C. Sheppard

Abstract

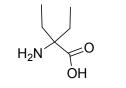
Union of α -methylalanyl residues in a peptide chain is severely sterically hindered. This hindrance can be overcome by employing either the mixed anhydride (I) of pivalic acid and benzyloxycarbonyl- α -methylalanine or, more generally, oxazolones (II), including 4,4-dimethyl-2trifluoromethyloxazolone (II; R = CF₃). 4,4-Dimethyloxazolone (II; R = H) has been obtained in solution and characterized by its infra-red spectrum; it is attacked by α -methylalanine methyl ester at the methine group, in contrast to the normal reaction with cyclohexylamine at the carbonyl group.



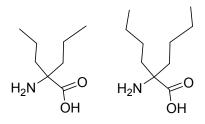
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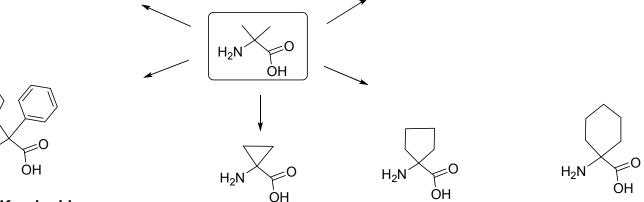
PhD Thesis: J. Zabrocki. New methods in peptide synthesis, **1975**. PhD Thesis: K. Kociołek Reactions of carbonyl cyanide with ketones, **1975** **ZJK8** Soon after return of docent M.T. Leplawy to Łódź it has been found that fascination with unnatural amino-acids is infectious and transmittable to PhD students. Thus, even the classic search for the new coupling method based on application of mixed phosphoric acid anhydrides and new protective group focused on the bunch of alfa,alfa-disubstituted amino-acids. ZJK; 2017-11-13



PhD Thesis: **A. S. Redlinski**, Synthesis of peptides derived from α , α –dialkyl- α -aminoacids, **1975**,



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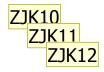


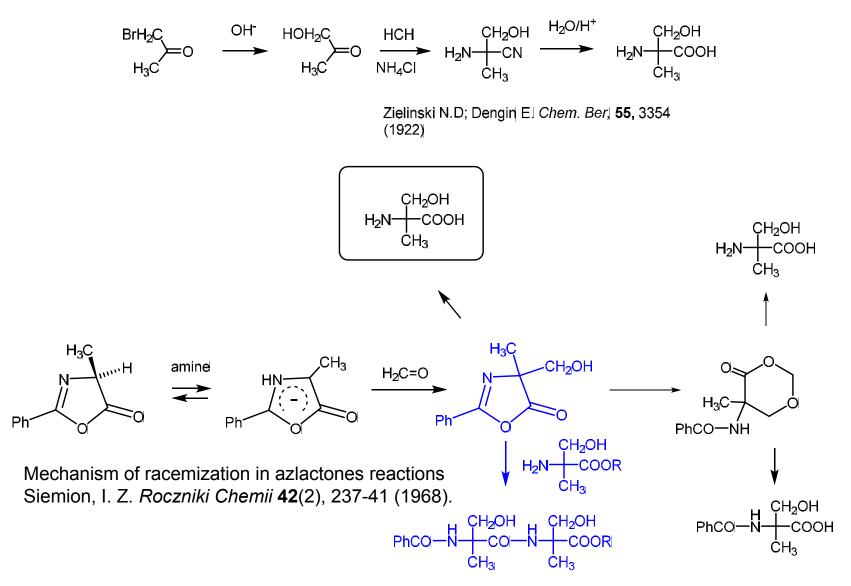
MSc Thesis: **Z. Kaminski,** An attempts to synthesis of peptides derived from diphenylglycine, **1970**

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PhD Thesis: **U. Grzegorzewska**, Aminocycloalkanopenicillines and their activity against selected bacteria streins, **1972**.

ZJK9 Soon, one by one PhD theses dedicated to linear or cyclic di-substituted amino-acids were successfully finalized. Only MSc Z. Kamiński complained, that it is possible to prepare alpha, alpha-diphenylglycine tetrapeptide by application of Ritter reaction, but according to his opinion there is no future for peptide synthesis in concentrated sulphuric acid. Docent M. T. Leplawy accepted this opinion and proposed the new generation of interesting amino-acids. ZJK; 2017-11-13





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ZJK10	Fantastic. The proposed alfa-methylserine was sterically hindered (without any doubts), but also chiral and with functional group in the side chain. Of course, it was not commercially available. ZJK; 2017-11-13
ZJK11	In the literature there is described by Zelinski and Dengin rather tedious and not very promising approach to alfa-methylserine. But the help came from Wrocław. Prof. I. Z. Siemion reported that oxazolone derived from N-benzoilalanine in the basic media is prone to racemization due to formation of appropriate oxazolone anion. The imagination prompted the next step involving condensation with formaldehyde leading to hydroxymethylated oxazolone (blue printed) and then according to classic method described by M.T. Leplawy to appropriate peptides. Unfortunately, the isolated product was not expected oxazolone, but was identified as 4-oxo-1,3-dioxane.
ZJK12	Fortunately, 4-oxo-1,3-dioxane degraded smoothly to alpha-hydroxymethylserine or its N-protected derivatives useful for separation on enantiomere and preparation of building blocks necessary for incorporation of alpha-hydroxymethyloserine into the peptide chain.
	ZJK; 2017-11-13

ZJK13

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> PhD: Bartłomiej Koźniewski, "Enzymatyczny rozdział enancjomerów pochodnych α-podstawionych seryn" (**2016**) Politechnika Łódzka

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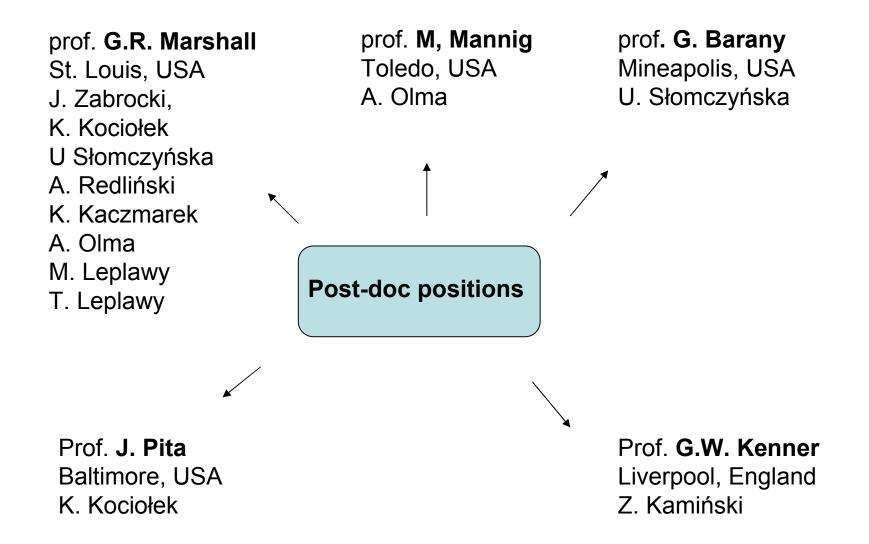
PhD: Urszula SŁomczyńska "α-Hydroksymetylowanie aminokwasów i peptydów" (1981) Politechnika Łódzka

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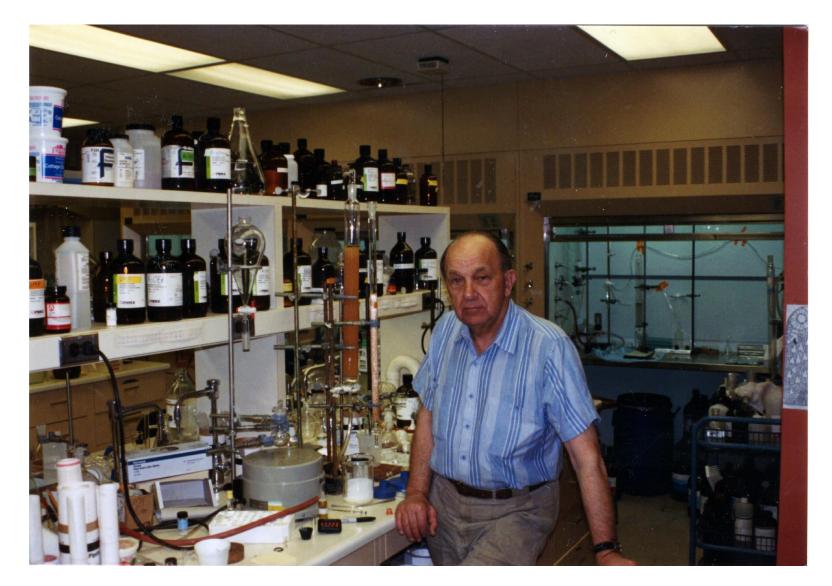
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Slajd 8	
ZJK13	Hydroxymethylation procedure was found general and in hands of skilful chemists was successfully applied in the syntheses of other hydroxymethylated amino-acids. The researches in most cases was honored by PhD or DSc titles. ZJK; 2017-11-13



Slajd 9	
ZJK14	All doctors from Lelawy's group leave Łódż and joined excellant laboratories in USA or England as post-docs. ZJK; 2017-11-13

"Marshall's Plan" for peptides in Łódź



ZJK15The nost succesfull was the so called "Marshall Plan".
Most of peptide chemists got training in St. Luis School of Medicine in laboratory of prof G.R Marshall.
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Prof. MT Leplawy and dr J. Zabrocki in St Louis, ZJK; 2017-11-13

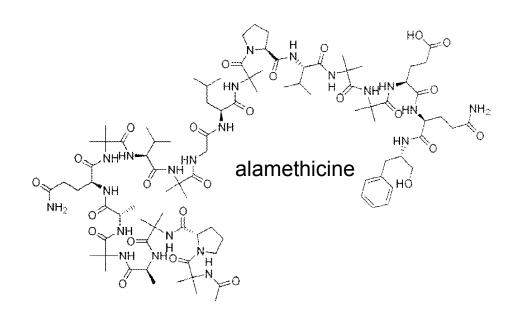


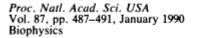
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ZJK17 Picknick in the prof. Marshall's garden. ZJK; 2017-11-13

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Factors governing helical preference of peptides containing multiple α , α -dialkyl amino acids

[\alpha-helix/\alpha-aminoisobutyric acid (\alpha-methylalanine)/emerimicin/peptaibol/x-ray crystallography]

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ZJK18 Cooperation with prof. G.R. Marshall group was coordinated by dr J. Zabrocki. The most spectacular achievements were synthesis of peptaibol antibiotics, studies of conformational effects caused by two alpha substituents and also studies on surrogates of s-cis conformation of peptide bonds (tetrazole etc). ZJK; 2017-11-13





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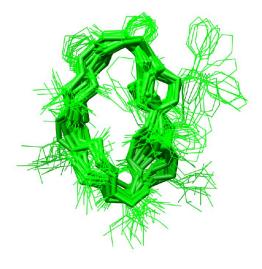
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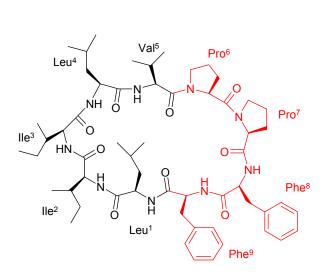
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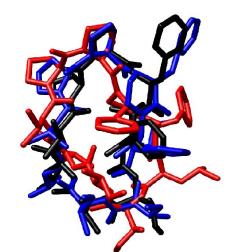
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Cyclolinopeptid A









ZJK27 As well as inspiration to the new research areas. ZJK; 2017-11-21





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OPEN Ligand selectivity in tachykinin and natalisin neuropeptidergic systems of the honey bee parasitic mite Varroa destructor

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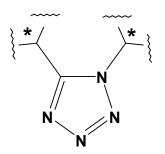
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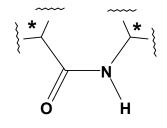
The varroa mite, *Varroa destructor*, is a devastating ectoparasite of the honey bees *Apis mellifera* and *A. cerana.* Control of these mites in beehives is a challenge in part due to the lack of toxic agents that are specific to mites and not to the host honey bee. In searching for a specific toxic target of varroa mites, we investigated two closely related neuropeptidergic systems, tachykinin-related peptide (TRP) and natalisin (NTL), and their respective receptors. Honey bees lack both NTL and the NTL receptor in their genome sequences, providing the rationale for investigating these receptors to understand their specific toxic target of *Varroa* (VdNTL-R and VdTRP-R, respectively) and for TRP of *A. mellifera* (AmTRP-R) in a heterologous reporter assay system to determine the activities of various ligands including TRP/NTL peptides and peptidomimetics. Although we found that AmTRP-R is highly promiscuous, activated by various ligands including two VdNTL peptides when a total of 36 ligands were tested, we serendipitously found that peptides carrying the C-terminal motif -FWxxRamide are highly specific to VdTRP-R. This motif can serve as a seed sequence for designing a VdTRP-R-specific agonist.

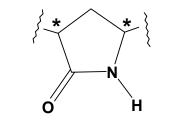
ZJK34 As well as inspiration to the research in still other areaareas in cooperation with prof. R.J. Nachman. ZJK; 2017-11-22



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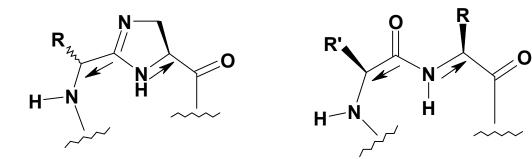




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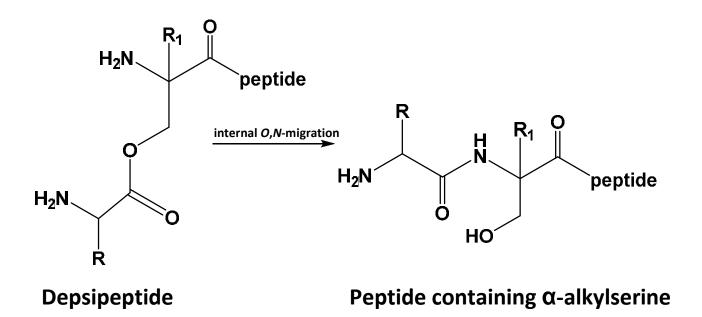
Trans peptide bond surrogate



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ZJK28 including modification of the peptide bond. ZJK; 2017-11-21

O-ACYL ISOPEPTIDE METHOD IN PEPTIDE SYNTHESIS



BIVALENT LIGANDS OF OPIOID RECEPTORS, ANALOGS OF BIPHALIN AND DIMERIC DERMORPHIN ANALOGS CONTAINING AMPHIPHILIC α -ALKYLSERINES OR β^3 -HOMO-AMINO ACIDS

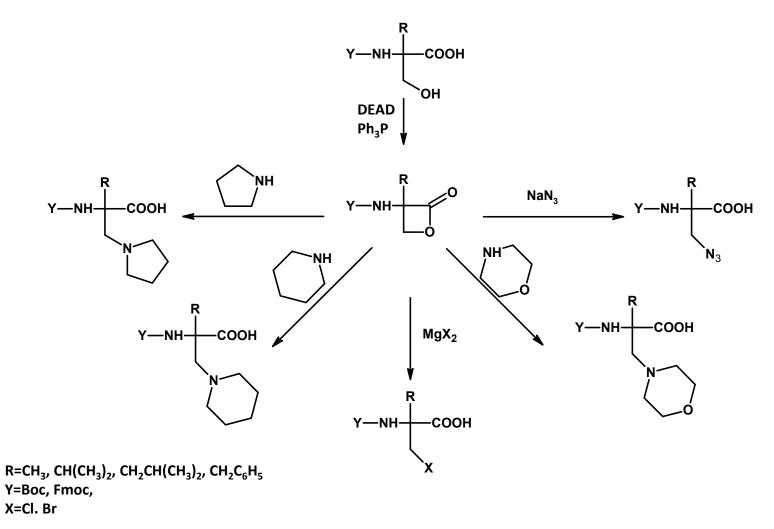
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ZJK21 Post-doc position of dr A. Olma in Laboratory of M. Manning gave her excellent back-ground knowledge of peptide synthesis. This suited well in the many, very ambitious projects focused on studies biological effects caused by the presence of hydroxymethylated amino-acid residue in bioactive peptides. ZJK; 2017-11-22

Transformation of α -alkylserines into α -alkyl- β -substituted alanines



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ZJK20 VVery elegant achievement of prof. A. Olma involved transformation of hydroxymethyl group into many other functions including azides. ZJK; 2017-11-13



ZJK22 Dr Z.J. Kamiński as post-doc joined prof. G.W. Kenner's group at the University of Liverpool and participated in solution phase synthesis of lysozyme analogue. But this time, unnatural amino-acids introduced into the synthesized protein molecule demonstrated the dark face. Prepared analogue was found inactive, and what is worst, attempts to resolve the structure-activity relations were so frustrating, that prof. G.W. Kenner brake down, passed away, and left his research group unattended.



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Overview

The concept of superactive esters

Could peptide synthesis be improved by inventing superactive esters?

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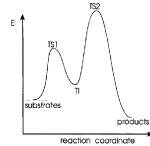
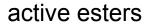
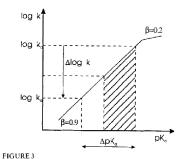
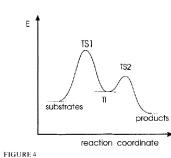


FIGURE 2 Reaction profile for the stepwise $A_N^*D_N^*$ mechanism of acylation by means of active esters.

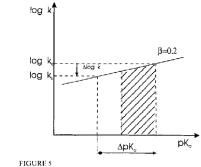




Brønsted relation log $k = f(pK_a)$ for active esters, ($\beta = 0.7-0.9$).



Reaction profile for the $A_N^\# D_N$ or $A_N^\# * D_N$ mechanism expected for superactive esters.



Brønsted relation log $k = f(pK_a)$ for superactive esters ($\beta = 0.3$).

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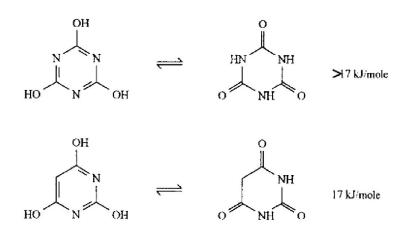
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This paper is dedicated to Prof. M.T. Leplawy on occasion of his 70th birthday.

- **ZJK23** So, the post-doc training in Liverpool was not flourishing with excellent papers, but it was a lesson of humility granted to all involved in syntheses of non-typical objects. ZJK; 2017-11-22
- **ZJK24** And everything started from beginning presenting hypothesis, that many synthetic problems could be resolved by designing "superactive" esters. According to the presented hypothesis this could be achieved, if formation of tetrahedral intermediate is rate limiting step, but transition state of its decay is lowered by synchronous, highly thermodynamically favorable additional process. ZJK; 2017-11-14

TABLE 1 Geometry of the ester linkage; C(O) - OR' and C(O)O - R' bond lengths of selected esters RCO - O - R' (50-54)

	R '	Bond length (Å)		Ref.
		RCO-OR'	RCOO-R'	
1.	Alkyl esters (average)	1.340	1.451	(51)
2.	$CH_2 = CH$	1.327	1.375	(55)
3.	Aryl esters (average)	1.368	1.402	(51)
4.	$4 - O_2 N - C_6 H_4 (3)$	1.362	1.393	(51)
5.	C ₆ F ₅	1.352	1.390	(54)
6.	Triazine ester (1)	1.379	1.384	(51)



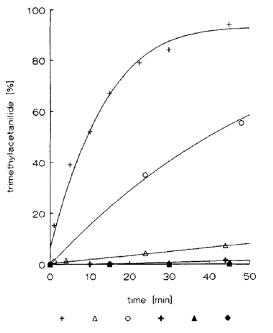
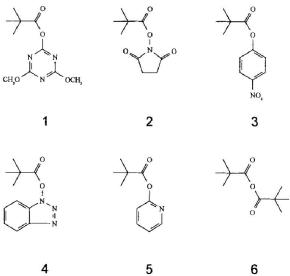


FIGURE 9

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Relative rate of aniline trimethylacetylation (concentration of acylating reagent; 0.5 mol/L; aniline 5 mol/L; temperature 65 °C) in acetonitrile-d3 solutions monitored by ¹H-NMR spectroscopy. Acylating reagents: 1(+); $2(\Delta)$; $3(\bigcirc)$; $4(\bigcirc)$; 5(+); $6(\blacktriangle)$.



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ZJK29 The studies has been undertaken in Łódź to confirme the hypothesis postulating existence of "superactive esters". ZJK; 2017-11-22

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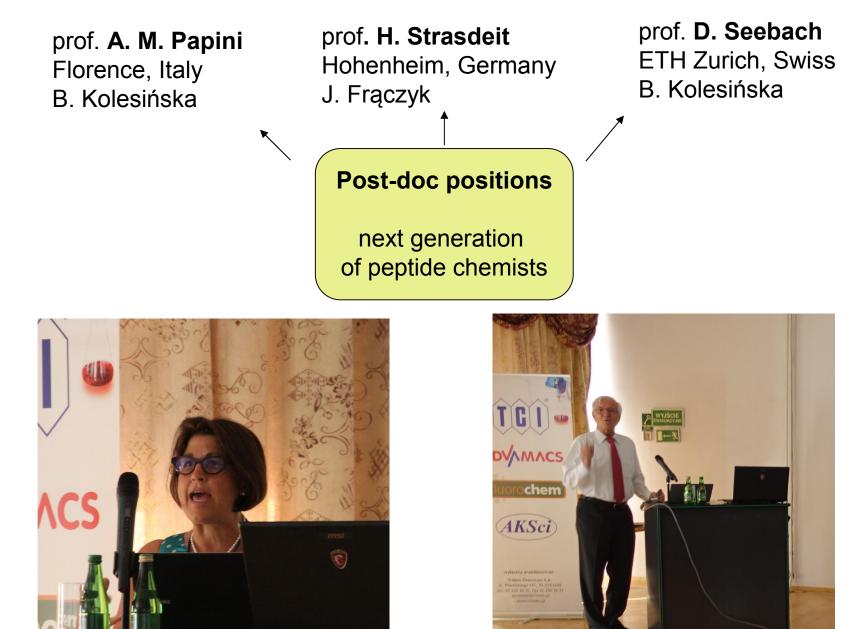
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Visible-Light Microscopic Discovery of Up to 150 µm Long Helical Amyloid Fibrils Built of the Dodecapeptide H-(Val-Ala-Leu)₄-OH and of Decapeptides Derived from Insulin

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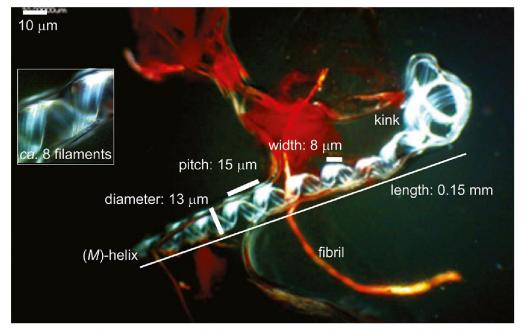
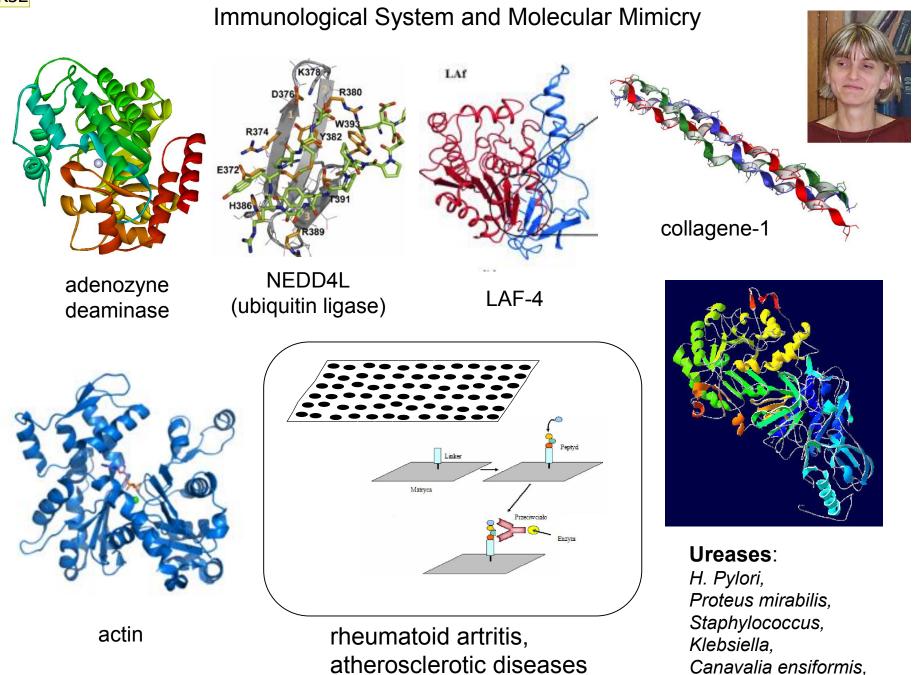


Fig. 2. Microscopy under polarized light of Congo-red-stained aggregates of the peptide H-(Val-Ala-Leu)₄-OH (2). The picture was obtained after an incubation time of 14 days; for details, see accompanying text and *Footnote 3*. The insert of one enlarged helix pitch shows the filaments of which the twisted tape is composed.

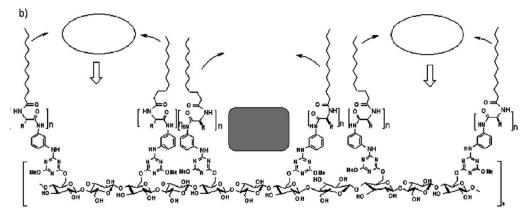
ZJK31 But also developed brand knew area of peptide chemistry: peptides with beta-amino-acids residues, cell penetrating peptides, peptide aggregation, molecular mimicry and others. ZJK; 2017-11-22 ZJK32



ZJK32 Prof Beata Kolesińska is developing systhematic studies on molecular mimicry between human proteins and proteins of pathogenic microorganizms.

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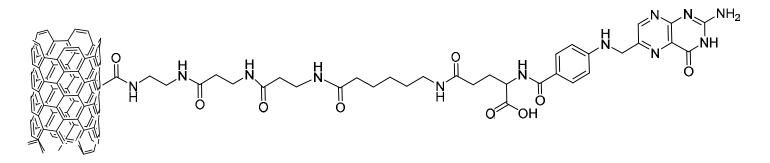




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and this is not the end, I presume

because peptides with unnatural components are fascinating indeed

