Extraction of structural information from ChemDraw CDX files: easy, or an underestimated, difficult challenge?

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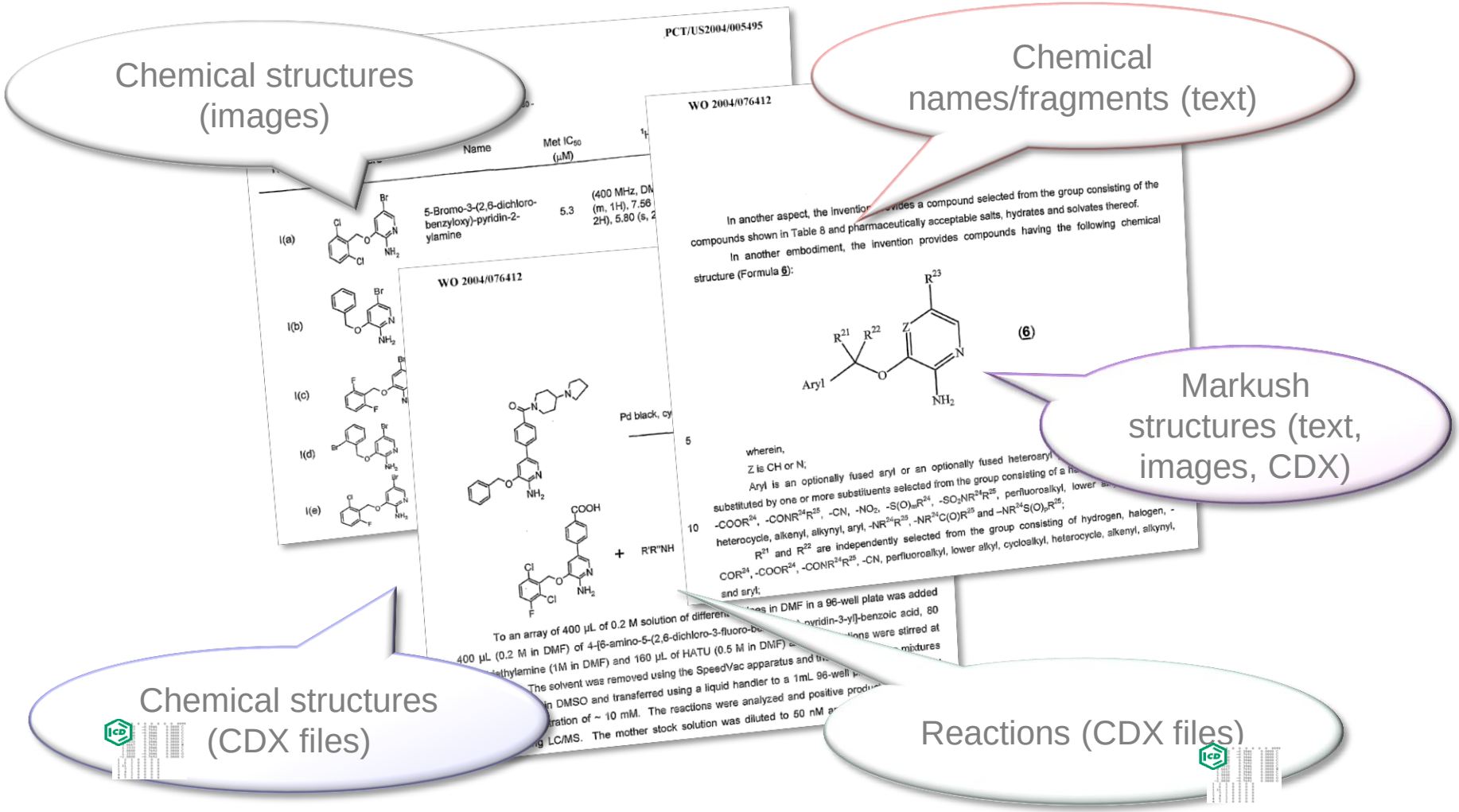
Patents, Journal Articles and MRW's: a Buried Treasure?



Manuscript → Article → Database …

Publishing

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Springer science+business media
RSC Advancing the Chemical Sciences
WILEY Publishers Since 1807
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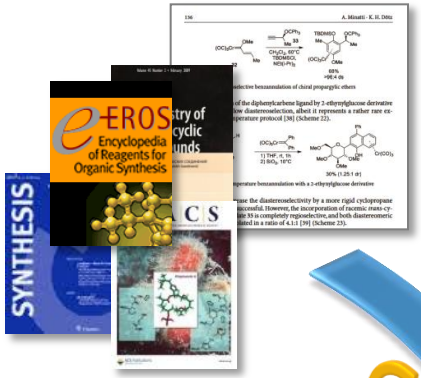

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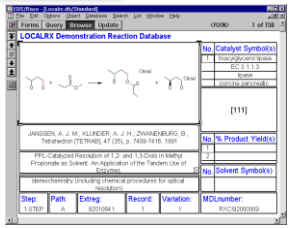

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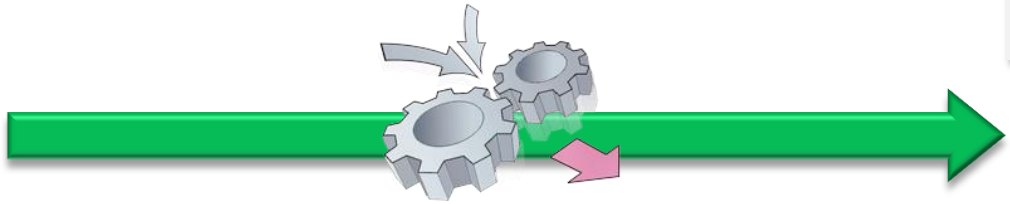
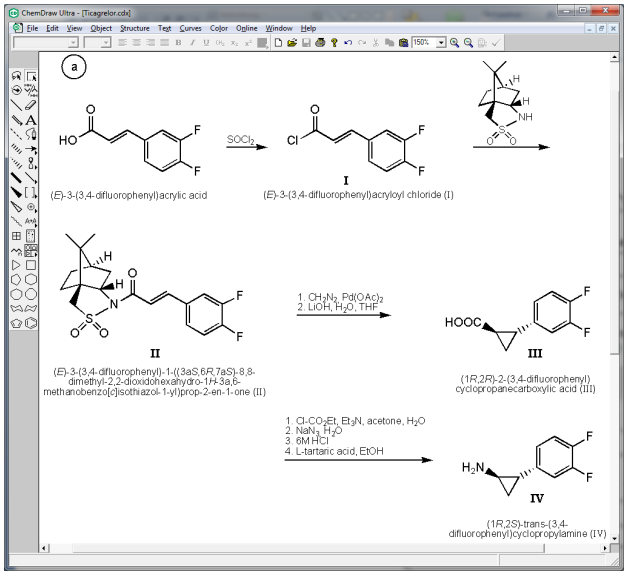
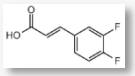
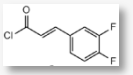
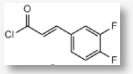
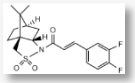
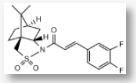
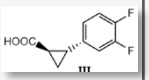


Database production e.g. SciFinder, Reaxys, SPRESI eEROS, ...

CDX Scheme vs. Database Record

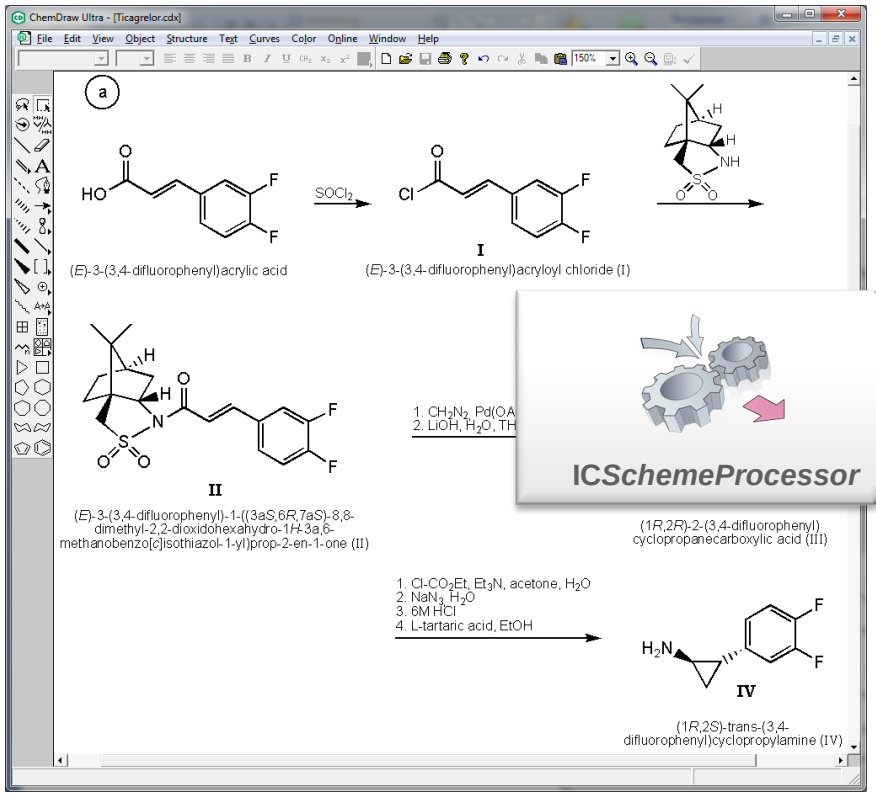
ChemDraw file	Database
Purpose: <u>presentation</u> / publishing <u>no</u> search	Purpose: search / retrieval
Unstructured	Structured
Structures: no strict rules	Structures: strict rules
General rules: none	Database rules: strict



Reactant	Product	Reagent	Solvent	Catalyst
		$SOCl_2$		
		LiOH	H_2O, THF	$Pd(OAc)_2$
		Cl-Co2Et, Et_3N	Acetone, H_2O	

Source: Thieme *Pharmaceutical Substances*, Ticagrelor (in production)

CDX Scheme Processing, what does that mean?



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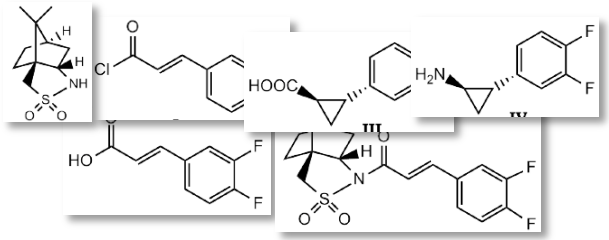
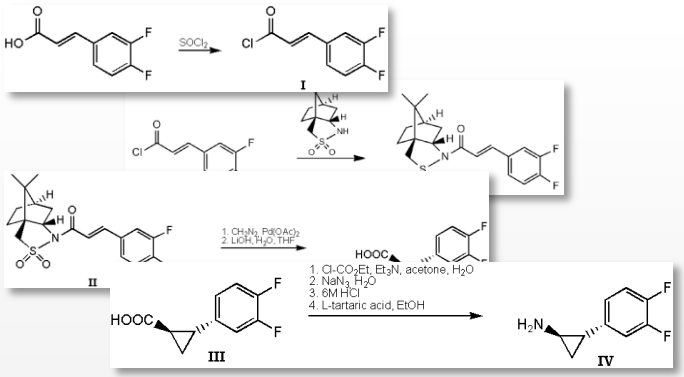
Chemical structures (SD files)



Reactions (RD files)



Conditions (RD files)

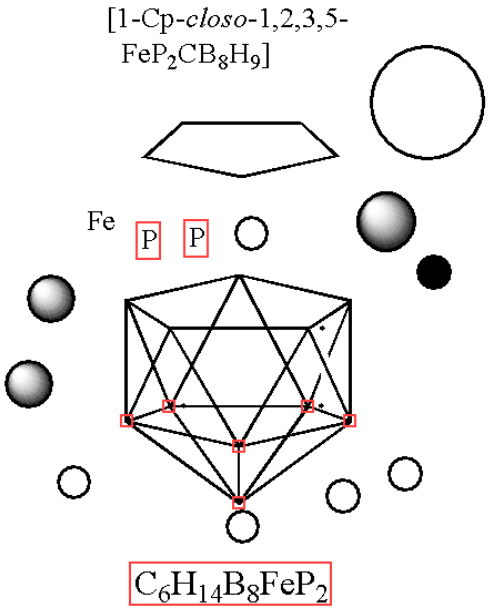
Reagent	Solvent	Catalyst
$SOCl_2$		
LiOH	H_2O, THF	$Pd(OAc)_2$
Cl-Co2Et, Et_3N	Acetone, H_2O	

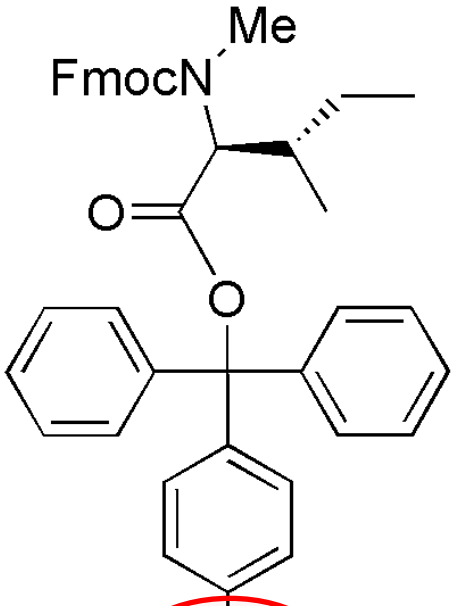
Source: Thieme *Pharmaceutical Substances*, Ticagrelor (in production)

But: CDX files, often an optical illusion! Authors are very inventive for a ‚perfect' layout! Appearences are deceiving!

» **Usage of graphical symbols**

- Polymer supports
- Heteroatoms





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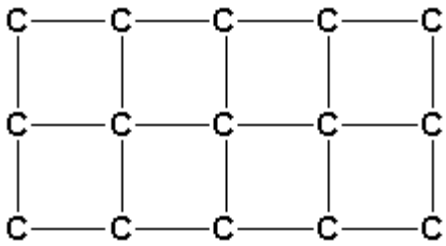
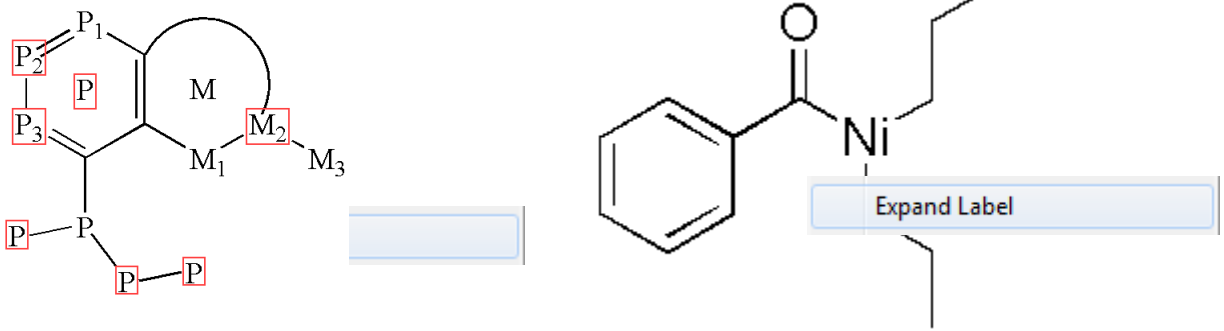


chloride SynPhase
ally available trityl
ol/lantern) with Ac
lethylamine (DIEA)/CH_2Cl_2 (Scheme 2).[12]
of **13** from the polymer-supported **19** with
Cl_2, the loading amount of **13** was deter-
33 mmol per lantern. After removal of the
ith 20% piperidine/DMF, acylation with

Optical illusions 2

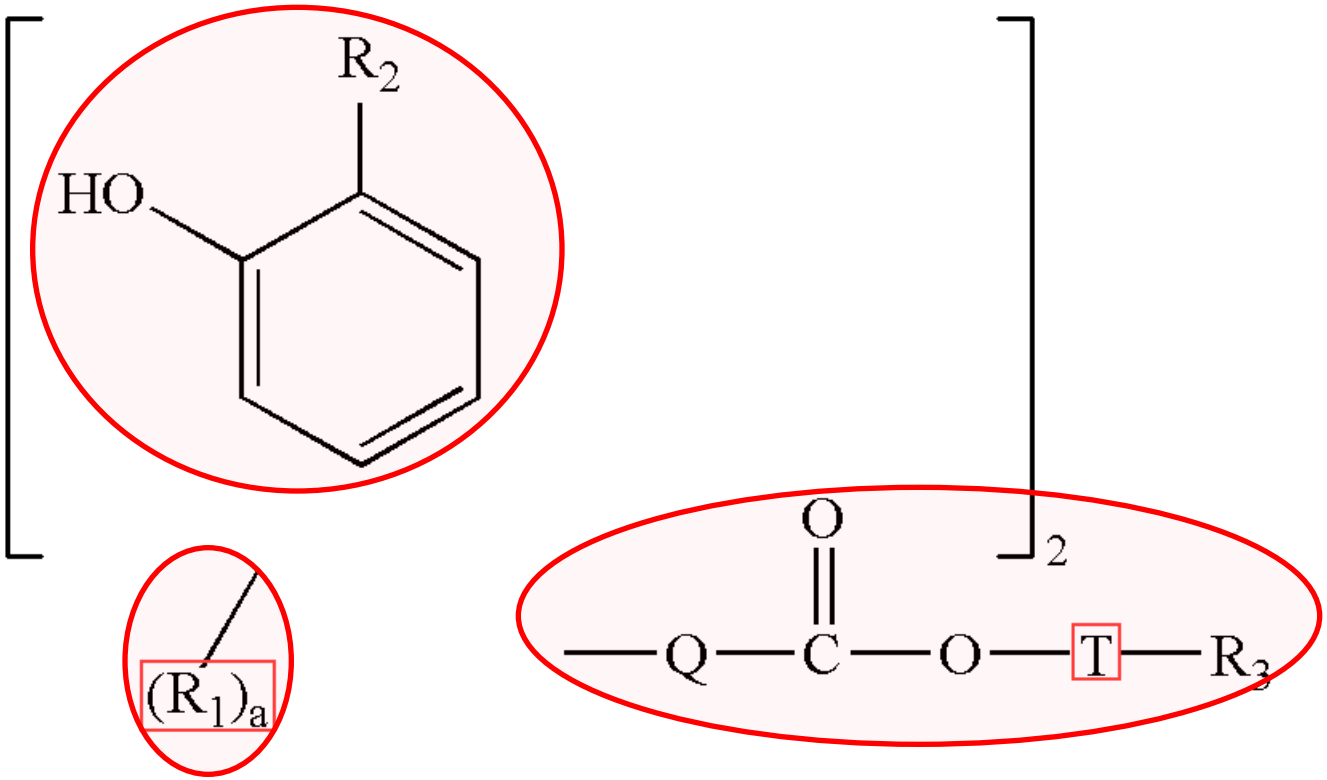
» **Unresolvable labels**

- Labels not defined
- Element symbols used as R-group labels
- Ambiguous fragment labels (e.g. molecular formula)



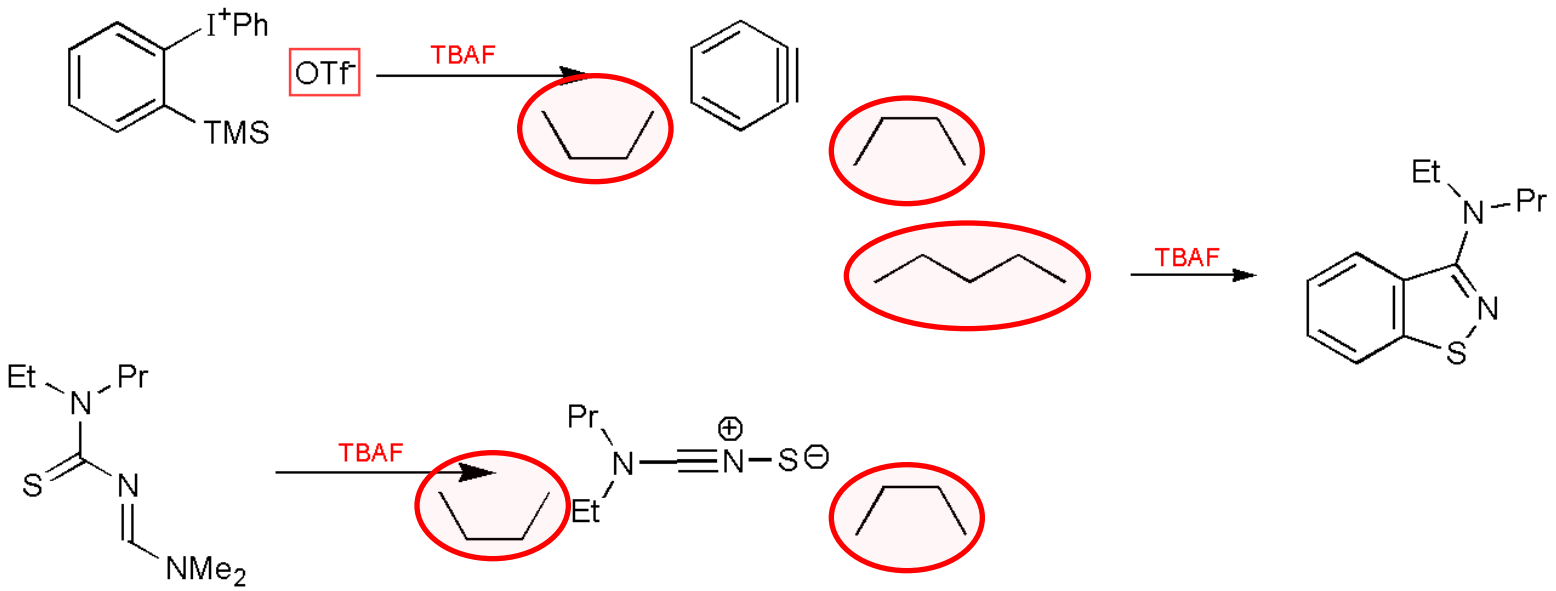
Optical illusions 3

» **Variable points of attachment**

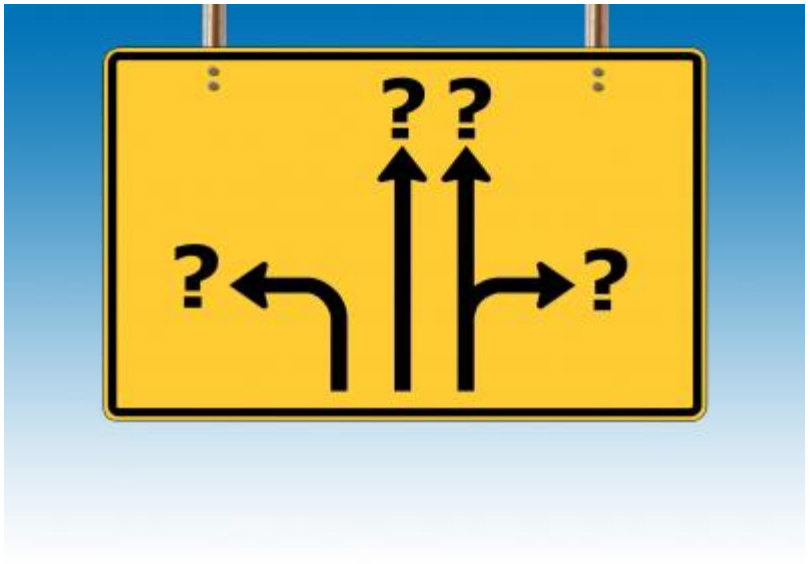


Optical illusions 4

» **Reaction arrows / forked arrows / brackets**



Approach



Approach

» The algorithmic approach:

- Application of a set of rules in the software (generic, project unspecific). Software should recognize all cases that might occur!
- project (title-) specific rules (drawing conventions must not change), otherwise further development necessary
- manual post correction required (cost/time intensive)
- problem is infinite, unprecedented issues can not be handled

» The templating approach:

- software is developed to recognize a defined set of problems (PS)
- all content must be manually pre-templated (cost intensive) according to the capabilities of the software

» The hybrid approach:

- depending on the source the focus can be laid on either approach

Templating

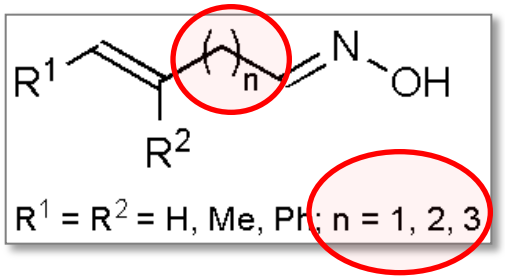
» ***Templating*: Guidelines for authors and typesetters**

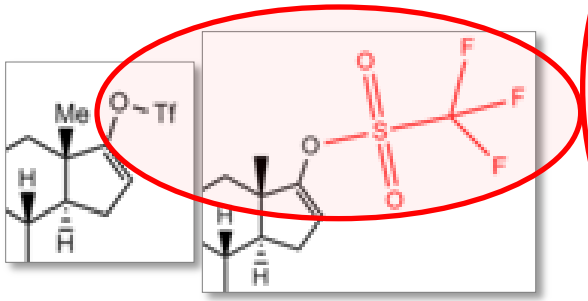
- Syntax definitions for tables, R-groups etc.
- Syntax rules for captions
- Reaction arrangement, forked arrows
- Rules for reaction conditions

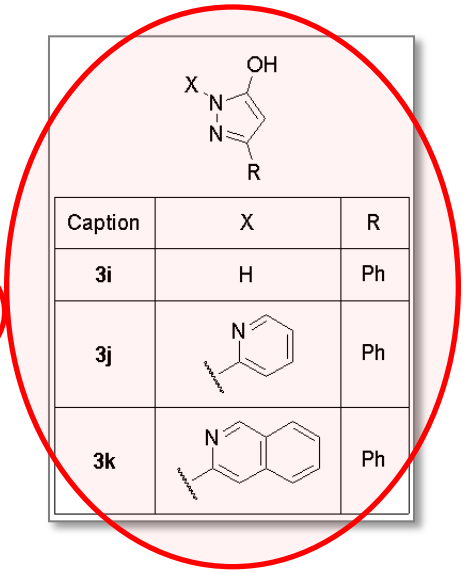
  (reactants, catalysts, solvents, yields, temperature)

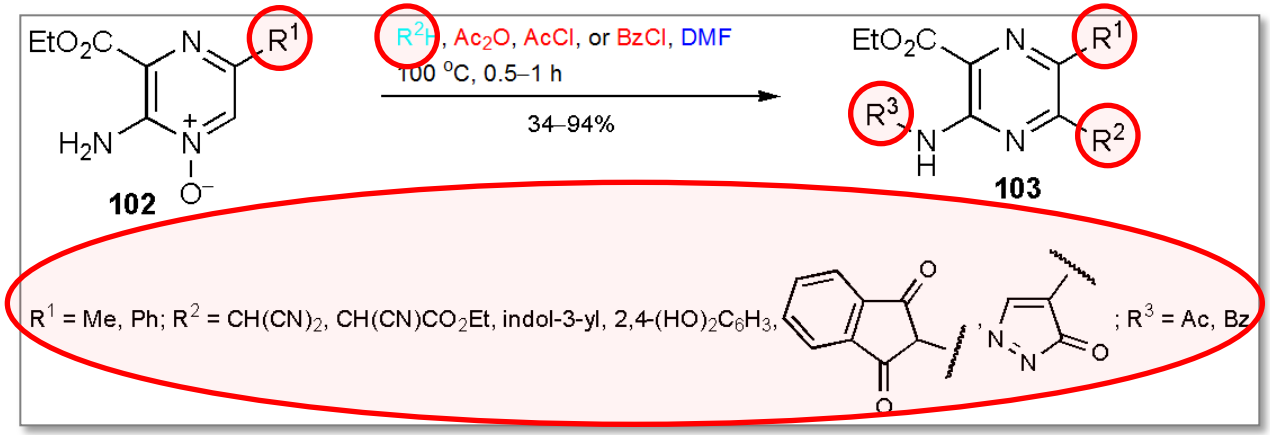
Examples:

- **Algorithmic detection of features**
  - Resolution of repeating groups
  - Enumeration of R-groups
  - Resolution of aliases/labels
    - source specific alias databases
    - continuously extended
  - Table Enumeration
    - compound enumeration
    - reaction factual data: Caption/Yield
  - Variable points of attachment
  - Forked arrows









Projects

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Science of Synthesis

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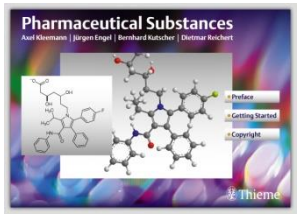
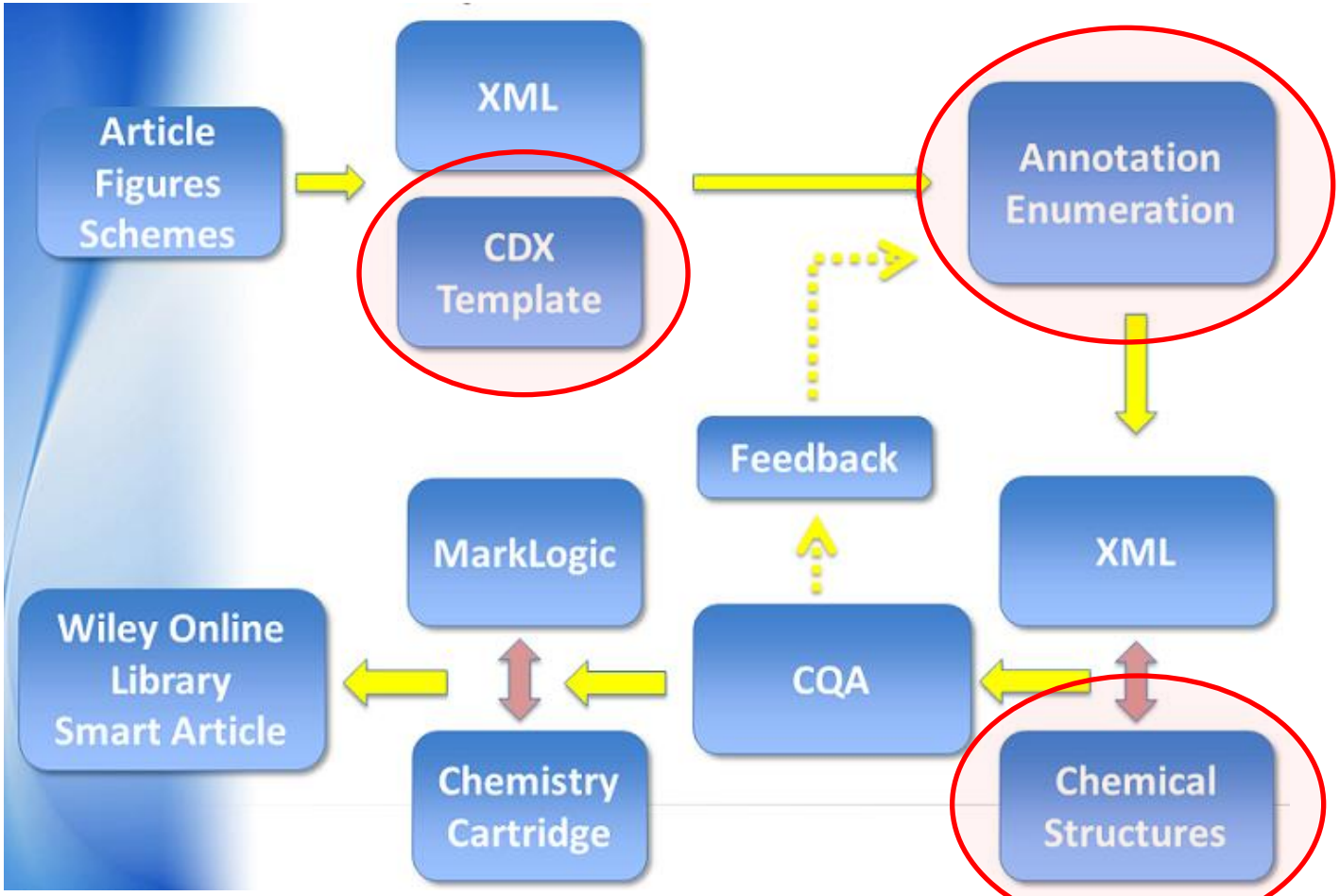
FASTER, SMARTER, CONTENT



Sucessful Application of CDX Processing: Chemistry Enrichment Workflow*, (Wiley *Smart Article*)



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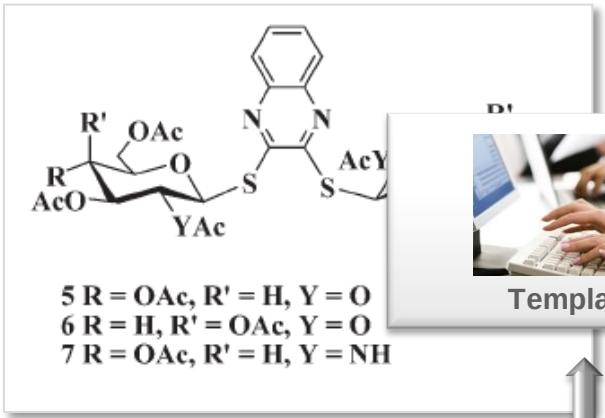
Templating*

Author‘s CDX File



Templating

CDX Template

Caption	R	R	
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6	H	OAc	O
7	OAc	H	NH

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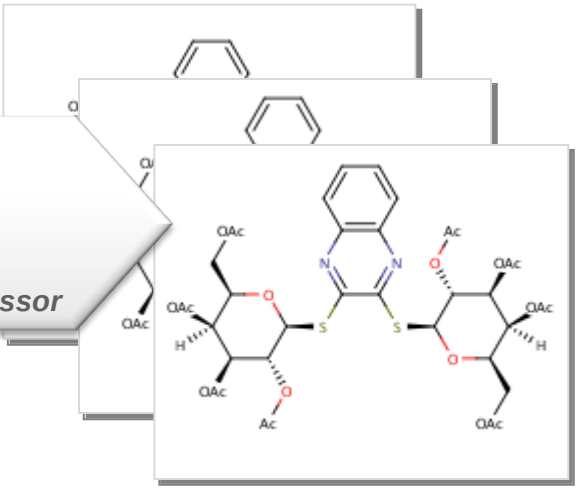
Enumerated structures



CDX-Templating
Guidelines (Structures)

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Workflow *Science of Synthesis Update*

Thieme

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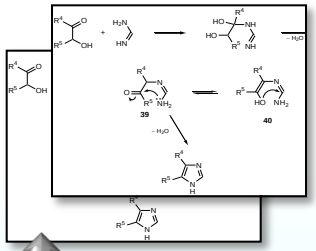
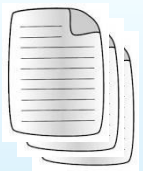


CDX-Templating Guidelines (Reactions)



Scheme correction not possible

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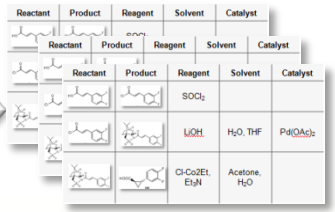
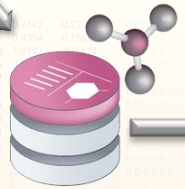


Correct / extend process

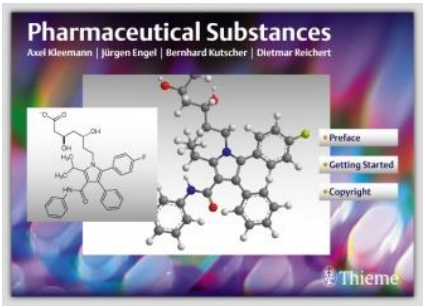
Scheme Error Report

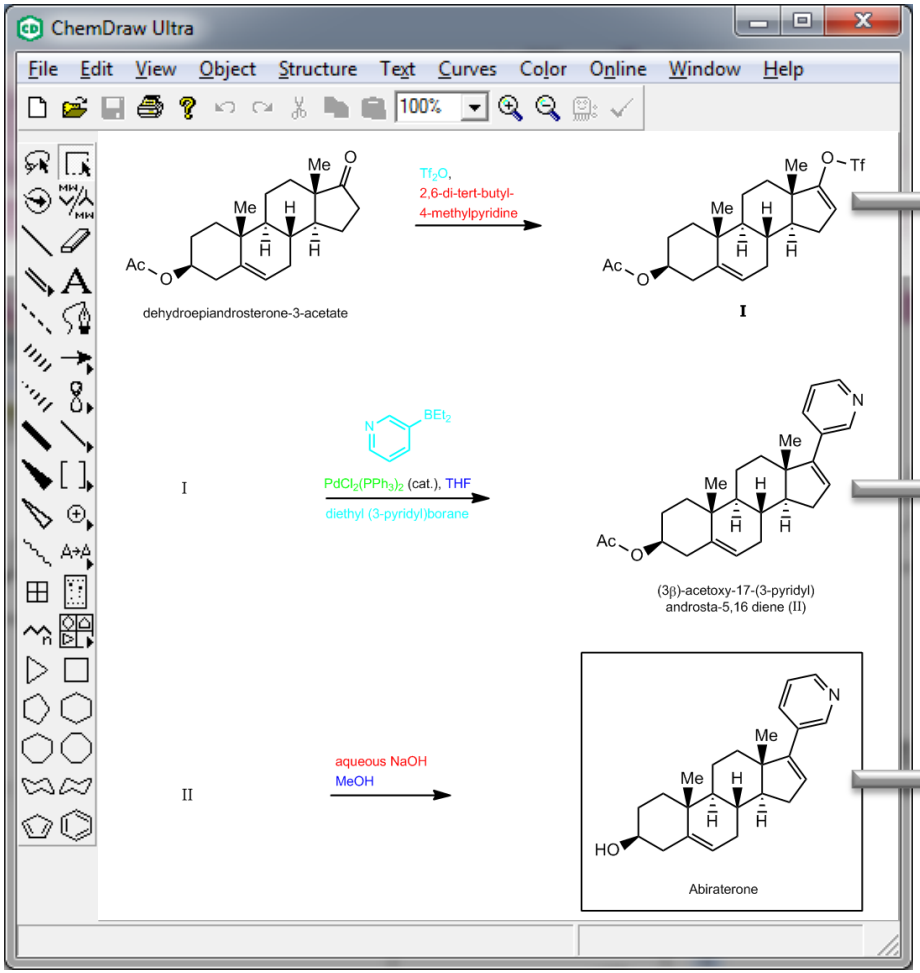


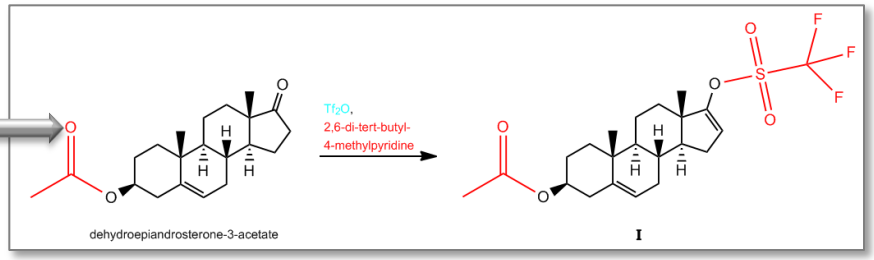
Science of Synthesis

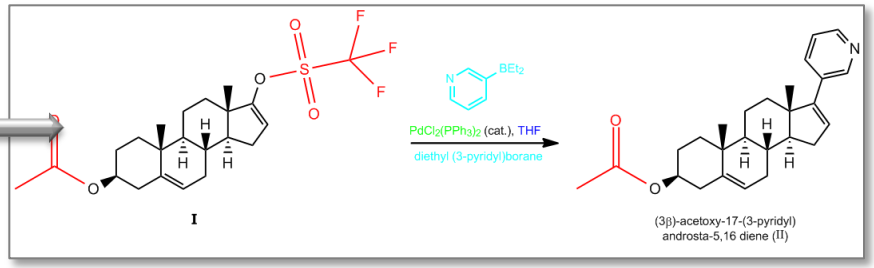
Manual data entry

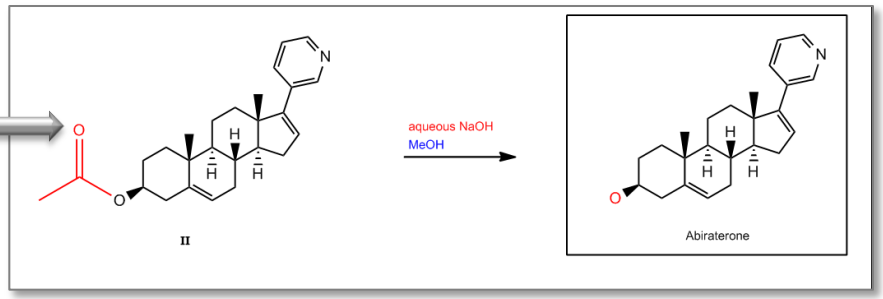
Sample *Pharmaceutical Substances Update*











Source: Thieme *Pharmaceutical Substances*, Abiraterone

Conclusion

» **As much as possible algorithmic processing desirable**

- generic: can be applied to other contents as well
- cheaper (humans cost!)

» **100% conversion (without human interaction) never possible**

» **Solutions are project / source specific**

» **Relevance of automatic extraction will continuously increase**

» **Authors / Publishers play an essential role in a successful conversion**

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