

### Sustainable Production of Advanced Intermediates and API's Using Bio- and Homogeneous Catalysis

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# **Company Profile and History**



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# Successful transformation from Coal mining to a global Life Sciences & Material Sciences company



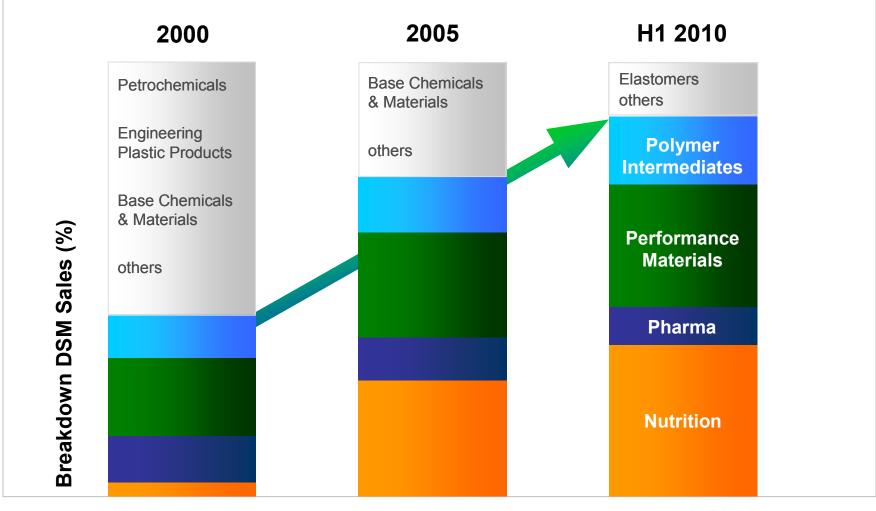
1902	40's - 50's	90's	2011	

Coal Mining	Commodity	Specialty	Life Sciences &
	Chemicals	Chemicals	Materials Sciences

#### **Driving focused growth!**



# DSM transformation of last 10 years



Annual sales in 2011 was ~9 billion Euro. End 2011, ~22.000 Employees



# **Current organization**

LIFE S	CIENCES	MATERIAL EBA	SCIENCES
Nutrition	Pharma	Performance Materials	Polymer Intermediates
•DSM Nutritional	•DSM Pharma-	DSM Resins DSM Engineering	•DSM Fibre
Products	ceutical Products		Intermediates
•DSM Food	•DSM Sinochem	Plastics	
Specialties	Pharmaceuticals	•DSM Dyneema	



# DSM Pharmaceutical Products (DPP)

Global provider of custom manufacturing and development services



#### Pharma Chemicals

Primary manufacturing of APIs and Intermediates



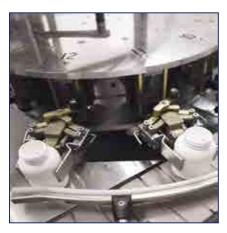
#### **Biologics**

Custom manufacturing of biopharmaceutical ingredients



#### **BioSolutions**

Microbial fermentation and associated product recovery



**Dosage Forms** 

Secondary manufacturing of sterile injectables, non-sterile liquids, and oral dosage forms



### **Global Presence of DPP**



**Dosage Forms:** ::Greenville NC,

::Parsippany, NJ (DPP Head Quarters)

**Biosolutions:** ::Capua, Italy ::Delft, The Netherlands

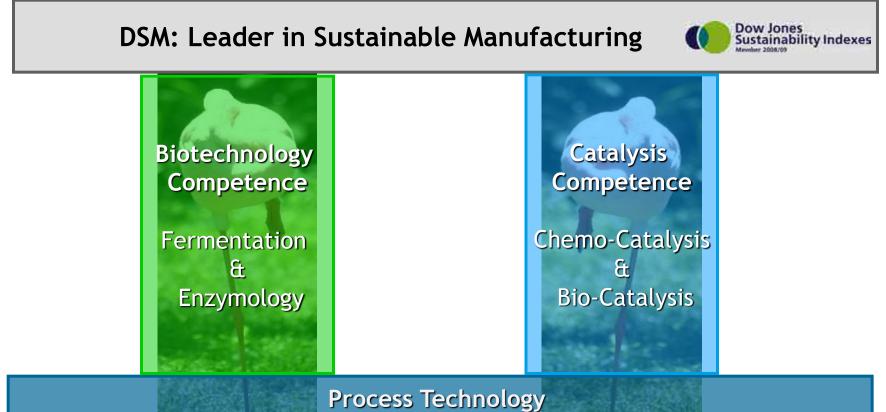
> Pharma Chemicals: ::Linz, Austria ::Venlo, Netherlands ::Regensburg,Germany ::Geleen, Netherlands

**Biologics:** ::Groningen, Netherlands ::Brisbane, Australia



# Sustainability

"Walking on two legs"

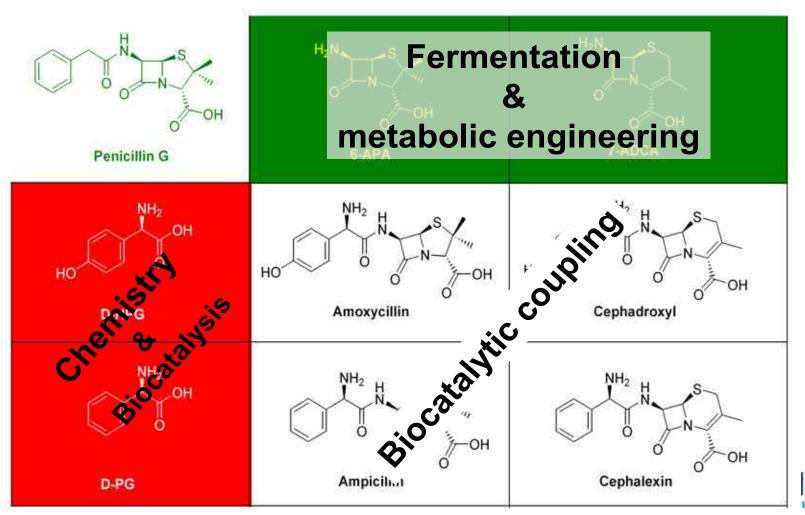


Integrated Process - Low Energy and Energy Integration

**Renewable Raw Materials** 

# **DSM Sinochem Pharmaceuticals**

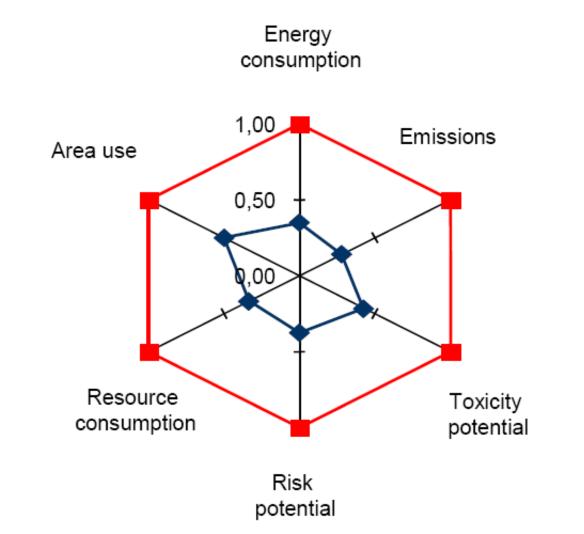
Long history in sustainable production of antibiotics



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# Sustainability

Comparison of pure chemical route vs "walking on two legs" route



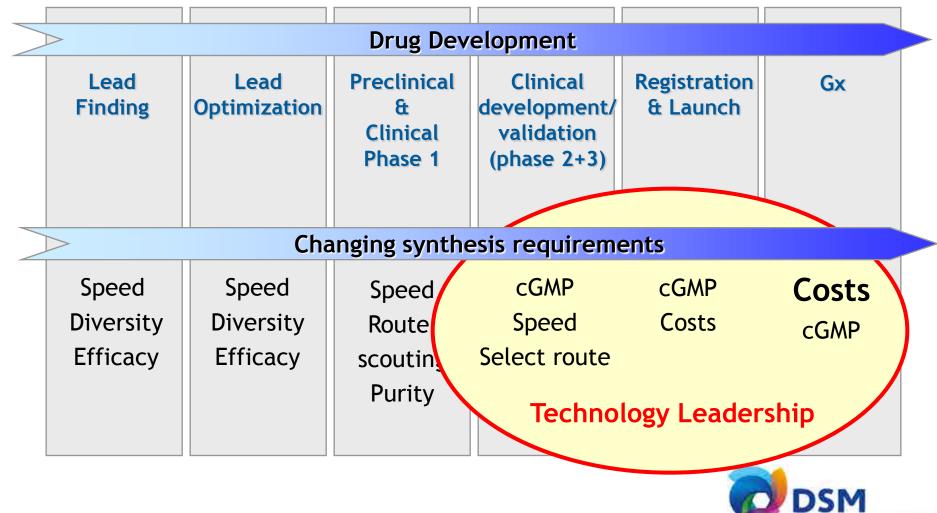


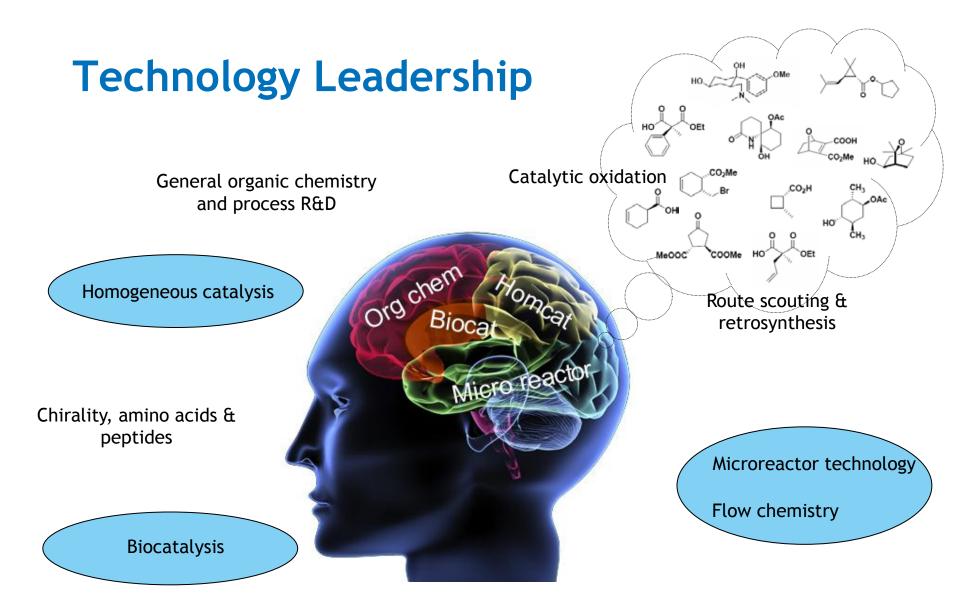
### API synthesis in drug development



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## **API synthesis in drug development**





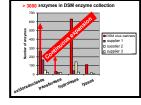
Fermentation & downstream processing

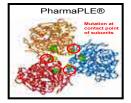


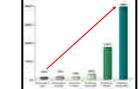
# **Industrial Biocatalysis**













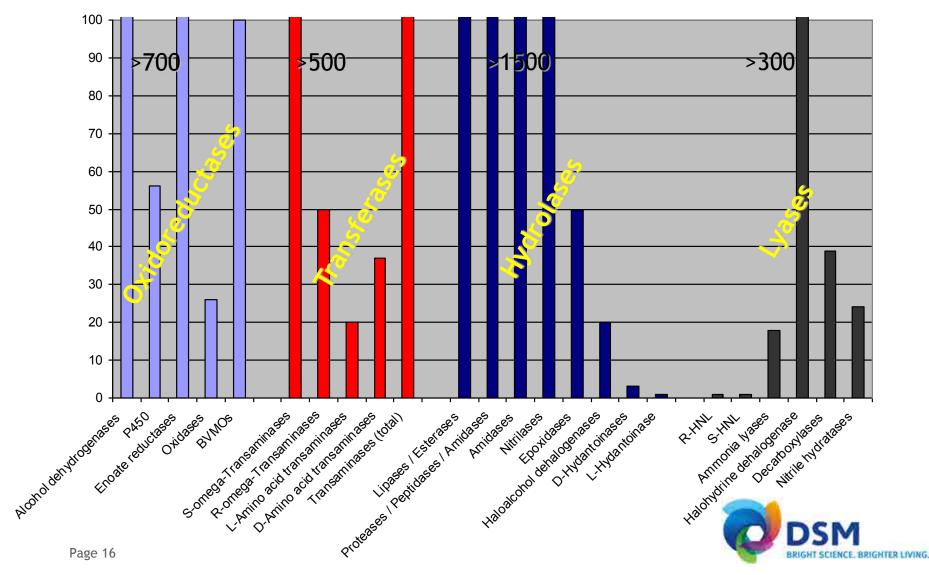
- Broadest collection of off the shelf enzymes (>3000)
- Excellent expression and enzyme design capabilities
- Secure supply of enzyme at any scale (with FTO!)
- Unmet track record (also regulatory) in large scale implementation (>30 processes industrialized)
- Critical mass for all important expertises
- Open innovation approach provides access to huge network



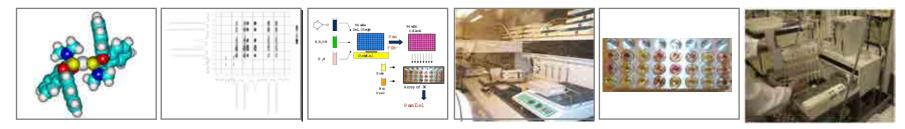


# **DSM Enzyme collection**

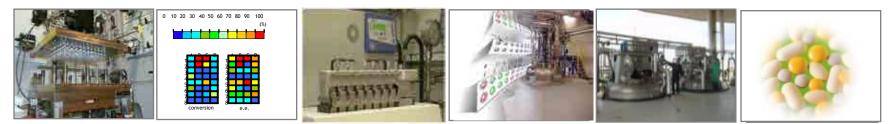
#### > 3000 enzymes ready for screening



# **Homogeneous Catalysis**



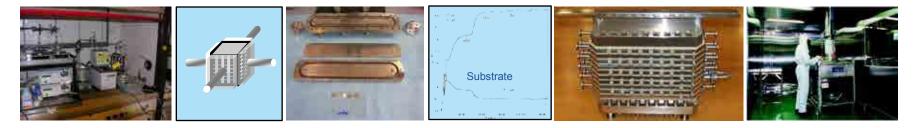
- Screening for the right catalyst from our HomCat Platforms using HTS
- Custom made Monophos® catalysts for asymmetric reduction
- Aromatic substitutions: C-C couplings and amine synthesis
- Rapid identification of the best catalytic system using all available catalysts: proprietary ones AND commercially available ones
- HomCat process development and full scale implementation



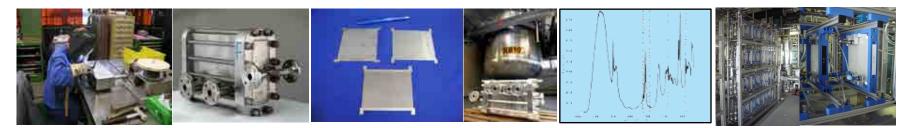


# Flow Chemistry - Micro Reactors

**Process Intensification** 



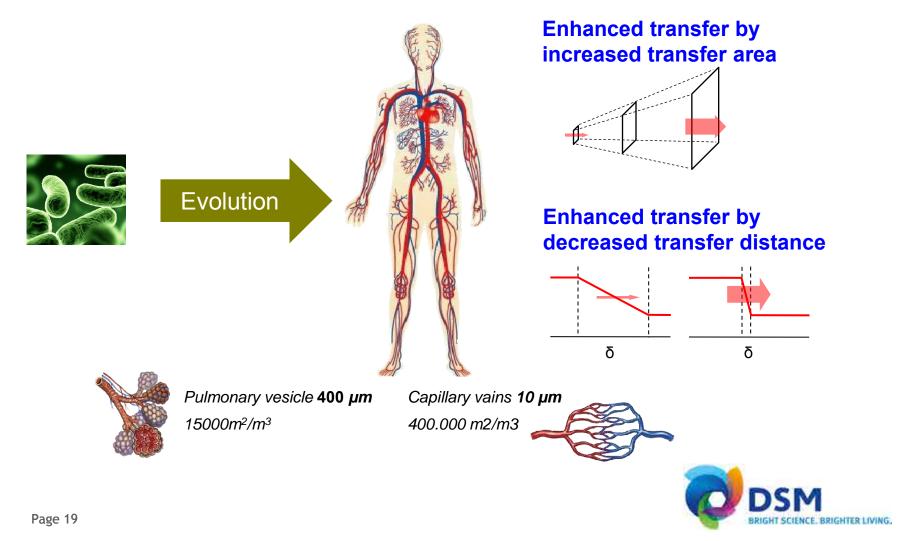
- Flow process development from lab to pilot to full-scale plant ...in a variety of reactor concepts
- Integration of reaction and work- up
- Rapid reaction optimization and numbering up ...using various hazardous reagents ...under cGMP conditions





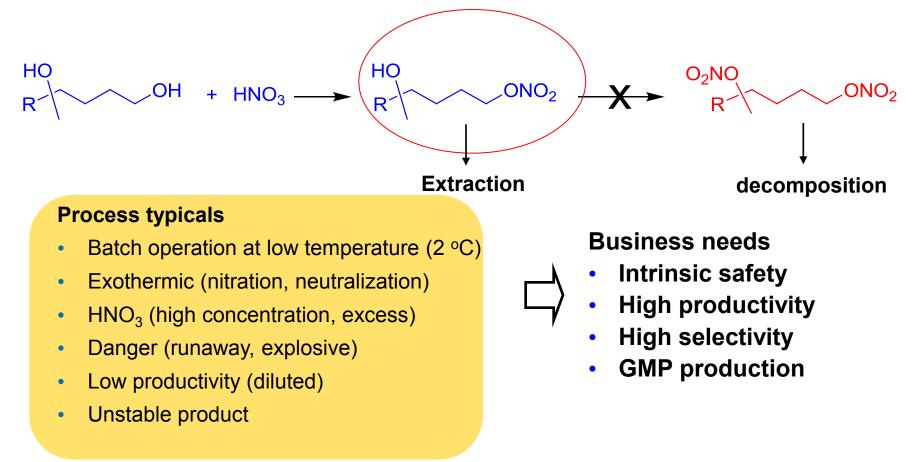
### **Micro process technology**

#### Learning from nature



### **Example: Micro reactor in production**

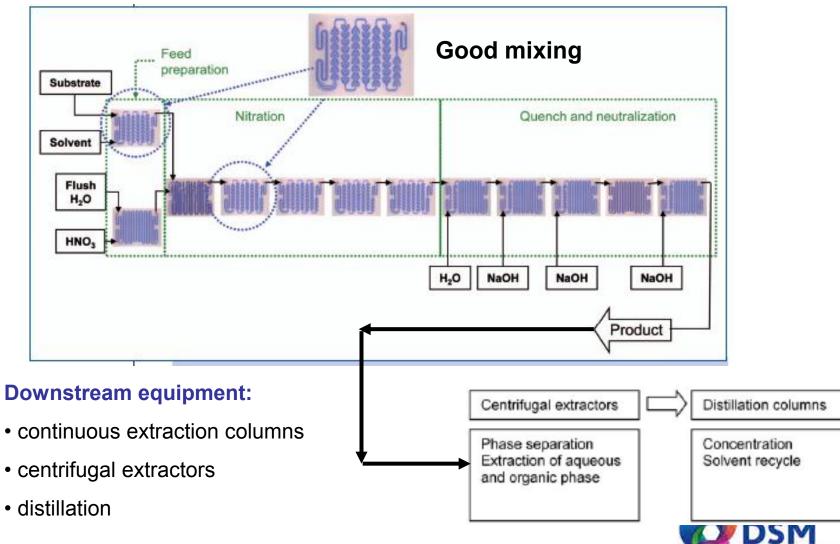
Objective: Manufacture the desired quality and yield at full GMP level.



#### Challenge: Selectively get mono-nitro product



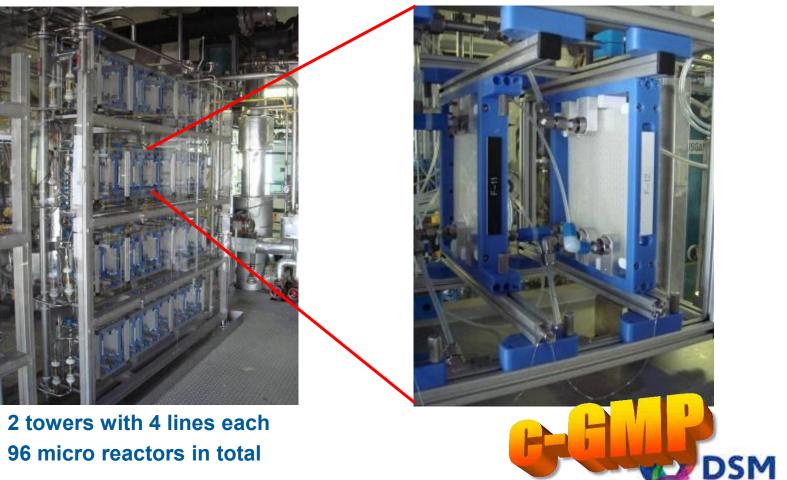
### **Micro reactor in production**



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#### Scale-up to 800 T/a



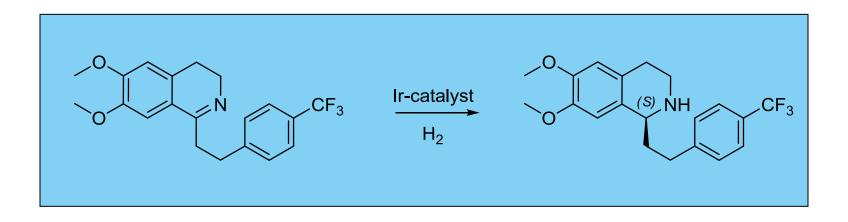
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# **API Synthesis Examples @DSM**



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# 3a. Almorexant Catalytic asymmetric hydrogenation

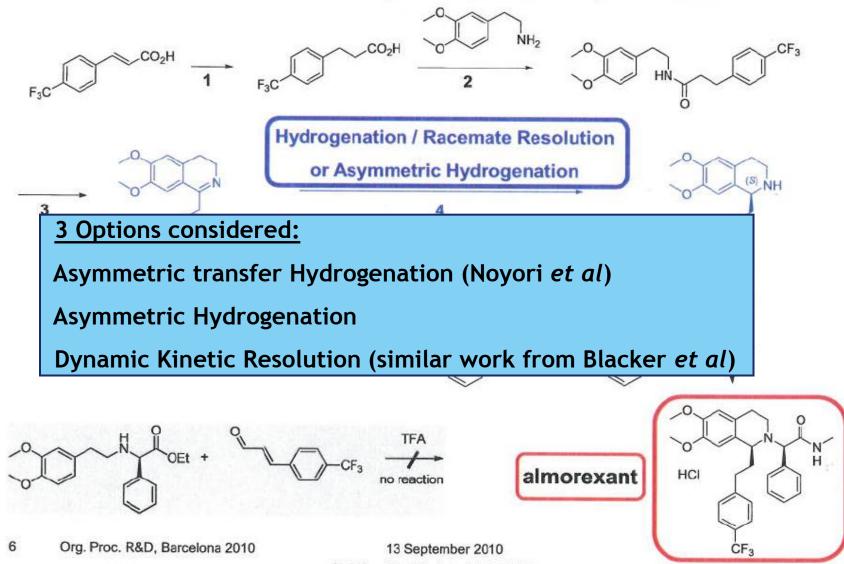


### Key step for Almorexant - Actelion Pharmaceuticals Insomnia treatment Clinical phase III





### Synthesis overview



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# **Typical Asymmetric Hydrogenation@DSM**

#### **Initial Screening**

few ligands, solvent, T, P conv. and e.e. > 20%



#### Endeavour

- 8 vessels (5 ml)
- Indep. P (<33 bar) and T (<200°C)</li>
- Overhead stirring
- On line monitoring of gas uptake

High Throughput Screening many ligands conv. and e.e. > 90%

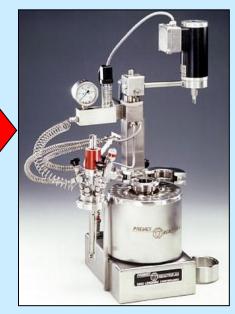


#### A 96 Premex

- 96 vessels (2.5 ml)
- Pressure up till 100 bar
- Stirring by magnetic bar

#### Optimization

# *the* best ligand conv. and e.e. > 95%

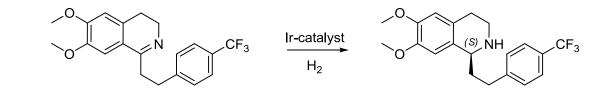


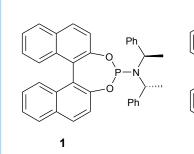
# **Standard autoclave** 100mL, optimal stirring

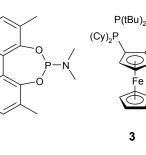


# Asymmetric hydrogenation step

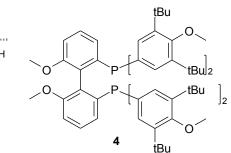
Condition screen with 4 representative ligands (High Throughput)







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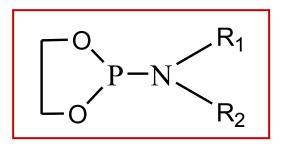


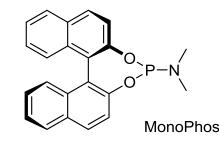
A: [lr(COD)Cl]<sub>2</sub> B: lr(COD)<sub>2</sub>BF<sub>4</sub>

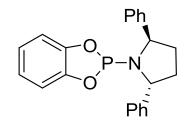
Pht. = Phthalimide

ee	I	EtOAc			MIBK			DCM			IPA	
	none	Pht.	l <sub>2</sub>	none	Pht.	l <sub>2</sub>	none	Pht.	l <sub>2</sub>	none	Pht.	l <sub>2</sub>
4B	17	16	1	3	3	1	3	4	0	1	43	1
3B	1	1	-25	22	20	-22	31	31	-40	8	8	-26
2B	31	30	28	28	32	29	53	40	-11	20	25	17
1B	-44	-41	-44	-28	-24	-27	-33	-27	-24	-26	-12	-47
4A	10	10	0	-2	-1	0	6	1	12	22	15	6
3A	67	66	76	28	34	35	15	18	36	31	41	49
2A	64	62	51	35	34	45	27	17	32	-2	-2	43
1A	-56	-66	-49	-54	-55	-31	-57	-57	-26	-27	-27	-51

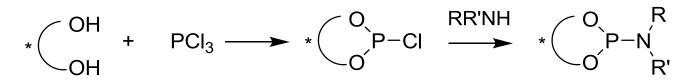
# Chiral phosphoramidite ligands







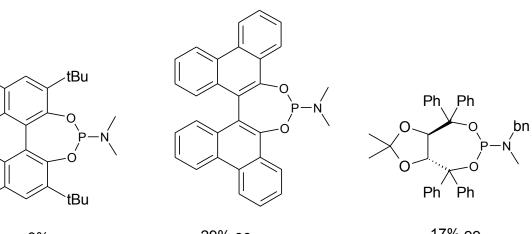
- Monodentate ligands
- Much easier to prepare than bisphosphines



- Chirality from diol and/or amine
- Modular ligand: diversity from the diol and/or amine part
- Till 2000 not known for asymmetric hydrogenation

DSM and University of Groningen collaboration, see e.g.: Adv. Synth. Cat. 2003, 345, 308; Org. Proc. Res. Dev, 2007, 11, 585; Org. Proc. Res. Dev, 2010, 14, 568.

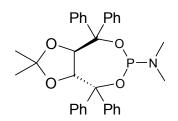
### Further exploration MonoPhos family

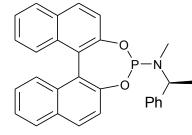


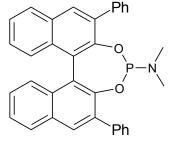
3% ee

29% ee

17% ee







#### → Zenith of ee for MonoPhos library

10% ee



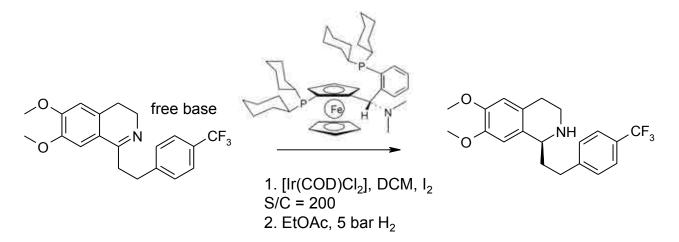
79% ee



### Further exploration JosiPhos lead

28 Solvias Ligands: Josiphos, Walphos, Mandyphos, and Taniaphos types  $[Ir(COD)Cl]_2$  and  $I_2$  in EtOAc

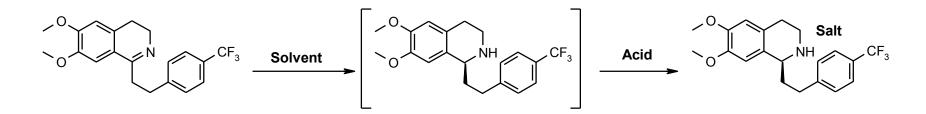
Taniaphos Ligand SL-T002-2 gave the best ee



➔ Process was selected for scale up and piloting (1 m<sup>3</sup>)



### **Process optimization**

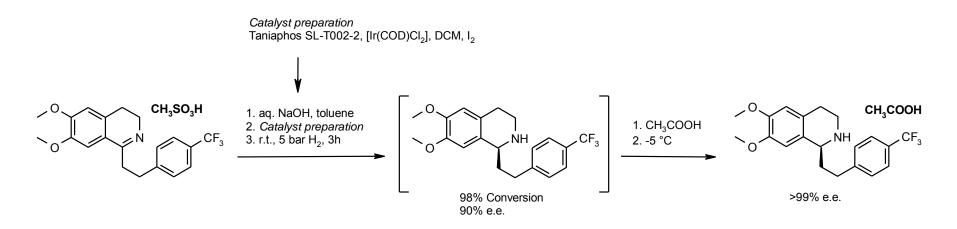


Solvent	Acid	ee of Salt	ee of ML
EtOAc	MeSO <sub>3</sub> H	87%	68%
Toluene	MeSO <sub>3</sub> H	93%	30%
Toluene	TsOH	-	-
Toluene	CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H	<b>99.7</b> %	65%
Toluene / Heptane	CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H	93%	12%
Toluene / Heptane	HCO <sub>2</sub> H	88-93%	72-77%

All solvents gave similar ee's in IPC (83-90%)



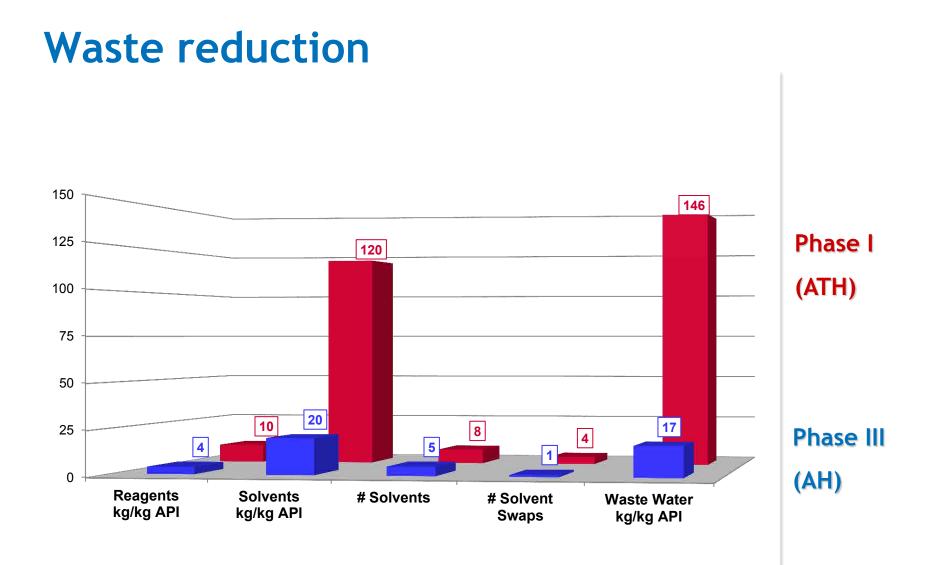
# Full scale protocol



#### **Achievements**

- Commercially viable S/C was reached on 6 m<sup>3</sup> scale
- Acetate salt
  - single crystallization
  - non-corrosive
- Robust crystallization procedure
- Isolated yield was increased (compared to Noyori)







### **Almorexant - Summary**

Catalytic asymmetric hydrogenation step replaces 5 steps for 1 (3 steps for the chiral resolving agent)

Applied at multi ton scale

Unfortunately the drug development has been abandoned

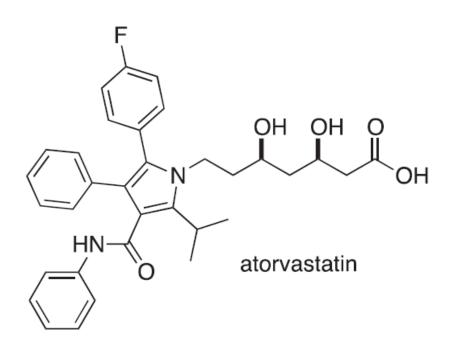


# **3b.** Statins by Aldolase technology



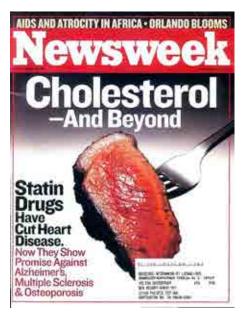
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# 3b. Statins, e.g. Atorvastatin (Lipitor)



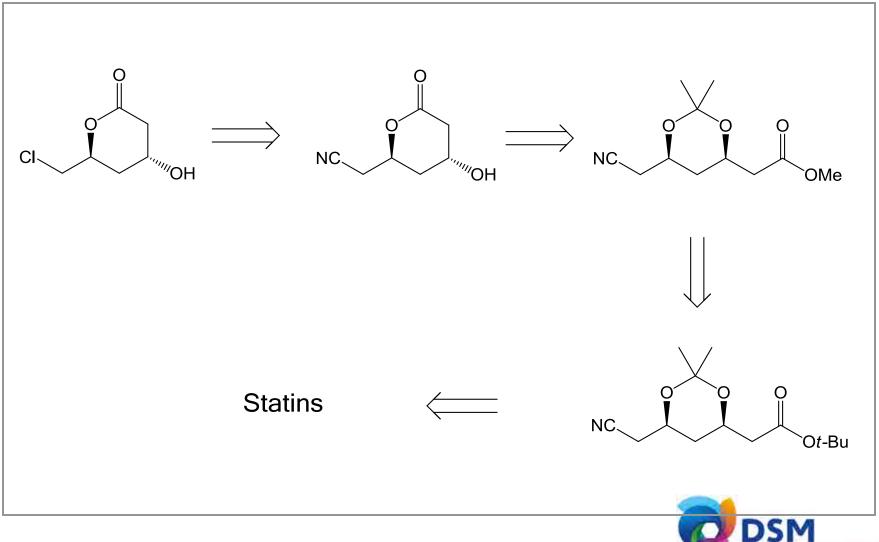
Best selling drug for last 5 years (fighting obesity) Patent expired in 2012 Several 'second at market' analogues

Lowest cost route required





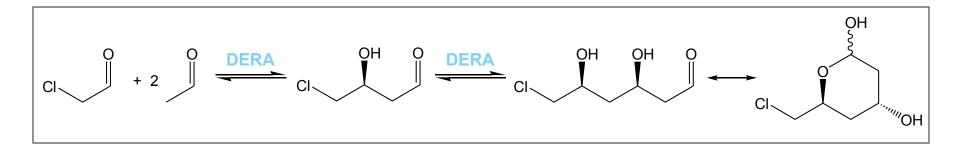
## Retrosynthesis



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# **DERA Catalyzed Tandem Aldol Reaction**

#### **Enzymatic synthesis of a deoxysugar**



#### **Published information**

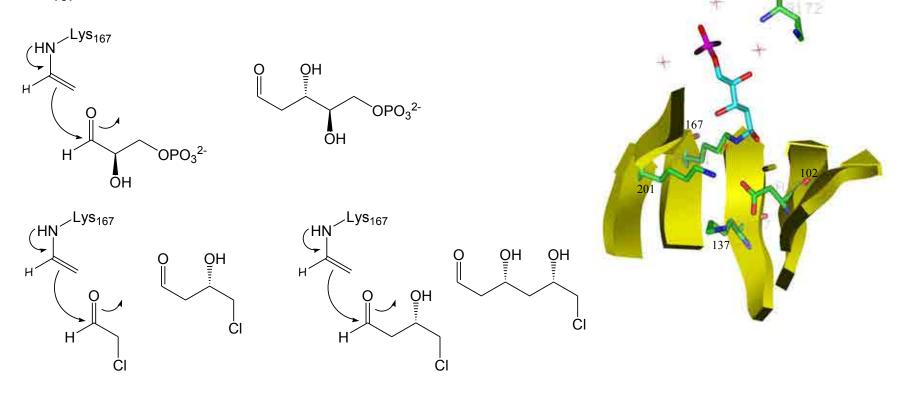
- Low product concentration: 1-2 (w)%
- Low enzyme stability
- Work-up not suitable for scale-up
- By-product formation is 'black-box'

Wong et al. (1995) J.Am.Chem.Soc., 117, 3333



# DERA is Type I Aldolase: Mechanism

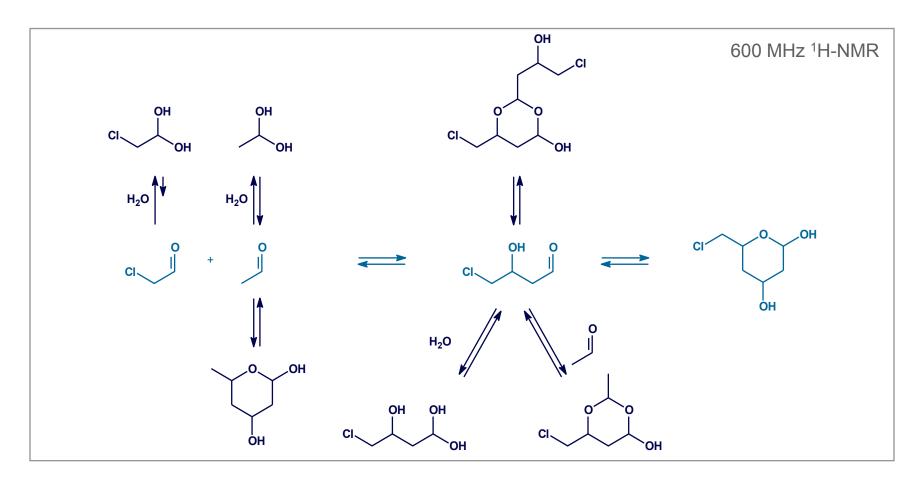
Active site with  $Lys_{172}$ ,  $Lys_{201}$ ,  $Lys_{167}$ ,  $Lys_{137}$ ,  $Cys_{47}$  and  $Asp_{102}$  $Lys_{167}$  with carbinolamine intermediate



Heine et al. (2001) Science 294, 269 - thanks to Jan Metske van der Laan



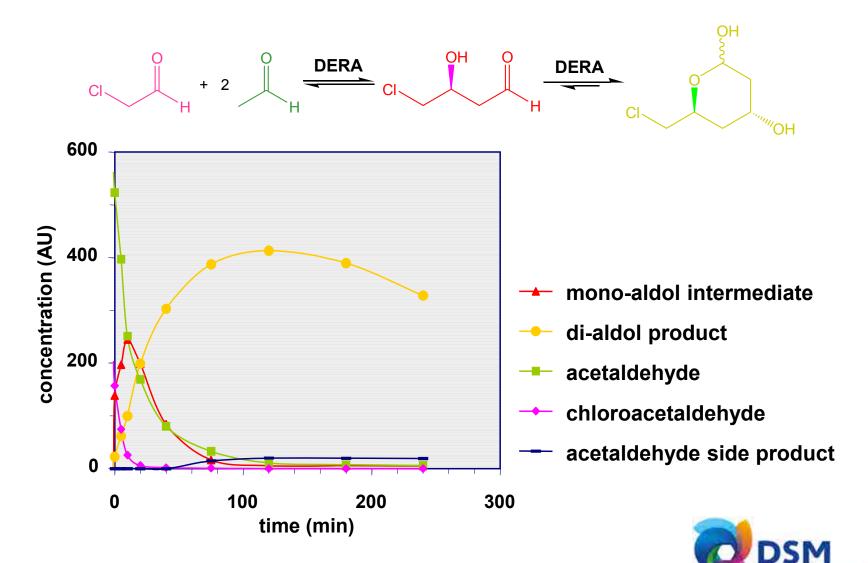
## **Reaction Intermediates and Products**



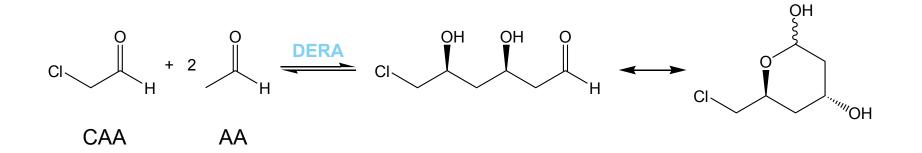
#### Reaction is far more complicated than expected



## Typical Batch Reaction: 600 MHz <sup>1</sup>H-NMR



#### **Drawbacks of DERA Reactions**



#### Facts on DERA:

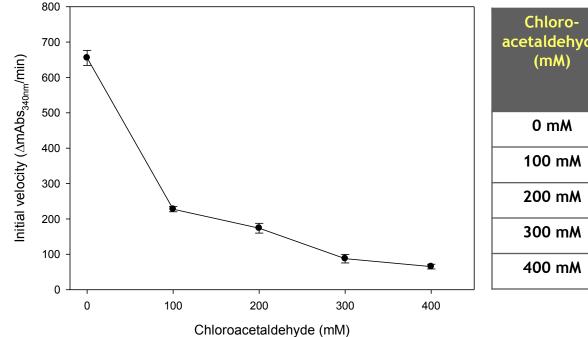
- Low activity for acceptor substrates
- Inactivation by aldehyde substrates
- Therefore: large amounts of enzyme needed
- However, an efficient process is feasible (WO 03006656 to DSM)

Directed evolution to improve DERA



#### **DERA Limitations:**

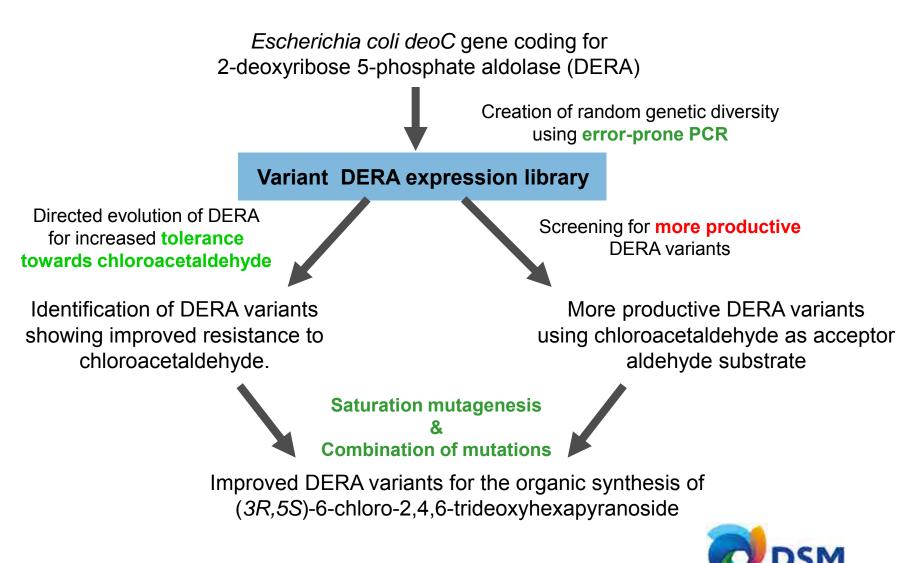
#### Acceptance of Chloroacetaldehyde and inactivation



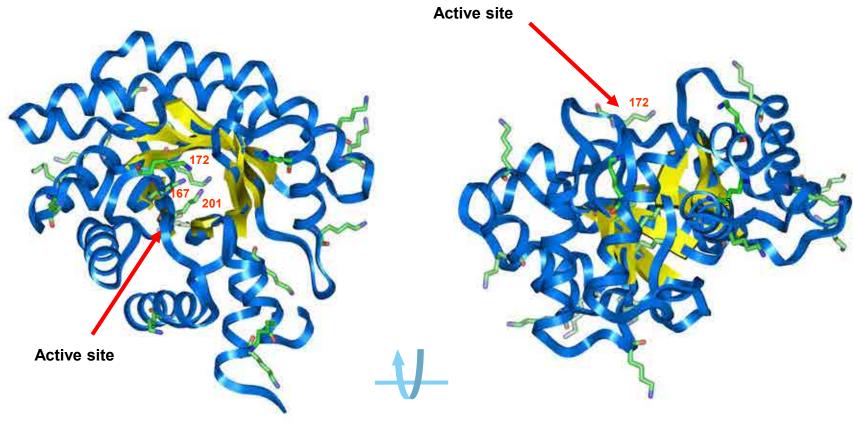
Chloro- acetaldehyde (mM)	Remaining activity of DERA after 5 min exposure to indicated concentration of chloroacetaldehyde
0 mM	100%
100 mM	34.7 ± 0.45
200 mM	26.1 ± 0.87
300 mM	13.4 ± 1.07
400 mM	9.9 ± 0.61



# **Directed Evolution Strategy for DERA**



### DERA 3D structure (ribbon presentation)



Front view

Side view

Lysine residues are shown (18 in total)



#### Improvement of tolerance to CAA

Variant DERA expression library (obtained through error-prone PCR)

Screening of 10,000 randomly chosen DERA variant clones

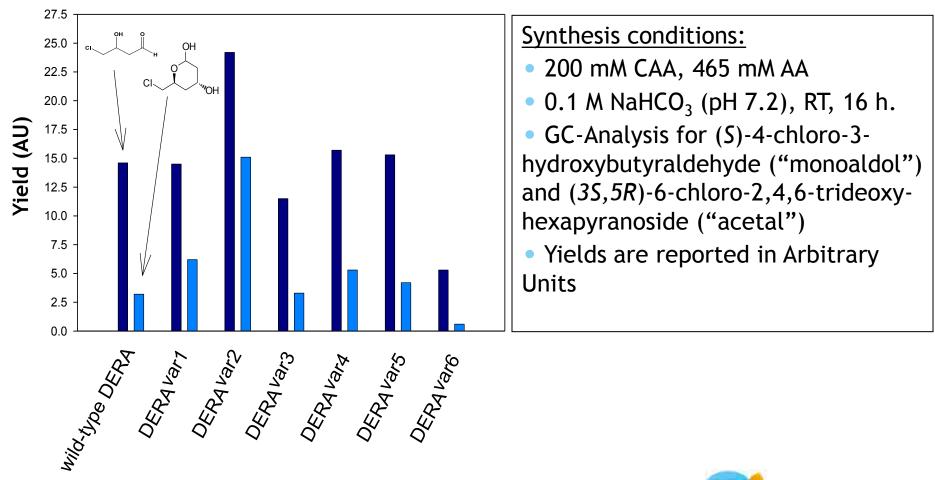
Identification of 63 stability screening hits

2 rounds of recombination (screening of 3,000 clones per round)

Isolation of 10 stability screening hits

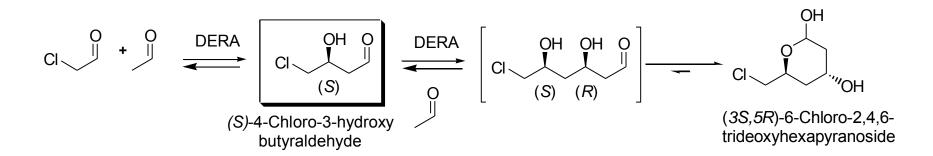


#### **Improvement of tolerance to CAA**





# Screening for variant DERA's with Improved Productivity



Variant DERA expression library

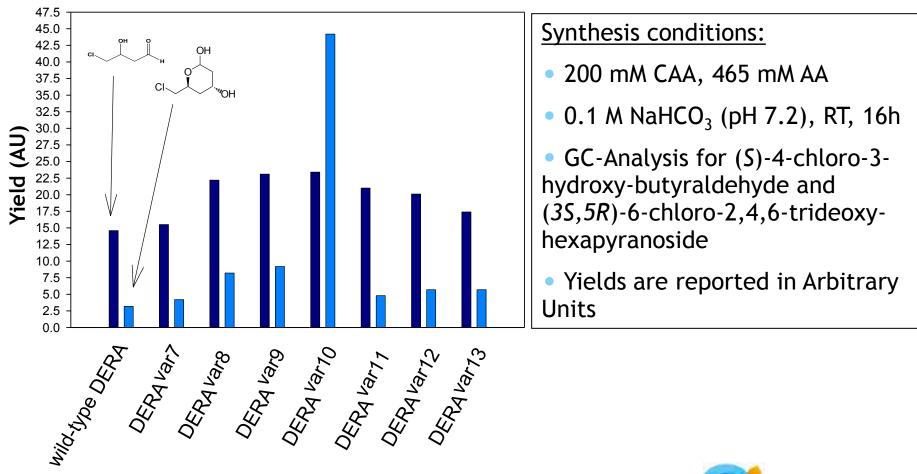
(obtained trough error-prone PCR)

Screening of 3,000 randomly chosen DERA variant clones using high-throughput GC/MS

Identification of 9 productivity screening hits



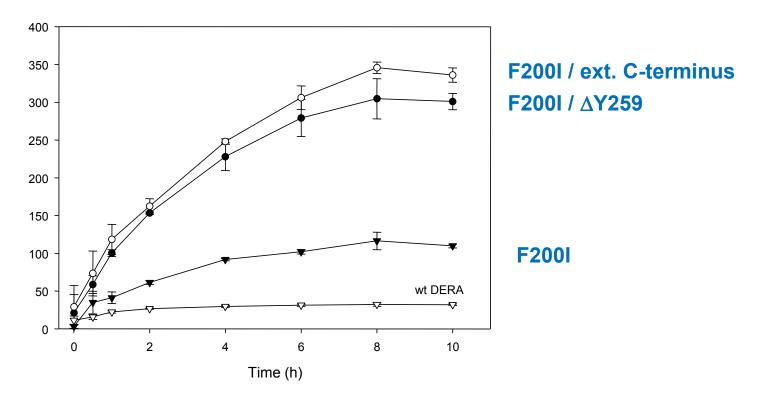
## **Screening for Improved Productivity**





# **Combination of Beneficial Mutations**

- Most productive variants from the two screenings combined
- Test with constant DERA amounts:



#### $\rightarrow$ Mutations from both screenings are synergistic



## Statin intermediate - Summary

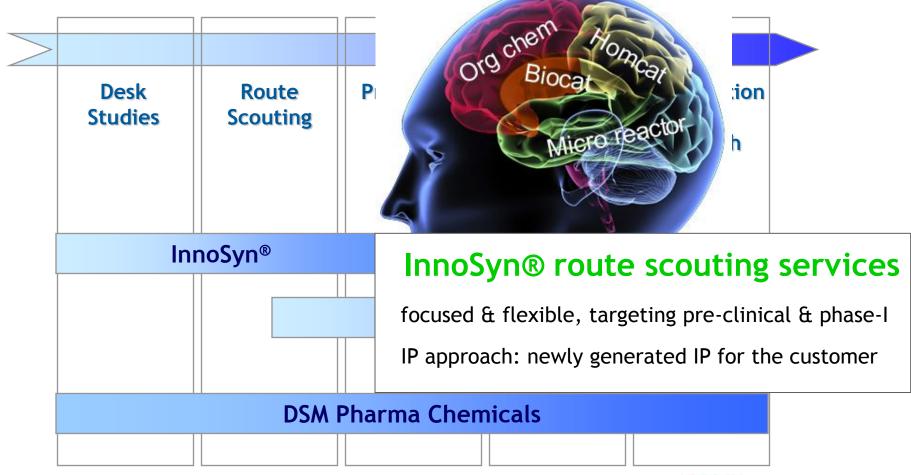
DERA enzyme (Aldolase) in our opinion the lowest cost technology to produce chiral building block for Statins

Subsequent reactions to Statins also performed (and improved)

Better impurity profile than other technologies



# DSM's route scouting and manufacturing services for API synthesis





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#### **R&D** and production sites in Venlo and Linz

