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## Professional experience

- January, 2012 - Present: Associate Professor, Department of Medicinal Chemistry, NIPER
- January, 2007 - January, 2012: Assistant Professor, Department of Medicinal Chemistry, NIPER

## Post-Doctoral and Doctoral Research Experience, Education

- 2005-2006; University of California, Riverside, USA; with Professor Michael C. Pirrung
- 2004-2005: University of Illinois at Chicago, USA; with Professor Gabriel Fenteany
- 2002-2004: University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA; with Professor George W. Kabalka
- 1996-2001: Ph.D.; Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Kolkata; Under supervision of Professor Brindaban C. Ranu
- 1994-1996: MSc in Chemistry (Specialization in Organic Chemistry), University of Calcutta
- 1991-1994: BSc in Chemistry, University of Calcutta

## Current Research Area

### Synthetic Organic Medicinal Chemistry

- Anticancer drug discovery: Design and synthesis of natural product-based heterocyclic compounds as human DNA topoisomerase II inhibitors and tubulin polymerization inhibitors (NCEs), Bio-evaluation studies, SAR studies, Lead identification and optimization
- Antileishmanial drug discovery: Design and synthesis of heterocyclic compounds as leishmanicidal agents (NCEs)
- Synthesis of heterocyclic and natural product-based compounds: Direct arene C-H bond functionalization, Isocyanide chemistry, and Multicomponent reaction (MCR)

## Award and Recognition:

- Professor D. Nasipuri Memorial Lecture Award offered by Indian Chemical Society in 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of Chemists, Jaipur on 30.12.2015
- Selected for ppt-presentation-evaluation stage for DST-SwarnaJayanti Fellowship, Year-2013.
- Publication *J. Med. Chem.* **2011**, *54*, 5013-5030 was recognized as "highly cited article" (The American Chemical Society appreciated with a certificate)
- Work published in *ACS Med. Chem. Lett.*, **2015**, *6*, 481-485 was highlighted by featuring it as a cover art image in one of the issues (April, 2015) of the *ACS Med. Chem. Lett.*
- Work (*J. Org. Chem.* **2017**, *82*, 2745-2752) was introduced in Synfacts as a highlight article.

- Senior Research Fellowship (CSIR), Govt. of India, 1998-2000
- Junior Research Fellowship (CSIR), Govt. of India, 1996-1998
- Qualified National Eligibility Test (NET), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) for Lectureship and Fellowship, Govt. of India, 1995
- Qualified Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) for Fellowship, Govt. of India, 1996

## Membership to professional organization

- Member, The American Chemical Society
- Life member, Chemical Research Society of India (CRSI)

## Significant research outcome and recognition

1. **Discovery of potent anticancer agents; patented:** Natural products (NP-based/inspired), Drugs, Clinical trial agents, scaffold hopping strategy and pharmacophores are considered in target-based design of NCEs. For their preparation, molecular diversity and analog-feasible synthetic approaches were developed. Target and cell-based structure-activity relationship was established. Several compounds as potent human topoisomerase II $\alpha$  (hTopoII $\alpha$ ) or tubulin targeting apoptotic anticancer agents, more effective than some anticancer drugs in cell lines while less toxic to normal cells were discovered.
2. **Discovery of potent antileishmanial agents; patented:** Some compounds were discovered. They are potent antileishmanial agents, more effective than antileishmanial drugs miltefosin and pentamidine in cell line and safe for cardio- and neuro-pharmacology.
3. **Significant contribution of publications in reputed Synthetic Organic and Medicinal Chemistry Journals**
4. **Scaffold-hopping in target-based drug discovery:** We explored for the first time an important approach for exploration of drug-scaffold-hopped compounds as potent anticancer agents that inhibit catalytic role of hTopoII $\alpha$ . One of the works published in the *J. Med. Chem.* 2011, 54, 5013-5030 was “highly cited article”- appreciated with the certificate by The American Chemical Society.
5. **“Choice-based change”** approach in drug discovery: An unprecedented strategy for “choice-based change” in site of inhibition towards structure-based discovery of human topoisomerase II $\alpha$  catalytic inhibitors was discovered (*ACS Med. Chem. Lett.*, 2015, 6, 481-485). The work was highlighted by featuring it as cover art image in (April, 2015)- issue of the *ACS Med. Chem. Lett.*
6. **Illustration of research outcome in books:** Some of our published works and new synthetic methods have been illustrated in books published by Wiley and Elsevier and organic chemistry portal.

## Research Projects (Extramural)

| S. No. | Funding Agency | Project title   | Rs in lakhs | Duration       |
|--------|----------------|---|-------------|----------------|
| 1      | DST            | Switch in mode of action of Ellipticine with Etoposide-inspired structural modulation: Towards exploration of new molecular motifs as potential anticancer agents | 52.86       | 2016-continued |

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| 2 | CSIR | Natural product inspired novel heterocyclic antitubulin anticancer agents: Design, synthesis and bio-evaluation studies   | 19.5  | 2014-17 |
| 3 | DST  | Scaffold hopping of flavonoids: Design, synthetic exploration, and studies of topoisomerase II–targeting anticancer activities  | 41.62 | 2012-15 |
| 4 | DST  | Sustainable synthesis and bio-evaluation of hetero-polycyclic compounds as topoisomerase II inhibitors  | 24.46 | 2010-13 |
| 5 | CSIR | Synthesis of tetracyclic indenoindoles and their structural analogs as DNA intercalator and topoisomerase II inhibitor: Organoboron compounds as requisite radical precursors in intramolecular cyclization. The project with additional budget has been approved for extension of 6 months | 15.5  | 2008-12 |
| 6 | DST  | Development of novel reactions for preparation of imidazoles and their use in the synthesis of purines  | 20    | 2007-10 |

**N.B.: A project was submitted for DST-SwarnaJayanti Fellowship, I was selected for ppt-presentation-evaluation stage.**

**Project Title:** A new strategy for medicinal chemistry research: Rational switching mode of action of natural product drug

### **Institutional Research Projects**

**I) Target-Specific Drug Discovery Research Against Kala Azar**, funded by Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, India

A collaborative mega project with several NIPER Faculty, 2014-17

**II) Institutional five years plan project;** Generation of Lead molecules (Leishmania), funded by Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, India, 2007-11.

### **Students Guided in research**

Awarded the degree: PhD - 8, Master (guided during 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sem.) – 70

Currently doing research: PhD – 6; Master - 7

## Patents (in independent research career)

3. "Novel quinoline-2-aminoalkylcarboxamide compounds as anti-Leishmanial agents" **Sankar K. Guchhait**, S. Singh, S. S. Sharma, Neha Hura, and Archana P. Shah, P. K. Kaur, N. Dinesh, Indian patent, Application No. TEMP/E-1/11405/2018-DEL, filed on 23.03.2018.
2. "Novel indolylquinoline-phenylamidine compounds as antileishmanial agents and the process of preparation thereof." **Sankar K. Guchhait**, S. Singh, S. Kumar, V. Chaudhary, G. Priyadarshani, P. K. Kaur, N. Dinesh, Application No.: 2187/DEL/2014.
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**Book Chapter:** Pharmacoinformatics Studies on Human Topoisomerase II: Exploring the Mechanism of Enzyme Inhibition Chapter 2, pp. 49-142, Neha Tripathi, Rahul Deb, Sankar K. Guchhait and Prasad V. Bharatam \*, in the book "Topoisomerase Inhibitors: Classification, Mechanisms of Action and Adverse Effects", Edited by Raj Kumar and Sandeep Singh, Publishers – Nova Science Publishers, International (USA) publishers, **2017**.

## Publications (in independent research career)

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46. Pyridine C3-arylation of nicotinic acids accessible via a multicomponent reaction: an entry to all substituted-3,4-diarylated pyridines, Sankar K. Guchhait, Neha Hura, Kanchan Sinha and Dulal Panda, *RSC Adv.*, **2017**, *7*, 8323–8331.
45. Scaffold-Hopping of Aurones: 2-Arylideneimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridinones as topoisomerase II $\alpha$ -inhibiting anticancer agents, Garima Priyadarshani, Anmada Nayak, Suyog M. Amrutkar, Sarita Das, Sankar K. Guchhait, Chanakya N. Kundu, and Uttam C. Banerjee, *ACS Med. Chem. Lett.* **2016**, *7*, 1056–1061.
44. Scaffold-hopping of bioactive flavonoids: Discovery of arylpyridopyrimidinones as potent anticancer agents that inhibit catalytic role of topoisomerase II $\alpha$ , Garima Priyadarshani, Suyog Amrutkar, Anmada Nayak, Uttam C. Banerjee, Chanakya N. Kundu, Sankar K. Guchhait, *Eur. J. Med. Chem.* **2016**, *122*, 43-54.
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34.  $\alpha,\beta$ -Epoxy Esters in Multiple C–O/C–N Bond-Breaking/Formation with 2-Aminopyridines; Synthesis of Biologically Relevant (Z)-2-Methylene-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-ones, **Guchhait, S. K.**; Priyadarshani, G.; Hura, N. *Synlett*, **2014**, *25*, 1692-1696.
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## Review Articles

## Invited Lectures

### Invited Lectures delivered

1. **"Integration of Natural Product Inspired/Scaffold-Hopping Approach and SAR-Feasible Synthesis: Discovery of Target-based Anticancer Agents"** delivered a seminar lecture in NCL, Pune on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.
2. **"Natural Product Scaffold-Hopping and C-H Functionalization/Synthon-based Synthesis of N-Heterocycles: Discovery of Target-based Anticancer Agents"** in the national conference on "Symposium on Contemporary Facets in Organic Synthesis 2017 (CFOS-17)" held at IIT Roorkee on 22nd-24th December, 2017.
3. **"Starting from Drug and Trekking the Topoisomerase and Tubulin-Tour: Discovery of Novel Anticancer Agents"** in the national conference on "new frontiers in chemistry – from fundamentals to applications-II" held at BITS – Pilani, Goa Campus, on January 28-29, 2017.
4. **"Sustainable Organic–Medicinal Chemistry: Discovery of Topoisomerase II-Targeting Anticancer Agents"** in the national conference on "Organic Chemistry in Sustainable Development: Recent Advances and Future Challenges (OCSD-2016)" held at BITS-Pilani, Rajasthan, on August 29-30, 2016.

5. **“Starting from Drug and Scaffold Hopping in Target-based Medicinal Chemistry Research: Discovery of Novel Topoisomerase II $\alpha$ -Inhibiting Anticancer Agents”**, Professor D. Nasipuri Memorial Award Lecture 2014 in the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of Chemists of the Indian Chemical Society held at JECRC University, Jaipur, Rajasthan, on December 28 – 30, 2015.
6. **“Trekking the Topoisomerase-Tour in Medicinal Chemistry Research: Discovery of Novel Topoisomerase II $\alpha$ -Catalytic Inhibiting Anticancer Agents”** in the International Conference in Chemistry held on December 16-18, 2014, organized by Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
7. **“A rational approach in medicinal chemistry research: Discovery of novel topoisomerase II $\alpha$ -targeting anticancer agents”** in the 50<sup>th</sup> “Annual Convention of Chemists-2013” organized by Indian Chemical Society, held at the Department of Chemistry & Centre of Advanced Studies in Chemistry, Punjab University, Chandigarh-160 014, on December 04-07, 2013.
8. **“Discovery of Topoisomerase II $\alpha$ -targeting Novel Anticancer Agents”** in the **“MEDCHEM 2013”** conference on **“Advances in Anticancer Drug Discovery and Development”**, organized by Indian Institute of Technology, Madras and AstraZeneca Bangalore, October 25-26, 2013.
9. **“Green Chemistry in Medicinal Chemistry Research: Development of Novel Anticancer Agents”**, Symposium on Green Chemistry and Nanotechnology, Agartala, 2012.