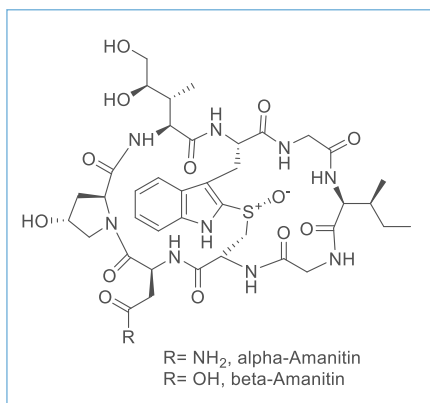


## •• A PROJECT THAT IS MUSHROOMING

After intense research investigations Heidelberg Pharma found a unique access to a fully synthetic route for  $\alpha$ -Amanitin. With CARBOGEN AMCIS, Heidelberg Pharma developed a scalable and economical route providing  $\alpha$ -Amanitin now available for the development of new therapeutic ADC's.

## •• DISCOVERING A NEW ADC

The cyclic peptide  $\alpha$ -Amanitin and analogue amatoxins have been investigated for over sixty years mostly by extraction from death cap mushrooms of the species *Amanita phalloides*.  $\alpha$ -Amanitin is a highly selective and potent inhibitor of eukaryotic RNA polymerase II. Interaction of  $\alpha$ -Amanitin with the RNA polymerase II bridge helix blocks the normal transcription processes of the cell, thus leading to cell apoptosis. This unique cellular mode of action makes  $\alpha$ -Amanitin and related amatoxins ideal toxic payloads for antibody drug conjugates (ADCs).  $\alpha$ -Amanitin ADCs have already shown outstanding antitumoral activity at low micrograms toxin doses in several malignant cancer cell lines from different origins. Despite such exceptional biological activity and pharmacological potential, the total synthesis of  $\alpha$ -Amanitin and related compounds still remain a very challenging task, due to unique structural features.



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