## Supplementary information for manuscript:

Computer-generated "synthetic contingency" plans at times of logistics and supply problems: Scenarios for hydroxychloroquine and remdesivir.

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S1. Chematica-designed pathways leading to hydroxychloroquine and presented in a form of a list.























#### S2. Details of *Chematica* searches.

The search details are structured in the following manner: (i) stop conditions (threshold prices and/or synthetic popularities), (ii) details of scoring functions, and (iii) additional parameters. Whereas most of these settings were discussed in detail in our earlier publications (see refs.S1-S4), some functionalities are new and merit brief description:

(a) Increasing the value of either "**minimum search width**" or "**max reactions per product**" increases the "breadth" of possible reactions considered at each step and, typically, yields more diverse results at the expense of longer time to complete calculations.

(b) Similarly, last five parameters for pathway 14 (cf. below) aim at increasing the diversity of results. If a certain transformation repeats in a given number of the top-scoring pathways and is identified as a "**key-step**," it becomes disallowed after user-specified number of iterations. The key-transformation is defined as a reaction generating (in the retro direction) the highest simplification of the structure according to the specified chemical scoring function. Such reaction, in order to be identified as a "key-step," has to be applied to an intermediate having certain percentage of the target's mass.

(c) Four options, "Apply\_tunnels", Apply\_FGI, FGI\_with\_protections and Multirx, are designed to strategize over multiple steps and to navigate around intermediates presenting reactive and conflicting groups. In addition, their use in combination with large penalty for protection steps (in the Reaction Scoring Function) yields pathways with complete protection/deprotection strategy (as opposed to implicit treatment of protection chemistries in the earlier versions of *Chematica*).

(c) If "Cut all Heterocycles" filter is "on," all aromatic heterocycles present in a molecule have to be synthesized rather than supplied as starting materials.

(d) The "**remove\_diast**" option excludes from the search all reactions yielding mixtures of diastereoisomers. Although it does not apply here for HCQ, we usually left this option on.

All the settings used for designing synthetic routes described in the text are listed below.

Pathways: 2 (from 8-chloro-4-iodoquinoline), 3, 5, 6, 7, 9 Stop points: Buyable molecules: 1000 g/mol, 200 \$/g Known molecules: 1000 g/mol, 50 popularity Scoring Functions: Chemical Scoring Function: SMALLER\*\*3, SMALLER\*\*1.5 Reaction Scoring Function: 60 + 120000 \* PROTECT + 1000000 \* (CONFLICT + NON\_SELECTIVITY + FILTERS) Additional parameters: Minimum search width = 400 Max reactions per product = 60 remove\_diast = True Macrocycles filter: ON

### Pathways: 2 (from dichloroquinoline), 4, 8, 17 **Stop points:** Buyable molecules: 1000 g/mol, 200 \$/g Known molecules: 1000 g/mol, 50 popularity **Scoring Functions:** Chemical Scoring Function: SMALLER\*\*3, SMALLER\*\*1.5 Reaction Scoring Function: 60 + 120000 \* PROTECT + 1000000 \* (CONFLICT + NON SELECTIVITY + FILTERS) + 50000 \* HIDE SEEK NAME(['Pd']) **Additional parameters:** Minimum search width = 400Max reactions per product = 60remove diast = True Macrocycles filter: ON Pathways: 1,15 **Stop points:** Buyable molecules: 1000 g/mol, 1000 \$/gram Known molecules: 1000 g/mol, 5 popularity **Scoring Functions:** Chemical Scoring Function: HOOD\*\*3, HOOD\*\*1.5 Reaction Scoring Function: TUNNEL COEF \* FGI COEF \*60 + 10000000\*(CONFLICT +NON SELECTIVITY+FILTERS+PROTECT) **Additional parameters:** Macrocycles filter: ON Minimum search width = 200Max reactions per product = 30apply tunnels = True apply FGI = True FGI with protections = True multirx = Trueremove diast = True **Pathways: 13, 16 Stop points:** Buyable molecules: 1000 g/mol, 200 \$/gram Known molecules: 1000 g/mol, 10 popularity

#### **Scoring Functions:**

Chemical Scoring Function: HOOD\*\*3, HOOD\*\*1.5 Reaction Scoring Function (for pathway 13): TUNNEL\_COEF \* FGI\_COEF \* 60+10000000\*(CONFLICT+NON\_SELECTIVITY+FILTERS+PROTECT)+10000000\*HIDE\_ SEEK\_NAME(['Ozonolysis','Amination of aryl iodides','Synthesis of haloarenes via triflates'])+1000000\*HIDE\_SEEK\_SMILES([' Fc1ccnc2cc(Cl)ccc12']) Reaction Scoring Function (for pathway 16): TUNNEL\_COEF \* FGI\_COEF \* 60+1000000\*(CONFLICT+NON\_SELECTIVITY+FILTERS+PROTECT)+1000000\*HIDE\_ SEEK\_NAME(['Ozonolysis','Amination of aryl iodides','Synthesis of haloarenes via triflates'])

#### **Additional parameters:**

Macrocycles filter: ON Minimum search width = 200Max reactions per product = 30apply tunnels = True apply FGI = True FGI with protections = True multirx = True remove diast = True

#### Pathways: 10,11,12 **Stop points:**

Buyable molecules: 1000 g/mol, 50 \$/gram Known molecules: 1000 g/mol, 40 popularity **Scoring Functions:** CSF: HOOD\*\*3, HOOD\*\*1.5 RSF: TUNNEL COEF \* FGI COEF \*60+10000000\*(CONFLICT + NON SELECTIVITY+FILTERS+PROTECT)+10000000\*HIDE SEEK NAME([ 'Ozonolysis', 'Amination of aryl iodides', 'Synthesis of haloarenes via triflates', 'Decarboxylative alkylation',' Photocatalytic','Amination of aryl tosylates','Coupling of Ammonia with Aryl Sulfonates', 'Hydroaminomethylation', 'Tandem Ni/Ir']) **Additional parameters:** 

Macrocycles filter: ON Minimum search width = 200Max reactions per product = 30apply tunnels = True apply FGI = True FGI with protections = True multirx = Trueremove diast = True

#### Pathway 14

#### **Stop points:**

Buyable molecules: 1000 g/mol, 30 \$/gram Known molecules: 1000 g/mol, 20 popularity **Scoring Functions:** CSF: HOOD\*\*3. HOOD\*\*1.5 RSF: TUNNEL COEF \* FGI COEF \* 120+10000000\*(CONFLICT+NON SELECTIVITY+FILTERS+PROTECT)+10000000\*HIDE SEEK NAME(['Ozonolysis','Amination of aryl iodides','Synthesis of haloarenes via triflates','Decarboxylative','Photocatalytic','Amination of aryl tosylates','Coupling of Ammonia with Aryl Sulfonates', 'Hydroaminomethylation', 'Tandem Ni/Ir']) **Additional parameters:** Macrocycles filter: ON Minimum search width = 400Max reactions per product = 60

apply\_tunnels = True apply\_FGI = True FGI\_with\_protections = True multirx = True remove\_diast = True algo\_mode = restart\_search key\_rx\_prod\_target\_fraction = 0.5 restart\_search\_num\_same\_paths = 3 restart\_search\_expanded\_spiders\_same\_paths = 800 restart\_search\_csf = SMALLER\*\*3 restart\_search\_csf\_fraction\_bound = 0.8

Pathways avoiding usage of dichloroquinine

#### Pathway 23

#### **Stop points:**

Buyable molecules: 1000 g/mol, 200 \$/gram Known molecules: 1000 g/mol , 15 popularity

#### **Scoring Functions:**

Chemical Scoring Function: HOOD\*\*3, HOOD\*\*1.5

Reaction Scoring Function: TUNNEL\_COEF \* FGI\_COEF \*60+10000000\*(CONFLICT +NON\_SELECTIVITY+FILTERS+PROTECT+HIDE\_SEEK\_SMARTS(['[Cl,I]c1ccc2c([Cl,I])c cnc2c1'])+HIDE\_SEEK\_NAME(['Synthesis of haloarenes via triflates','Coupling of Ammonia with Aryl Sulfonates','Amination of aryl tosylates','Buchwald-Hartwig type reaction','Ir/Ni','Rh-cat']))

#### Additional parameters:

Macrocycles filter: ON beam\_width = 200 max\_reactions\_per\_product = 30 apply\_tunnels = True apply\_FGI = True FGI\_with\_protections = True multirx = True remove diast = True

#### Pathway 24

#### **Stop points:**

Buyable molecules: 1000 g/mol, 50 \$/gram Known molecules: 1000 g/mol, 15 popularity

#### **Scoring Functions:**

Chemical Scoring Function: HOOD\*\*3, HOOD\*\*1.5

Reaction Scoring Function: TUNNEL\_COEF \* FGI\_COEF \* 60+10000000\*(CONFLICT +NON\_SELECTIVITY+FILTERS+PROTECT+HIDE\_SEEK\_SMARTS(['[Cl,I]c1ccc2c([Cl,I])c cnc2c1'])+HIDE\_SEEK\_NAME(['Synthesis of haloarenes via triflates','Coupling of Ammonia with Aryl Sulfonates','Amination of aryl tosylates','Buchwald-Hartwig type reaction','Ir/Ni','Rh-cat','Pfitzinger Reaction']))

#### Additional parameters:

Macrocycles filter: ON beam\_width = 200 max\_reactions\_per\_product = 30 apply\_tunnels = True apply\_FGI = True FGI\_with\_protections = True multirx = True remove\_diast = True selection\_method = yield\_rsf\_millimole\_selection sort\_results\_by = fully\_penalized\_cost selection\_penalty = 100

# Search details for the synthetic pathways leading to dichloroquinoline (the same for pathways 18-22):

Chemical Scoring Function: HOOD\*\*1.2+50\*RINGS+50\*STEREO Reaction Scoring Function: TUNNEL\_COEF \* FGI\_COEF \* 60 + 10000000 \* (CONFLICT + NON\_SELECTIVITY+FILTERS+PROTECT+HIDE\_SEEK\_SMARTS(['[Cl,I]c1ccc2c([Cl,I])cc nc2c1']) + HIDE\_SEEK\_NAME(['Synthesis of haloarenes via triflates','Coupling of Ammonia with Aryl Sulfonates','Amination of aryl tosylates','Buchwald-Hartwig type reaction','Ir/Ni','Rhcat'])) Additional parameters: selection\_method = yield\_rsf\_millimole\_selection sort\_results\_by = fully\_penalized\_cost selection\_penalty = 100 Cut all Heterocycles filter: ON Macrocycles filter: ON Buyable molecules: 1000 g/mol, 10 \$/g for pathways **1,3-5** ; 20 \$/g for pathway **2** Known molecules: 1000 g/mol, 5 popularity

# Search details for the synthetic pathways leading to: levulinic aldehyde, 3-oxo-butanoic acid 7-chloro-quinolin-4-ylamine and N-ethyl-N-propargylamine (stop points on pathways 1,4,10,17)

**Stop points:** 

Buyable molecules: 1000 g/mol, 20 \$/gram Known molecules: 1000 g/mol, 60 popularity **Scoring Functions:** Chemical Scoring Function: HOOD\*\*3, HOOD\*\*1.5 Reaction Scoring Function: FGI\_COEF \* 60+10000000\* (CONFLICT +NON\_SELECTIVITY+ FILTERS+PROTECT) **Additional parameters:** beam\_width = 100 max\_reactions\_per\_product = 30 apply\_FGI = True FGI\_with\_protections = True multirx = True remove\_diast = True

Search details for the synthetic pathways leading to remdesivir: **Stop points:** Buyable molecules: 1000 g/mol, 100 \$/gram Known molecules: 1000 g/mol, 20 popularity **Scoring Functions:** Chemical Scoring Function: HOOD\*\*3, HOOD\*\*1.5 Function: TUNNEL COEF\*FGI COEF\*20+400000000\*PROTECT+ Reaction Scoring 1000000\*(CONFLICT+NON SELECTIVITY+FILTERS) Additional parameters: Macrocycles filter: ON apply tunnels = True beam\_width = 200  $max\_reactions\_per\_product = 30$ apply FGI = TrueFGI with protections = True multirx = True remove diast = True

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#### S4. Screenshots of Chematica's syntheses of remdesivir





Chematica's syntheses of Remdesivir mimic the known approach relying on the addition of appropriate metalated heterocycle to a protected ribolactone and subsequent cyanation of the obtained hemiacetal. The side chain is constructed via sequential functionalization of phenylphosphoryl dichloride.

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