

# Tautomers

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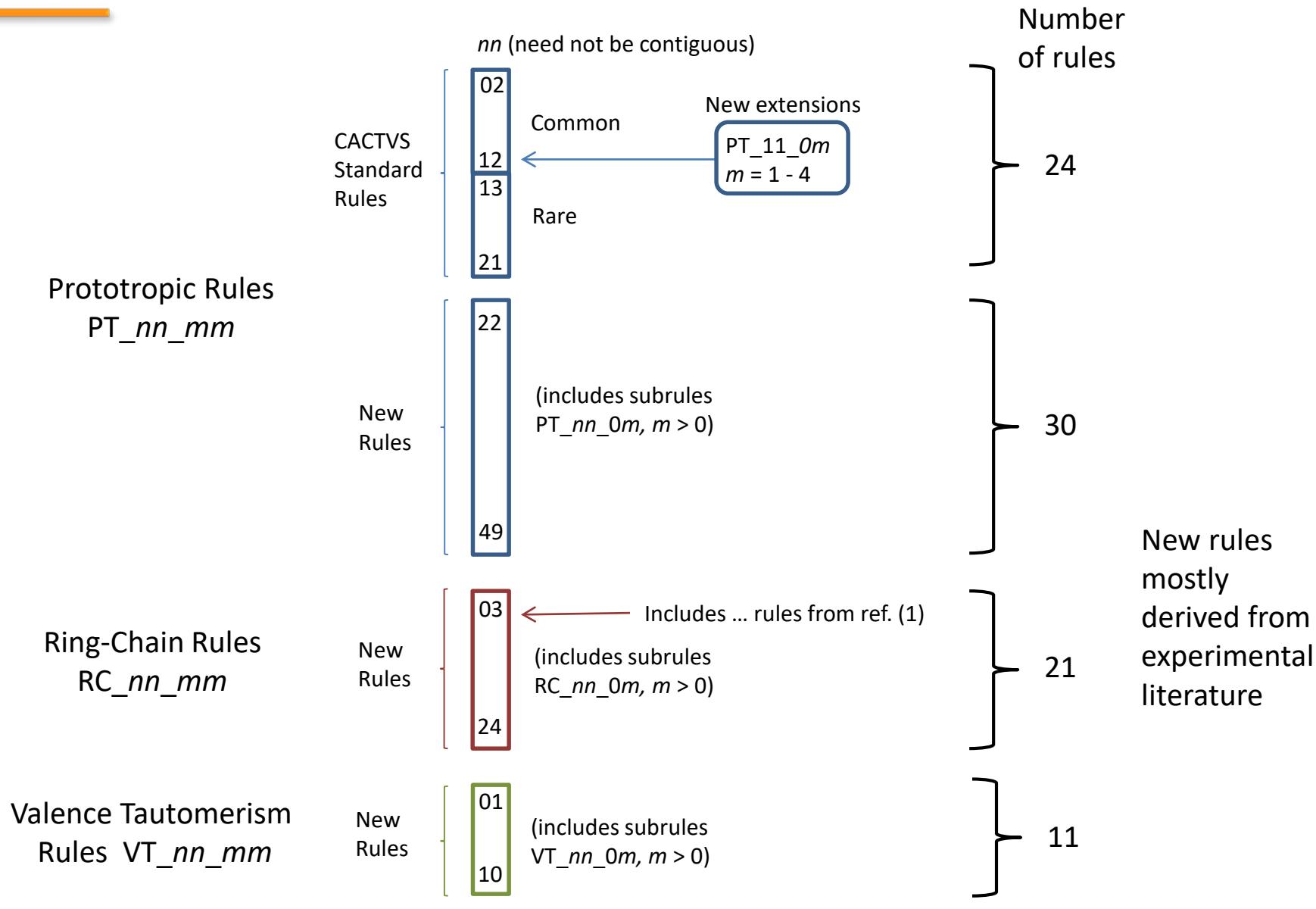
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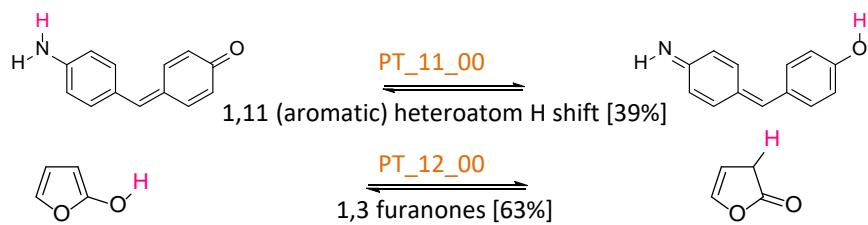
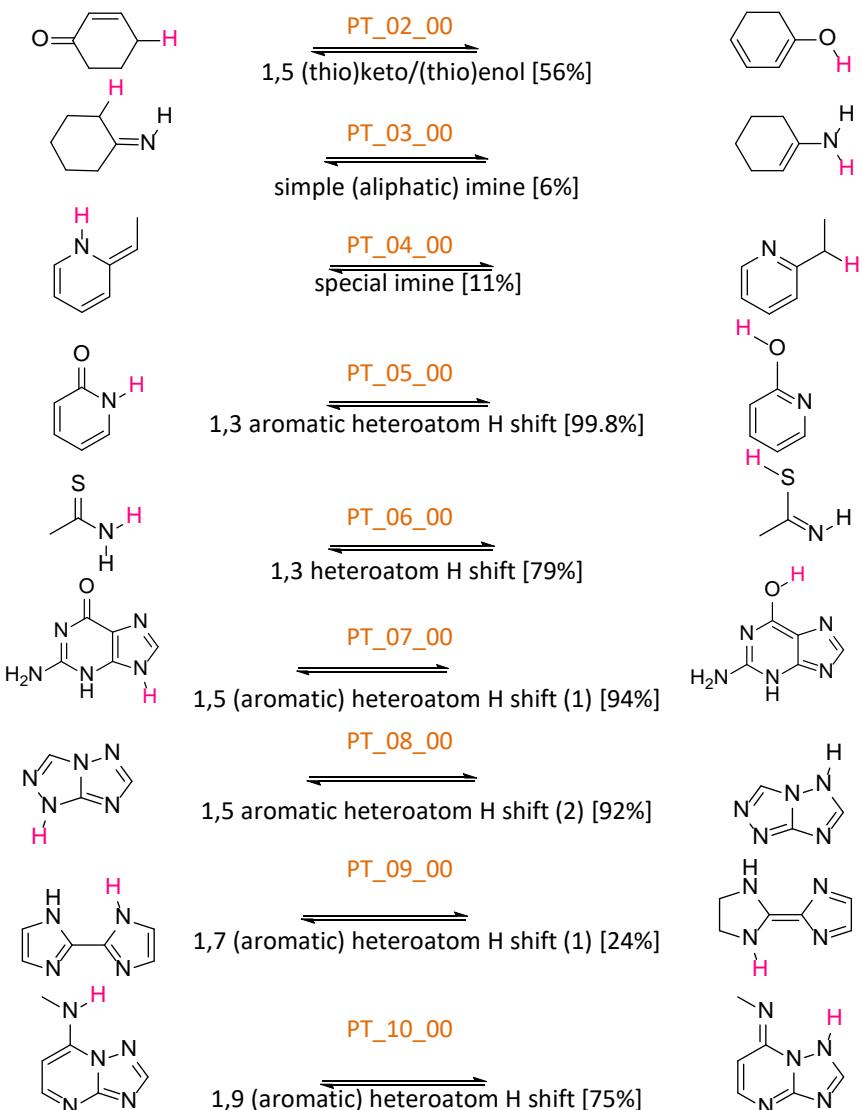
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## Rule Set



# CACTVS standard tautomeric transforms – Common Rules



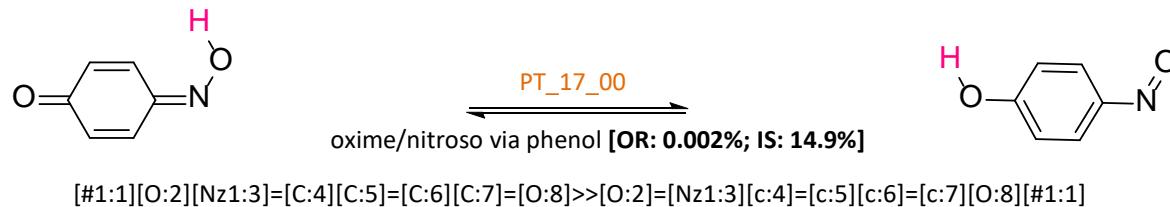
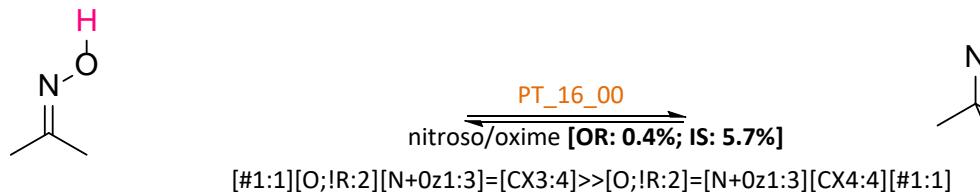
- Occurrence rates in PubChem (96M unique structures): between 65% (06) and 0.6% (11)
- [x%] = Matches of **NonStd InChIKeys** with rule-enumerated tautomers, sum of partial and complete matches (“**InChI Success**”) (Options used: **KET 15T DONOTADDH W0 RECMET NEWPS SPXYZ SAsXYZ Fb Fnud**)
- Generally, complete match counts are higher than partial ones
- StdInChI: Success = 0% for 03, 04, 12; reduced for all others
- Long-range extensions (PT\_11\_0n), n = 13, 15, 17, 19: NonStd InChI Success pretty good, between 15% and 44%
- Rare Standard CACTVS rules (PT\_12\_00 – PT\_21\_00): rare in PubChem (occur. rates <0.5%), InChI Success = ~0% except 2 rules
- Note that example structures are just that: examples. Similar for the names. The SMIRKS are really defining the rule, such as:

PT\_02\_00: 1.5 (thio)keto/(thio)enol  
 $[O,S,Se,Te;X1:1]=[Cz1H0:2][C:5]=[C:6][CX4z0,NX3:3][#1:4]>>$   
 $[#1:4][O,S,Se,Te;X2:1][Cz1:2]=[C:5][C:6]=[Cz0,N:3]$

Note that specific CACTVS transforms may be used that influence execution of specific rules.

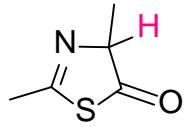
## CACTVS standard tautomeric transforms – Rare Rules with Some InChI Success

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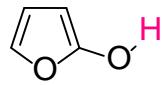
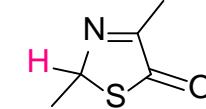
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## New Prototropic Transforms with High Occurrence Rates



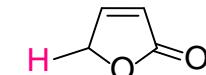
PT\_22\_00  
imine/imine [OR: 3.1%; IS: 0.05%]

[#1:1][CX4:2][NX2:3]=[CX3:4]>>[CX3:2]=[NX2:3][CX4:4][#1:1]



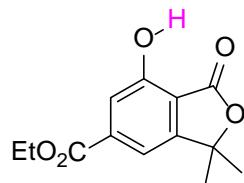
PT\_23\_00  
1,5 furanones [OR: 1.3%; IS: 1.9%]

[#1:1][O,S,NX3:2][cX3;z2;r5:3]=[c;r5:4][c;r5:5]=[c;z{1-2};r5;R{1-2}:6]>>  
[O,S,NX2:2]=[CX3;z2;r5:3][C;r5:4]=[C;r5:5][Cz{1-2};r5;R{1-2}:6][#1:1]

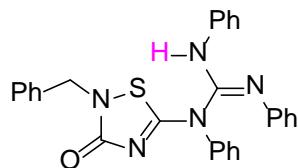
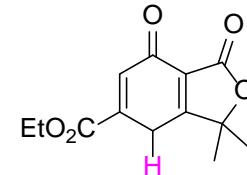


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## Rare Rules (Prototropic and Ring-Chain) with InChI Success > 1%

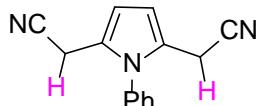
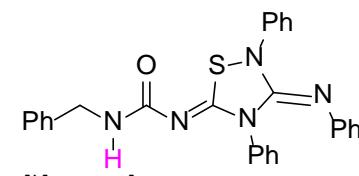


**PT\_48\_00**  
Benzofuranone [**OC: 473**; IS: 6.3%]  
[#1:12][OX2:10][c:2]1=[c:3][c:4]=[c:5][c:6]2=[c:1]1[C:8](=[O:11])[O:7][C:9]2>>  
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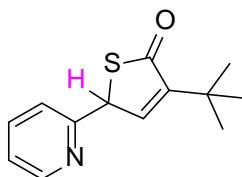
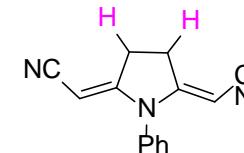
**RC\_14\_00**  
thiadiazoline rearrangement [**OC: 108**; IS: 1.9%]

[#1:1][NX3:2][CX{2-3}:3][NX3:4][CX3;R1:5]1[SX2;R1:6][NX3;R1:7][CX3;R1:8](=[O:9])[NX2:10]=1>>  
[NX3;R:2]1[CX{2-3};R:3][NX3;R:4][CX3;R:5](=[NX2:10][CX3:8](=[O:9])[NX3:7](#1:1)[SX2;R1:6]1



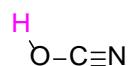
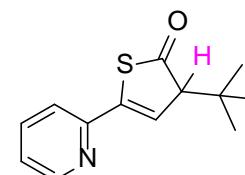
**PT\_44\_00**  
2-substituted-pyrrole [**OC: 9,599**; IS: 1.7%]

[#1:7][CX4;\$([C][C]#[N]),\$([C][C](=[O])[O]):6][c:5]1=[cR1:4][c:3]=[c:2][nX3:1]1>>  
[#1:7][CX4R1:4]1[CX3:3]=[CX3:2][NX3:1][CX3:5]1=[CX3;\$([C][C]#[N]),\$([C][C](=[O])[O]):6]



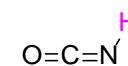
**PT\_42\_00**  
△3-/△4-pyrro(thio/seleno)lin-2-one [**OC: 437,342**; IS: 1.4%]

[#1:1][CX4:4]1[NX3,O,S,Se:5][CX3:6](=[O:7])[CX3:2]=[CX3;a0:3]1>>  
[#1:1][CX4:2]1[CX3;a0:3]=[CX3:4][NX3,O,S,Se:5][CX3:6]1=[O:7]



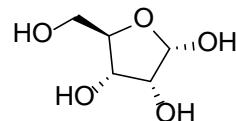
**PT\_18\_00**  
cyanic/iso-cyanic acids [**OC: 1,872**; IS: 1.2%]

[#1:1][O:2][C:3]#[N:4]>>[O:2]=[C:3]=[N:4](#1:1)



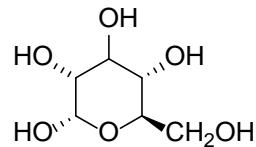
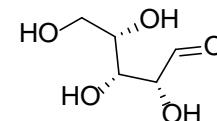
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## And What About Sugars...?



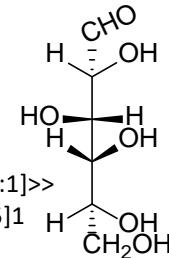
RC\_03\_00

5\_exo\_trig [OR: 8.6%; IS: 0.0%]



RC\_04\_01

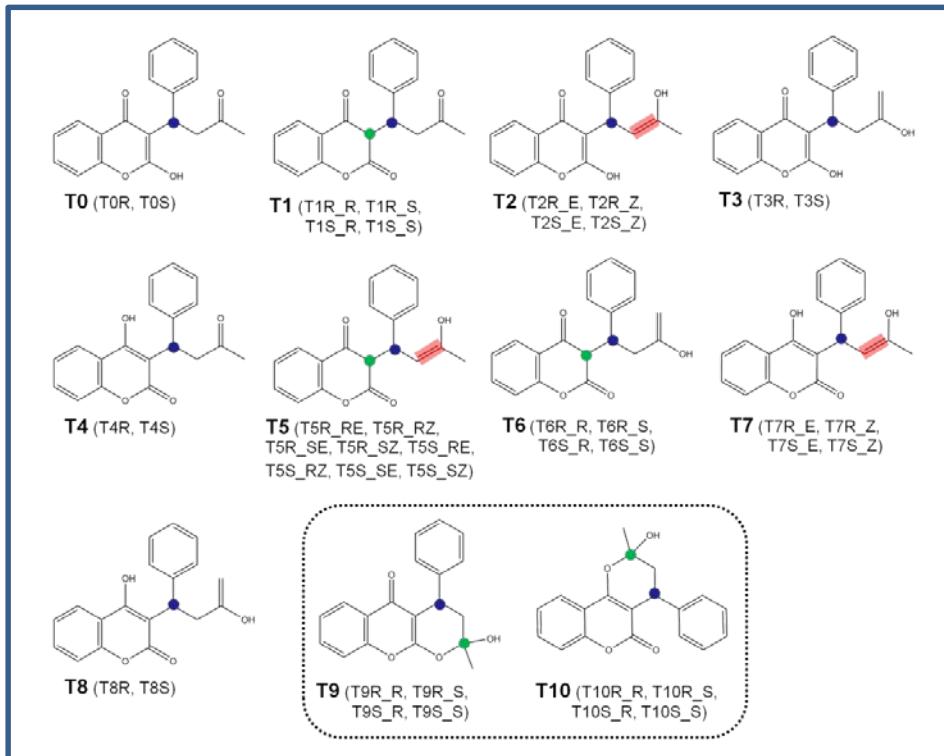
6\_exo\_trig [OR: 4.2%; IS: 0.0%]



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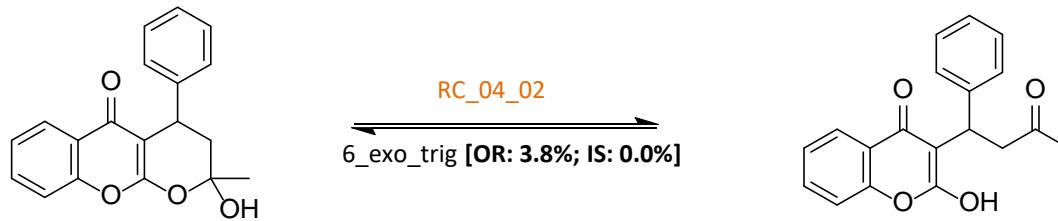
# And Then There is Warfarin...

Igor Pletnev: “ [...] 40 tautomers of warfarin listed in [(1)], should also converge to the same [InChI] string.”



(1) Guasch *et al.*, J. Org. Chem. 2015, 80, 9900–9909

20 tautomers per enantiomer via non-persistent stereogenic elements



[O,N,S,Se,Te:2]=[C;!R:3][!R:4]~[!R:7]~[R{0-1}:8]~[R{0-1}:6][O,N,S,Se,Te;!R:5][#1:1]>>  
[#1:1][O,N,S,Se,Te:2][#6R1;!c:3]1[\*;R1:4]~[\*;R1:7]~[\*:8]~[R:6][O,N,S,Se,Te;R1:5]1

## Summary and Further Questions

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- 20-30 transforms can be assigned higher priority
- Should we set 0.1% occurrence rate as threshold (>100,000 in PubChem)?
  - 25 rules
    - 4 of those: ring-chain
    - 1 of those: valence tautomerism
- Only 1 rule had 0 occurrence in PubChem
- Only 3 rules have (NonStandard) InChI Success rates > 90%
- Only 7 rules have (NonStandard) InChI Success rates > 50%
- 57 rules have (NonStandard) InChI Success rates = 0%
- New prototropic transforms: should be doable
- Ring-chain transforms: more difficult
- Valence tautomerism rules: may be nearly impossible with current InChI chemical structure model