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## **Propositions**

for the thesis

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- In 1951, NNMT was first purified from rat liver by Cantoni, who subsequently discovered SAM in 1952.
   Chapter 1 of this thesis
- 2. It is possible to regulate an epigenetic process for the treatment of disease and that a therapeutic window can be achieved clinically for this new class of drugs.
- 3. Intramolecular hydrogen bond has a very pronounced effect on molecular structure and properties.

  Chapter 2 of this thesis
- 4. Scaffold hopping will continue to be of high interest in medicinal chemistry. *Chapter 3 of this thesis*
- 5. The trimethyl lock provides a general method to mask amines and isopropyl ester provides general method to mask carboxylic acid. *Chapter 4 of this thesis*
- 6. During the years 2008–2017, 12.4% of all new molecular entities approved by the FDA were prodrugs.
- 7. Sulfonyl fluoride electrophiles have become important chemical biology and molecular pharmacology tools. *Chapter 5 of this thesis*
- 8. Zanubrutinib, the first approved drug of China in the U.S., is a covalent inhibitor of Bruton's tyrosine kinase (BTK).
- 9. The last leg of a journey marks the halfway point. (原行百里者半九十)
- 10. A journey of thousands of miles may not be achieved through accumulation of each single step, just as the enormous ocean may not be formed gathering every brook or stream. (不积跬步,无以至千里;不积小流,无以成江海)