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Povl Krogsgaard-Larsen is a professor of medicinal chemistry in the Department of Drug Design and Pharmacology, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, at the University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark. In 1970, he received his PhD in natural product chemistry from the former Royal Danish School of Pharmacy. As an associate professor, he established a research program focusing on the conversion of naturally occurring toxins into specific pharmacological tools and therapeutic agents. Key lead structures in this research program were the *Amanita muscaria* constituents, muscimol and ibotenic acid, and the Areca nut alkaloid, arecoline, all of which interact nonselectively with GABA, glutamate, and muscarinic receptors, respectively. The redesign of muscimol resulted in a variety of specific GABA agonists, notably THIP and isoguvacine, and specific GABA uptake inhibitors, including nipecotic acid and guvacine. Ibotenic acid was converted into a broad range of subtype-selective glutamate receptor agonists, including AMPA, from which the AMPA receptor subgroup was named. Arecoline was redesigned to provide a variety of subtypeselective muscarinic agonists and antagonists. Whereas nipecotic acid was subsequently developed into the antiepileptic agent tiagabine, THIP is currently used in advanced clinical trials.

In 1980, Dr. Krogsgaard-Larsen received his DSc. He has published nearly 460 scientific papers and edited a number of books, and during the period 1998–2013, he was editor of the *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*. He has been awarded honorary doctorates at the universities of Strasbourg (1992), Uppsala (2000), and Milan (2008), apart from receiving numerous other scientific awards and prizes. He is a member of a number of academies, including the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters. In 2002, he founded the Drug Research Academy as an academic/industrial research training center. He is currently chairman of the Brain Prize Foundation under the Lundbeck Foundation, member of the board of the Lundbeck Foundation, and deputy chairman of the Benzon Foundation. During the period 2003–2011, he was chairman of the Carlsberg Foundation.

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