



Nicholas Oberlies received his B.S. in Chemistry from Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) in 1992 and his Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy from Purdue University (West Lafayette, Indiana) in 1997, where he studied under Professor Jerry L. McLaughlin. He then spent a year as a postdoctoral chemist at American Cyanamid (Princeton, New Jersey), where he investigated leads with insecticidal, herbicidal, and fungicidal properties from natural sources. In 1998, he joined the Natural Products Laboratory at Research Triangle Institute (RTI) in North Carolina, specifically to be mentored by Dr. Mansukh C. Wani and the now late, Dr. Monroe E. Wall, who are most well known as the co-discoverers of taxol and camptothecin. He rose progressively through the ranks of RTI

and eventually directed the Natural Products Laboratory. In 2009, he moved his research group to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In particular, he was drawn to their Ph.D. program in Medicinal Biochemistry, where he could mentor the next generation of students in the chemistry of natural products. To date, he has mentored 7 Ph.D. students, 5 M.Sc. students, and more than a score of undergraduates. Graduates from his group are now faculty members, working in industry, or entering graduate programs and professional schools around the country. Nick has received several awards that speak to his accomplishments, including the Matt Suffness Young Investigator Award from the American Society of Pharmacognosy, the 40 under 40 Leadership Award from the Triangle Business Journal, the North Carolina Distinguished Speaker Award from the NC Section of the American Chemical Society, and the Junior Research Excellence Award from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.