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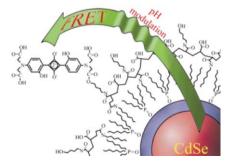
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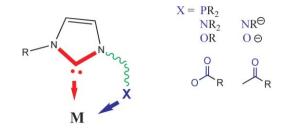
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Functionalised carbenes. Which functional groups are possible and is it always advantageous to introduce them? A tutorial review.

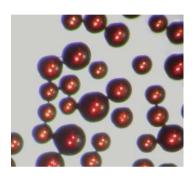


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Applications of phosphine-functionalised polymers in organic synthesis

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Functional ruthenium(II)- and iridium(III)-containing polymers for potential electro-optical applications

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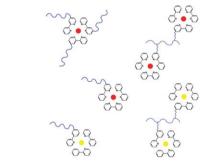
This critical review explores synthetic pathways to polymeric light-emitting ruthenium(II) and iridium(III) complexes with bipyridine ligands in the side chain or end-functionalized in the polymer backbone. Different polymerization techniques and end-coupling procedures are described.

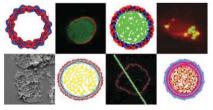
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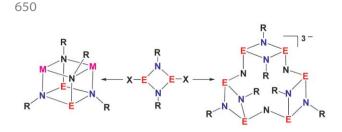
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Polyelectrolyte capsules are novel materials having high potential in the biomedical field. In this review an overview is given of the different mechanisms to obtain drug release from these capsules.





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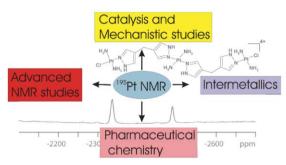


Chemistry of pnictogen(III)-nitrogen ring systems

Maravanii S. Balakrishna. Dana J. Eisler and Tristram Chivers*

The E_2N_2 (E = P, As, Sb, Bi) ring system is a versatile template for the construction of novel compounds ranging from metal complexes to macrocycles.

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This review highlights the progress in ¹⁹⁵Pt NMR over the last 25 years. In particular, some of the recent applications of ¹⁹⁵Pt NMR in catalytic and mechanistic studies, intermetallics and drug binding studies are discussed. The latest developments in the theoretical knowledge and experimental advances have made ¹⁹⁵Pt NMR an essential tool for examining molecular interactions and a rich source of information in many other fields.

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