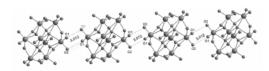
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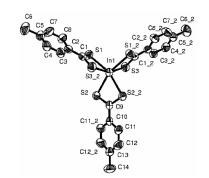
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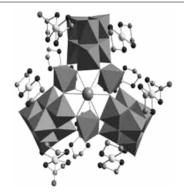
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An inorganic–organic hybrid material, $[2\text{-AmpH}]_4[\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}]$ has been synthesized by the reaction of $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ with 2-aminopyrimidine (2-Amp) from an acidic aqueous solution. The relevant crystal structure reveals an unusual cluster–cluster (non-covalent O···O) interaction using *cis*-(MoO₂) moieties of the isopolyanion. N–H···O hydrogen bonds, originated from pyridimidinium cation, play am important role for its stabilization.



$Tris(dithio carboxylato) indium (III): Thermal studies and \ crystal \ structure \ of \ [In(S_2Ctol)_3]$

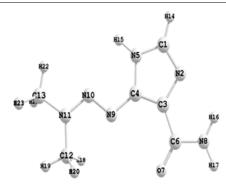
Tris(dithiocarboxylato)indium(III), [In{S₂CAr}₃] (Ar = phenyl or *p*-tolyl) have been reported. The X-ray structural analysis of [In(S₂Ctol)₃] revealed a distorted octahedral geometry with symmetrically chelating dithiocarboxylate groups. These complexes on thermolysis gave β -In₂S₃ which was characterized by XRD and EDX.



Preparation, crystal structure, and characterization of an inorganic–organic hybrid polyoxoniobate $[Cu(en)_2]_3[Cu(en)_2(H_2O)]_{1.5}[K_{0.5}Nb_{24}O_{72}H_{14.5}]2\cdot 25H_2O$

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An inorganic–organic hybrid polyoxoniobate compound $[Cu(en)_2]_3$ $[Cu(en)_2(H_2O)]_{1.5}[K_{0.5}Nb_{24}O_{72}H_{14.5}]2\cdot25H_2O$ **1** has been synthesized and characterized by IR, ESR spectroscopy and single-crystal X-ray diffraction method. The whole molecule possesses the $C_{3\nu}$ symmetry and the structure contains N–H···O hydrogen bonds between the coordinated ethylenediamine and the polyniobate-anion.



Density functional theory study of vibrational spectra, and assignment of fundamental modes of dacarbazine

Vibrational assignment was made for dacarbazine using *ab initio* Hartree-Fock, MP2 and DFT method. The calculated harmonic vibrational frequencies compared with experimental FTIR and FT Raman spectra. Based on the comparison between calculated and experimental results and the comparison with related molecules, assignments of fundamental vibrational modes are justified.

Guest-host interactions in the cleavage of phenylphenyl acetates by β -cyclodextrin in alkaline medium

The rates of cleavage of phenylphenyl acetate (PPA) and several parasubstituted PPA have been measured spectrophotometrically in alkaline medium containing β -cyclodextrin (CD). PPA form 1:1 inclusion complex with CD. The overall rate constants for the cleavage of the [PPA:CD] complex correlate with the Hammett σ -constants and Hansch hydrophobicity parameters π .

The ribose and glycine Maillard reaction in the interstellar medium (ISM): A theoretical study

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Possibility of the Maillard reaction to take place in the gaseous phase in the interstellar medium was investigated by theoretical DFT computations. Cyclic ribose (**c-Rib**)/open-chain ribose (**c-Rib**) and glycine have been taken as the model. The kinetics of the mechanics has also been briefly addressed in this work.

β -Enaminonitriles in heterocylic synthesis: Synthesis of new tetrahydropyridinethione, pyridopyrimidines, pyridotriazines and dihydropyridines

3-Aminocrotononitrile (1) reacted with cyanothioacetamide to give tetrahydropyridinthione (4). Heating of 4 gives 5. Compound 4 was reacted with ethoxymethylene-malononitrile and ethyl-2-cyano-3-ethoxyacrylate to give 9a-b. Compounds 1 and 4 were reacted with benzylidenemalononitrile and arylidenecyanothioacetamide to give 13a-f and 24a-e. Some isothiocyanate derivatives were reacted with 4 to give the pyridotriazine derivatives 16a-b and thiourea derivatives 18a-b.

Microwave-assisted efficient oxidation of internal alkynes to 1,2-diaryldiketones with $DMSO/I_{\rm 2}$

This paper reports the oxidation of functionalized internal alkynes with DMSO in the presence of I_2 under microwave irradiation. This procedure gave 1,2-diaryldiketones in good yields.

Cover picture: XRD pattern obtained from thermolysis of $[In{S_2CPh}_3]$. For details see the paper by Shamik Ghoshal *et al* (pp 305–308).

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