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Synthesis of the unnatural amino acid  $N^{\infty}$ - $N^{\varepsilon}$ -(ferrocene-1-acetyl)-L-lysine: A novel organometallic nuclease

The synthesis of a new unnatural amino acid,  $N^{\alpha}$ - $N^{\epsilon}$ -(ferrocene-1-acetyl)-L-lysine, has been successfully achieved. The structure of the compound permits incorporation of ferrocene into both peptides or proteins and the nucleolytic activity exhibited by this molecule can be further developed to investigate protein–nucleic acid interactions.



## Yong-jia Shang, Jian-wei Wu, Chen-li Fan, Jin-song Hu, Ben-ye Lu

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Synthesis of 1,3-bis-(5-ferrocenylisoxazole-3-yl) benzene-derived palladium(II) acetate complex and its application in Mizoroki-Heck reaction in an aqueous solution The first synthesis and characterization of 1,3-bis-(5-ferrocenylisoxazole-3-yl) benzene-derived palladium(II) acetate complex were described and its application in Heck coupling reactions in an aqueous solution was studied. Complex **5** had been demonstrated to be a highly stable, active and efficient catalyst for Mizoroki-Heck coupling reactions.



## Babak Karimi, Ali Asghar Safari

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One-pot synthesis of  $\alpha$ -aminonitriles using a highly efficient and recyclable silicabased scandium (III) interphase catalyst Both aryl and alkyl imines, which formed in situ from aldehydes and amines undergo smooth nucleophilic addition with trimethylsilyl cyanide in the presence of a catalytic amount of a recyclable silicabased scandium (III) interphase catalyst under mild reaction condition to furnish the corresponding  $\alpha$ -aminonitriles in good to excellent yields.



## **Regular Papers**

Nilesh C. Mehendale, Martin Lutz, Anthony L. Spek, Robertus J.M. Klein Gebbink, Gerard van Koten

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Self-assembly of *para*-OH functionalized ECE-metalated pincer complexes

The synthesis and structural characterization of *para*-OH functionalized ECE pincer complexes are reported. These complexes were found to self-assemble by means of hydrogen bonding between the metalhalide or cationic metal fragment and the hydroxy group to form polymers or dimers, respectively.

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#### Anna Wrona, Janusz Zakrzewski, Lucjan Jerzykiewicz, Keitaro Nakatani

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"Push-pull" 2-ferrocenyl-4-hydroxythiazoles: A novel method of the construction of the thiazole ring The title compounds were obtained *via* cyclization of ferrocenyl thioimidates in the presence of sodium ethoxide. Compound having R = p-nitrophenyl and  $R_1 = Ac$  showed significant second-order NLO properties determined by the EFISH method.



R = p-nitrophenyl, p-cyanophenyl, COOEt  $R_1 = H$ , Ac

#### M. Helena Garcia, Pedro Florindo, M. Fátima M. Piedade, M. Teresa Duarte, M. Paula Robalo, Jürgen Heck, Christian Wittenburg, Jan Holtmann, Emanuela Licandro

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Synthesis of organometallic Ru(II) and Fe(II) complexes containing fused rings hemi-helical ligands as chromophores. Evaluation of non-linear optical properties by HRS

## Li Xu, Guangnan Ou, Youzhu Yuan

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Ionic liquids as acid/base buffers in nonaqueous solvents for homogeneous catalysis: of selective Α case hydrogenation of olefins and unsaturated aldehyde catalyzed by ruthenium complexes

A new family of  $\eta^5$ -cyclopentadienylruthenium(II)/iron(II) complexes possessing novel benzodithiophene ligands (**BDT**) which planarity is guaranteed by the fused rings skeleton, is presented. Structures of  $[Ru(\eta^5-C_5H_5)(PPh_3)_2(NCC_{10}H_5S_2)][PF_6]$  (**1Ru**),  $[Ru(\eta^5-C_5H_5)(PPh_3)_2(NCC_{10}H_5S_2)][CF_3SO_3]$ (**1'Ru**),  $[Ru(\eta^5-C_5H_5)(DPPE)(NCC_{10}H_5S_2)]-$ [PF<sub>6</sub>] (**2Ru**) and  $[Fe(\eta^5-C_5H_5)(DPPE)-$ (NCC<sub>10</sub>H<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub>)][PF<sub>6</sub>] (**2Fe**) were determined by X-ray diffraction. Quadratic hyperpolarizabilities ( $\beta$ ) were determined by hyper-Rayleigh scattering (HRS) at 1500 nm.



The acidity/basicity in non-aqueous and low-water media can be tuned by using a class of ionic liquids (ILs) with buffering characteristics. The hydrogenation activity and selectivity of olefins and *trans*-cinnamaldehyde catalyzed by the ruthenium complexes in non-aqueous system could be inverted by adding the different ILbuffers.



#### Rolfe H. Herber, Israel Nowik

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Metal atom dynamics in organometallics: Vibrational amplitude determination for bis phosphino ferrocenes including a waxy system Three structurally related phosphino ferrocenes have been examined by temperature-dependent <sup>57</sup>Fe Mössbauer effect spectroscopy to elucidate the metal atom dynamics over a temperature range.



#### Massimo Di Vaira, Maurizio Peruzzini, Stefano Seniori Costantini, Piero Stoppioni

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Reactivity of thiophosphinous acid bound to ruthenium

The thiophosphinous acid, PH<sub>2</sub>SH, stabilized through coordination to the CpRu(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> platform, is reversibly deprotonated to yield the neutral compound [CpRu(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>2</sub>S)], where the thiophosphinite anion, PH<sub>2</sub>S<sup>-</sup>, remains bound to the metal through the phosphorus atom. The sulfur of the coordinated anion may be alkylated to yield [CpRu(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(PH<sub>2</sub>SCH<sub>3</sub>)]-CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>.



### Serena Berardi, Valeria Conte, Giulia Fiorani, Barbara Floris, Pierluca Galloni

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Improvement of ferrocene acylation. Conventional vs. microwave heating for scandium-catalyzed reaction in alkylmethylimidazolium-based ionic liquids Quantitative acylation of ferrocene was achieved within minutes, with microwave irradiation, 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl) imide as solvent, carboxylic anhydrides as acylating reagent and scandium triflate as catalyst.



## Joana Marques, Lucia Anjo, Maria P.M. Marques, Teresa M. Santos, Filipe A. Almeida Paz, Susana S. Braga

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Structural studies on supramolecular adducts of cyclodextrins with the complex [Ru([9]aneS<sub>3</sub>)(bpy)Cl]Cl

 $[Ru([9]aneS_3)(bpy)Cl]Cl \ was \ immobilised in \beta-CD and TRIMEB yielding two crystal-line 1:1 adducts studied by powder XRD, TGA, <math display="inline">^{13}C\{^1H\}$  CP/MAS NMR, FT-IR and Raman. For  $[Ru([9]aneS_3)(bpy)Cl]Cl \cdot TRI-MEB a channel packing mode is proposed, obtained by Monte Carlo optimisation of the XRD data.$ 



## Jan Storch, Jan Čermák, Martin Pošta, Jan Sýkora, Ivana Císařová

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Palladium(II) aryl-amido complexes of diphosphinoazines in unsymmetrical PNP' pincer-type configuration Square planar palladium(II) aryl-amido complexes of diphosphinoazines in monoanionic unsymmetrical PNP' pincer-type coordination were prepared by reactions of phenyl-, *o*-tolyl-, or 2,6-dimethylphenyllithium with previously described chloroamido complexes of diphosphinoazines having isopropyl, cyclohexyl and *tert*-butyl substituents on phosphorus atoms. Two compounds were characterized by X-ray diffraction.



#### Sodio C.N. Hsu, Yu-Chen Zheng, Hsing-Yin Chen, Min-Yuan Hung, Ting-Shen Kuo

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Synthesis, characterization, and structural study of iron–sulfur core  $\{Cp_2Fe_2(\mu\text{-SEt})_2\}$  complexes

The known complex  $[Cp_2Fe_2(\mu-SR)_2-(MeCN)_2](PF_6)_2$  (1) containing two labile MeCN ligands reacts with 2 equiv. KCN to afford an yellow complex  $Cp_2Fe_2(\mu-SEt)_2(CN)_2$  (2). The reaction of complex 2 with equimolar amounts of MeOTf yields a monomethylation product  $[Cp_2Fe_2(\mu-SEt)_2(CN)(CNMe)](OTf)$  (3). Dimethylation of complex 2 by 2 equiv. MeOTf gives a complex  $[Cp_2Fe_2(\mu-SEt)_2(CNMe)_2](OTf)_2$  (4).



#### M. Khawar Rauf, M. Adeel Saeed, Imtiaz-ud-Din, M. Bolte, A. Badshah, B. Mirza

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Synthesis, characterization and biological activities of some new organotin(IV) derivatives: Crystal structure of [(Sn Ph<sub>3</sub>) (OOCC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OH)] and [(SnMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (OOC)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub> (DMSO)<sub>2</sub>]

Some new bioactive organotin(IV) carboxylates(1–6) of substituted phenyl acids have been synthesized and were characterized by multinuclear (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>119</sup>Sn) NMR, IR spectroscopy. The structures of compound (3) and ( $4 \cdot 2$ DMSO) was also studied crystallographically describing tetrahedral and trigonal bipyramidal geometry around the Sn atoms, respectively.



### Kota Thirumala Prasad, Bruno Therrien, Kollipara Mohan Rao

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Cationic half-sandwich complexes (Rh, Ir, Ru) containing 2-substituted-1,8naphthyridine chelating ligands: Syntheses, X-ray structure analyses and spectroscopic studies Reactions of the arene ruthenium and pentamethylcyclopentadienyl rhodium and iridium complexes with 1,8-naphthyridine substituted ligands gave the mononuclear cationic complexes.



### Xin Wang, Guo-Liang Wang, Shuang Liu, Shuyi Cai, Guo-Xin Jin

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Half-sandwich binuclear carbaborane compounds: Closo-carbaboranes as good  $\sigma$ -donar ligands

Binuclear half-sandwich iridium, rhodium and ruthenium complexes containing Cab<sup>C,C</sup> as bidentate bridging ligand have been synthesized and characterized structurally.



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(*N*-Arylaminomethyl)pyridine-*N*-oxides: Synthesis and characterization of potential ligand systems and the formation of their N,O-chelate aluminum complexes A series of 2-(*N*-diisopropylphenylaminomethyl)pyridine-*N*-oxide derivatives was prepared by nucleophilic borohydride or methylaluminum addition to the corresponding (iminomethyl)pyridine-*N*-oxide precursors. Their  $\kappa$ N,O-chelate aluminum complexes were characterized by X-ray diffraction.

### Noelia Antón, Marta Arroyo, Patricia Gómez-Iglesias, Daniel Miguel, Fernando Villafañe

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Manganese cationic pyrazolylamidino complexes

The X-ray structures of manganese tricarbonyl cationic pyrazolylamidino complexes show moderate hydrogen bonds interactions between the anion ( $BF_4^-$  or  $ClO_4^-$ ) and the N-bond hydrogen of the pyrazolylamidino ligand and, in one case, one of the hydrogens of an aquo ligand.

# Sergey L. Sedinkin, Nigam P. Rath, Eike B. Bauer

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Synthesis and structural characterization of new phosphinooxazoline complexes of iron

A series of new chelating phosphinooxazoline complexes of iron was synthesized and structurally characterized. Sterically and electronically tuned phosphinooxazoline were employed as ligands, and the impact of the ligand structure on the properties of the corresponding iron complexes was studied by means of IR and cyclic voltammetry.





Patricia García-García, Manuel A. Fernández-Rodríguez, Christian Rocaboy, Facundo Andina, Enrique Aguilar

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A sub-stoichiometric tungsten-mediated Pauson-Khand reaction: Scope and limitations An intermolecular Pauson–Khand reaction, a [2+2+1] cycloaddition leading to cyclopentenones, is catalyzed by tungsten carbonyl complexes. Its scope and limitations are established.

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#### Arno Behr, Thomas Beckmann, Pierre Schwach

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Multiphase telomerisation of butadiene with acetic acid and acetic anhydride

Two different routes to acetoxyoctadiene are presented. The first one uses the wellknown telomerisation of butadiene with acetic acid operating in a multiphase semibatch mode. The second reaction involves the cleavage of acetic anhydride, hydrogen transfer via ketene formation and thus a telomerisation as well.



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