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See L. Frish, M. O. Vysotsky, V. Böhmer and Y. Cohen, page 2011. The cover shows the signal decays of cobaltocenium cation, ferrocene and tetraurea calix[4]arene dimer in dichloroethane solution, obtained by the pulsed gradient spin echo diffusion NMR sequence, demonstrating that only the cobaltocenium cation and the tetraurea calix[4]arene dimer diffuse as a single supramolecular entity, thus probing the encapsulation of cobaltocenium cation by the dimer.



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#### COMMUNICATIONS

Enantioselective synthesis of BMS-204352 (MaxiPost<sup>™</sup>) using *N*-fluoroammonium salts of cinchona alkaloids (F-CA-BF<sub>4</sub>)

Ludivine Zoute, Christophe Audouard, Jean-Christophe Plaquevent and Dominique Cahard

The potent Maxi-K potassium channel opener BMS-204352 was prepared by enantioselective electrophilic fluorination. An ee as high as 88% was achieved (>99% after recrystallisation).

## Conformational analysis by HRMAS NMR spectroscopy of resin-bound homo-peptides from $C^{\alpha}$ -methyl-leucine

Mario Rainaldi, Nathalie Lancelot, Karim Elbayed, Jesus Raya, Martial Piotto, Jean-Paul Briand, Bernard Kaptein, Quirinus B. Broxterman, Albrecht Berkessel, Fernando Formaggio, Claudio Toniolo and Alberto Bianco

A detailed characterization of the secondary structure adopted by the resin-bound  $[L-(\alpha Me)Leu]_n$  homo-peptides has been performed by HRMAS NMR spectroscopy.

## 2,5-Disubstituted pyrrolidines: versatile regioselective and diastereoselective synthesis by enamine reduction and subsequent alkylation

Syed Raziullah Hussaini and Mark G. Moloney

Stereoselective reduction of an enamine derived from pyroglutamic acid followed by regioselective alkylation provides direct access to functionalised pyrrolidines.

### An enantioselective double Diels–Alder approach to the tetracyclic framework of colombiasin A

Jason H. Chaplin, Alison J. Edwards and Bernard L. Flynn

The colombiasin A skeleton is conveniently accessed through a novel enantioselective Diels–Alder–elimination–intramolecular Diels–Alder (DA–E–IMDA) sequence.

#### ARTICLES

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Strategies and methods for the attachment of amino acids and peptides to chiral [n]polynorbornane templates

Frederick M. Pfeffer and Richard A. Russell

Amino acids and peptides attached to chiral [*n*]polynorbornane frameworks offer new topographically constrained substrates suitable for use in peptidomimetic investigations.



Elimination

Intramolecular Diels-Alder

(DA-E-IMDA)

Tol

enantiopure

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## The stability of intramolecular DNA quadruplexes with extended loops forming inter- and intra-loop duplexes

Antonina Risitano and Keith R. Fox

Intramolecular DNA quadruplexes can form short duplexes within extended loops.



 $G \longrightarrow G$ 







## Aspergillicins A–E: five novel depsipeptides from the marine-derived fungus *Aspergillus carneus*

Robert J. Capon, Colin Skene, Michael Stewart, Joanne Ford, Richard A. J. O'Hair, Leisha Williams, Ernest Lacey, Jennifer H. Gill, Kirstin Heiland and Thomas Friedel

The first account of marcfortine A from a marine-derived fungus and of its ability to paralyse nematodes *in vitro*  $(LD_{99} 0.06 \ \mu g \ mL^{-1})$ .

#### Synthesis of 2,2-dimethyl-1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D<sub>3</sub>: A-ring structural motif that modulates interactions of vitamin D receptor with transcriptional coactivators

Toshie Fujishima, Atsushi Kittaka, Kazuyoshi Yamaoka, Ken-ichi Takeyama, Shigeaki Kato and Hiroaki Takayama

All four possible A-ring stereoisomers of 2,2-dimethyl-1,25dihydroxyvitamin  $D_3$  have been efficiently synthesised by employing a convergent method using a palladium catalyst.

#### Enantiopure lanthanide complexes incorporating a tetraazatriphenylene sensitiser and three naphthyl groups: exciton coupling, intramolecular energy transfer, efficient singlet oxygen formation and perturbation by DNA binding

Gabriella Bobba, Yann Bretonnière, Juan-Carlos Frias and David Parker

Efficient energy transfer from the heterocyclic chromophore to the naphthyl triplet leads to singlet oxygen formation in the Tb complex.

#### Oligonucleotides incorporating 8-aza-7-deazapurines: synthesis and base pairing of nucleosides with nitrogen-8 as a glycosylation position

Junlin He and Frank Seela

Novel base pair motifs are detected in DNA duplexes containing unusually linked nucleobases.



#### Highly diastereoselective 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reactions of *trans*-2-methylene-1,3-dithiolane 1,3-dioxide with 3-oxidopyridinium and 3-oxidopyrylium betaines: a route to the tropane skeleton

Varinder K. Aggarwal, Richard S. Grainger, Gary K. Newton, Peter L. Spargo, Adrian D. Hobson and Harry Adams

Ketene dithioacetal bis-sulfoxides show very high reactivity and diastereoselectivity in cycloaddition reactions with 3-oxidopyridinium betaines.

## Synthetic routes for a new family of chiral tetradentate ligands containing pyridine rings

Mathias Düggeli, Catherine Goujon-Ginglinger, Sarah Richard Ducotterd, David Mauron, Christophe Bonte, Alexander von Zelewsky, Helen Stoeckli-Evans and Antonia Neels

The family of chiral tetradentate ligands containing pyridine is significantly enlarged through the synthetic routes described in this publication.

## Acylation is rate-limiting in glycosylasparaginase-catalyzed hydrolysis of $N^4$ -(4'-substituted phenyl)-L-asparagines

Wenjun Du and John M. Risley

The question posed in this study was: Is the acylation step the rate-limiting step in the hydrolysis reaction as in serine proteases? To answer this question a series of mostly new substituted anilides was synthesized and characterized, and their hydrolysis reactions catalyzed by glycosylasparaginase from human amniotic fluid were studied.

## Novel efficient synthesis of dibromoalkenes. A first example of catalytic olefination of aliphatic carbonyl compounds

Vasily N. Korotchenko, Alexey V. Shastin, Valentine G. Nenajdenko and Elizabeth S. Balenkova

The reaction proceeds under mild conditions to give the target products in good to high yields.

## A prototype solid phase synthesis of pteridines and related heterocyclic compounds

Colin L. Gibson, Salvatore La Rosa and Colin J. Suckling

The development of a versatile solid phase synthesis of bicyclic polyaza heterocycles including pteridines, purines, and deazapurines is described.

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#### Stereoselective synthesis of several azido/amino- and diazido/diamino-myo-inositols and their phosphates from *p*-benzoquinone

Michael A. L. Podeschwa, Oliver Plettenburg and Hans-Josef Altenbach

Syntheses of target compounds via azido/diazido-conduritol B derivatives (easily available in both enantiomeric forms) are described.

#### Intramolecular acylative ring-switching reactions of 3-(tetrahydro-2'-furyl)propanoic acid derivatives to give butanolides: mechanism and scope

David H. Grayson, Úna McCarthy and Edwin D. Roycroft

Butanolides are produced via intramolecular rearrangement of acylium species derived from 3-(tetrahydro-2'-furyl)propanoic acids

#### Optically pure $\beta$ -substituted $\beta$ -hydroxy aspartates as glutamate transporter blockers

Johny Wehbe, Tarek Kassem, Valérie Rolland, Marc Rolland, Mohamad Tabcheh, Marie-Louise Roumestant and Jean Martinez

A short asymmetric synthesis of optically pure  $\beta$ -substituted  $\beta$ -hydroxy aspartates is described. The key step is an aldol reaction between a glycine enolate derived from an oxazinone intermediate used as chiral auxiliary and various  $\alpha$ -keto esters.

#### Antifolate chemistry: synthesis of 4-{N-[(6RS)-2-methyl-4oxo-3,4,7,8-tetrahydro-6H-cyclopenta[g]quinazolin-6-yl]-N-(prop-2-ynyl)amino}benzoic acid via a (propargyl)Co<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>+ complex

Vassilios Bavetsias, Rainer Clauss and Elisa A. Henderson

A new route to compound **3** is reported which includes the use of the (propargyl) $Co_2(CO)_6^+$  complex for the introduction of the propargyl group.

#### Reaction of azulenes with 1-trifluoromethanesulfonylpyridinium trifluoromethanesulfonate (TPT) and synthesis of the parent azulene

Shunji Ito, Ryuji Yokoyama, Tetsuo Okujima, Tomomi Terazono, Takahiro Kubo, Akio Tajiri, Masataka Watanabe and Noboru Morita

Reaction of azulenes with 1-trifluoromethanesulfonylpyridinium trifluoromethanesulfonate (TPT) and synthesis of the parent azulene are described.





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#### NHa NH<sub>2</sub> OR RO OR R OR ′OR OR HO ′∩₽ A OR 0R N<sub>3</sub> OR RO 0R Ōн 'OR RO

 $CO_2COCF_3$ 



#### Formation of optically active chromanes by catalytic asymmetric tandem oxa-Michael addition–Friedel–Crafts alkylation reactions

Hester L. van Lingen, Wei Zhuang, Tore Hansen, Floris P. J. T. Rutjes and Karl Anker Jørgensen

A catalytic tandem reaction, which provides facile and efficient access to optically active functionalised chromanes, proceeds under the influence of bisoxazoline-based catalysts to give diastereomerically pure products in enantioselectivities up to 81% and excellent yields.

## The application of polymer-bound carbonylcobalt(0) species in linker chemistry and catalysis

Alex C. Comely, Susan E. Gibson, Neil J. Hales, Craig Johnstone and Andrea Stevenazzi

Carbonylcobalt(0) species have been used as linkers between alkynes and a polymer support. The cobalt coated polymers produced during this study were shown to catalyse the Pauson–Khand reaction.

# Reinterpretation of the kinetic data and the non-steady state hypothesis (two-step mechanism) for the $S_N 2$ reaction between *p*-nitrophenoxide and methyl iodide in aprotic solvents containing water

Eduardo Humeres and T. William Bentley

A recently-proposed two-step  $S_N^2$  mechanism is reinterpreted either by preferential reaction *via* free anions and/or by base-quenching side reactions.

## Substituent effects on the ionization reaction of $\beta\mbox{-mesylate}$ phenethyl radicals

Sandy F. Lancelot, Frances L. Cozens and Norman P. Schepp

Substituent and solvent effects are observed in the ionization of mesylate from  $\beta\mbox{-substituted}$  arylethyl radicals.

Peptide backbone folding induced by the  $C^u$ -tetrasubstituted cyclic  $\alpha$ -amino acids 4-amino-1,2-dithiolane-4-carboxylic acid (Adt) and 1-aminocyclopentane-1-carboxylic acid (Ac<sub>5</sub>c). A joint computational and experimental study

Massimiliano Aschi, Gino Lucente, Fernando Mazza, Adriano Mollica, Enrico Morera, Marianna Nalli and Mario Paglialunga Paradisi

Oligopeptide models have been studied, through application of computational and experimental methodologies, in order to determine the properties of the Ac<sub>5</sub>c and Adt residues as  $\gamma$ -turn inducers.

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2a,b R = H; R' = OMe

3a,b R = OBut; R' = Ala-OMe



∏ C−CH<sub>2</sub>NHCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>X

+  $NH_3CH_2C_6H_4X$  +  $Cl^-$ 

YC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>

#### ARTICLES

## Nucleophilic substitution reactions of $\alpha$ -chloroacetanilides with benzylamines in dimethyl sulfoxide

Ki Sun Lee, Keshab Kumar Adhikary, Hai Whang Lee, Bon-Su Lee and Ikchoon Lee

Consideration of Brønsted  $\beta_x$  values and cross-interaction constants,  $\rho_{xy}$ .

#### Reaction of imidazole with toluene-4-sulfonate salts of substituted phenyl *N*-methylpyridinium-4-carboxylate esters: special base catalysis by imidazole

Matthew J. Colthurst and Andrew Williams

General bases do not catalyse the imidazolysis reaction thus excluding the mechanism analogous to that for aminolysis of esters by primary or secondary amines.

## *N*-Acyl-5,5-dimethyloxazolidin-2-ones as latent aldehyde equivalents

Jordi Bach, Cécile Blachère, Steven D. Bull, Stephen G. Davies, Rebecca L. Nicholson, Paul D. Price, Hitesh J. Sanganee and Andrew D. Smith

DIBAL-H reduction of *N*-acyl-5,5-dimethyloxazolidinones generates stable, tetrahedral carbinol species which may be fragmented upon treatment with base to the aldehyde, or with a lithiated phosphonate reagent to the  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ester.

# Compensation of steric demand by cation $-\pi$ interactions, cobaltocenium cations as guests in tetraurea calix[4]arene dimers

Limor Frish, Myroslav O. Vysotsky, Volker Böhmer and Yoram Cohen

Tetraurea calix[4]arene dimers encapsulate a cobaltocenium cation with much higher affinity than ferrocene demonstrating the relative importance of cation $-\pi$  interactions in such systems.

## Synthesis of $18\pi$ annulenic fluorofullerenes from tertiary carbanions: size matters!

Glenn A. Burley, Anthony G. Avent, Olga V. Boltalina, Thomas Drewello, Ilya V. Goldt, Massimo Marcaccio, Francesco Paolucci, Demis Paolucci, Joan M. Street and Roger Taylor

A range of tertiary carbanions have been treated with  $C_{60}F_{18}$  to assess the effect of steric bulk on the position of nucleophilic substitution.



 $YC_6H_4-N-C-CH_2CI + 2NH_2CH_2C_6H_4X \xrightarrow{DMSO}$ 

R=H and CH<sub>3</sub>

 $\label{eq:rescaled} \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{R} = \mathsf{CH}_2\mathsf{Ph}, \, \mathsf{CH}_2\mathsf{CH}_3, \, \mathsf{C}(\mathsf{Me})_3, \\ \mathsf{CH}_2\mathsf{CH}{=}\mathsf{CH}_2, \, \mathsf{CH}_2\mathsf{CH}(\mathsf{Me})_2 \end{array}$ 



K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH or NaOH, NaHSO<sub>3</sub>



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