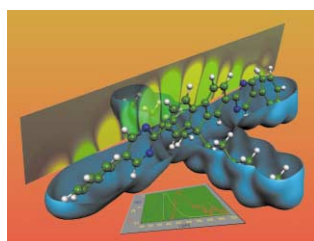


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The structure of 2,7-bis(5-phenyl-2-pyrimidyl)-9,9-dihexylfluorene, which has been used as the emissive layer in an organic light-emitting diode. Both experimental and computational data indicate that incorporation of the 2-pyrimidine moiety into the oligoarylene backbone facilitates the planarisation of this fragment and permits a degree of control over the HOMO/LUMO energy levels.



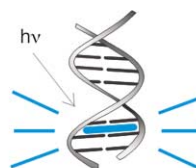
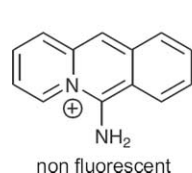
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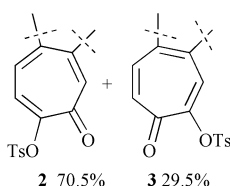
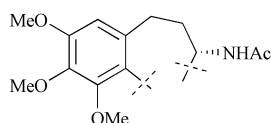
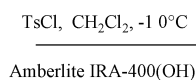
6-Aminoacridizinium bromide: a fluorescence probe which lights up in AT-rich regions of DNA

Heiko Ihmels, Katja Faulhaber, Kathrin Wissel, Giampietro Viola and Daniela Vedaldi

The title compound exhibits a selective enhancement of its fluorescence intensity in the presence of AT-rich DNA. This compound constitutes a useful platform for a new generation of selective DNA-sensing probes.

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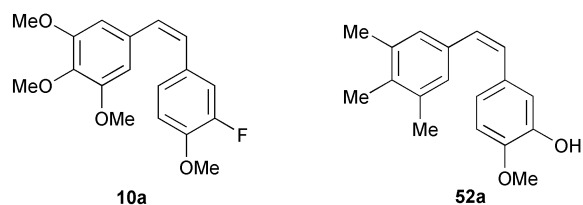


Tautomeric selectivity towards colchicinoids in the tosylation of colchicine on a heterogeneous, easily removable catalyst

Marino Cavazza and Francesco Pietra

A new rapid method of tosylation, on Amberlite IRA-400, of compounds containing acidic OH groups shows preferential selectivity for the **1a** tautomer of colchicine.

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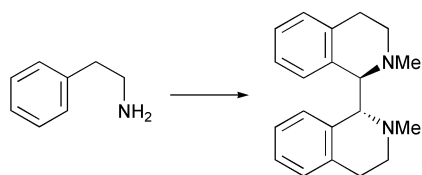


Structural requirements for the interaction of combretastatins with tubulin: how important is the trimethoxy unit?

Keira Gaukroger, John A. Hadfield, Nicholas J. Lawrence, Steven Nolan and Alan T. McGown

Fluoro and trimethyl stilbenes **10a** and **52a** have been synthesised and shown to have potent antimitotic effects with reduced cytotoxicity compared to combretastatin A-4.

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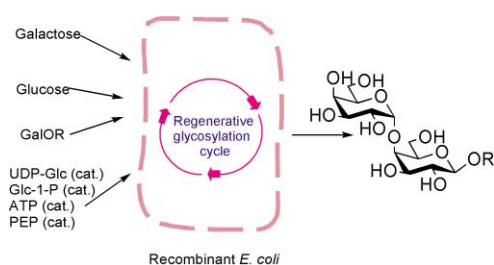


Synthesis and reactions of partially reduced bisoquinolines

Mark C. Elliott and Eve Williams

An improved synthesis of the 1,1',2,2',3,3',4,4'-octahydro-1,1'-bisoquinoline ring system is described; the reactivity of this system has been investigated, including the unusually high basicity of the parent compound and its *N,N'*-dimethyl derivative.

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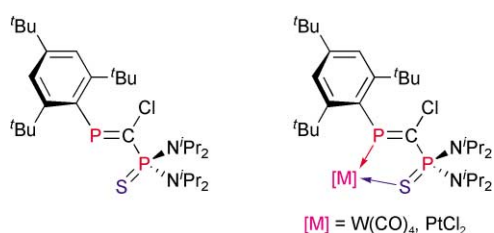


Large-scale synthesis of globotriose derivatives through recombinant *E. coli*

Jianbo Zhang, Przemyslaw Kowal, Xi Chen and Peng George Wang

Syntheses of globotriose derivatives with superbug CKTUF.

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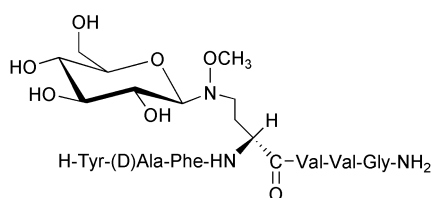


Preparation, structure and coordination properties of 3,3-bis(diisopropylamino)-3-thioxo-1-(2,4,6-tri-*tert*-butylphenyl)-1,3-diphosphapropene

Hongze Liang, Shigekazu Ito and Masaaki Yoshifuji

A sterically encumbered 3,3-diamino-3-thioxo-1,3-diphosphapropene was prepared, characterised and used as a chelate ligand for several transition metal complexes.

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Opioid peptides: synthesis and biological properties of [(*N*^γ-glucosyl,*N*^γ-methoxy)- α,γ -diamino-(*S*)-butanoyl]⁴-deltorphin-1-neoglycopeptide and related analogues







Fernando Filira, Barbara Biondi, Laura Biondi, Elisa Giannini, Marina Gobbo, Lucia Negri and Raniero Rocchi

Incorporation of (*N*^γ-Boc,*N*^γ-methoxy)- α,γ -diamino-(*S*)-butanoic acid residue into the deltorphin 1 sequence and chemoselective glucosylation of the resulting peptide at the amino(methoxy) side chain are described.

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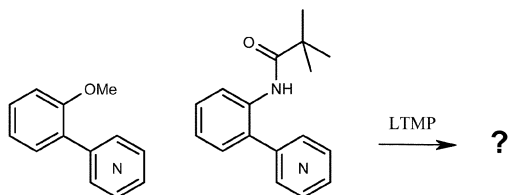
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Synthesis and deprotonation of 2-(pyridyl)phenols and 2-(pyridyl)anilines

Anne-Sophie Rebstock, Florence Mongin, François Trécourt and Guy Quéguiner

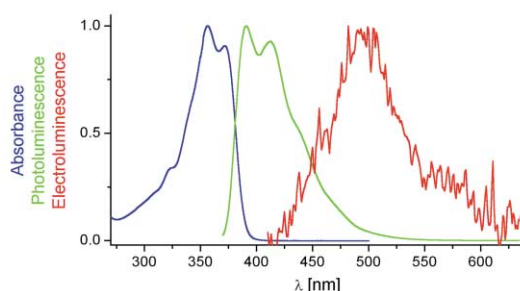
When treated with LTMP, nitrogen- and oxygen-based (2-substituted phenyl)pyridines were deprotonated.



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New pyrimidine- and fluorene-containing oligo(arylene)s: synthesis, crystal structures, optoelectronic properties and a theoretical study

Gregory Hughes, Changsheng Wang, Andrei S. Batsanov, Michael Fern, Stephen Frank, Martin R. Bryce, Igor F. Perepichka, Andrew P. Monkman and Benjamin P. Lyons

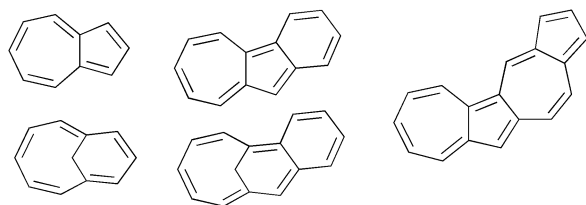
Compound **16** has been used as the emissive layer in an OLED: at a high turn-on voltage blue-green light (λ_{\max} 500 nm) is emitted which most likely emanates primarily from excimer states.

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A theoretical (DFT, GIAO-NMR, NICS) study of the carbocations and oxidation dications from azulenes, homoazulene, benzazulenes, benzohomoazulenes, and the isomeric azulenoazulenes

Takao Okazaki and Kenneth K. Laali

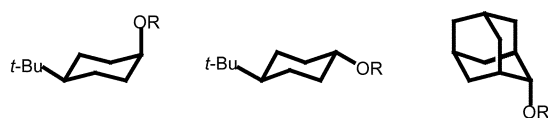
Carbocations and oxidation dications derived from a series of azulene-based hydrocarbons were studied by DFT calculations.



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Low-temperature X-ray structural studies of the ester and ether derivatives of *cis*- and *trans*-4-*tert*-butyl cyclohexanol and 2-adamantanol: application of the *variable oxygen probe* to determine the relative σ -donor ability of C–H and C–C bonds

Marisa Spiniello and Jonathan M. White

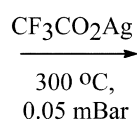
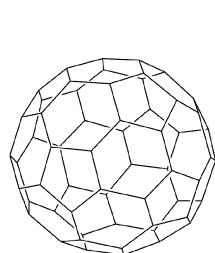
The *variable oxygen probe* approach is applied to three series of low temperature X-ray structures and this technique suggests little relative difference in the σ -donor ability of C–H and C–C bonds.

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Unusual addition patterns in trifluoromethylation of [60]fullerene

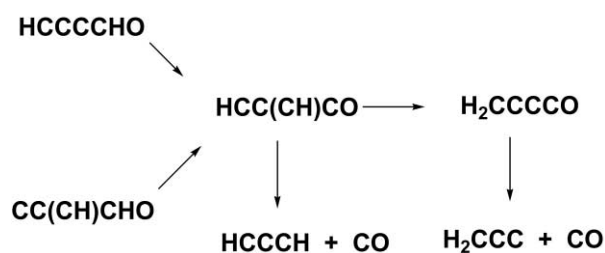
Adam D. Darwish, Ala'a K. Abdul-Sada, Anthony G. Avent, Yury Lyakhovetsky, Elena A. Shilova and Roger Taylor

Trifluoromethylation of [60]fullerene produces more derivatives and isomers than any other reaction but no dominant product. Kinetic control may therefore be important in this reaction.



$[\text{C}_{60}(\text{CF}_3)_n]_m$	
n	m
2	1
4	8
6	13
8	21
10	11
12	5
14	4

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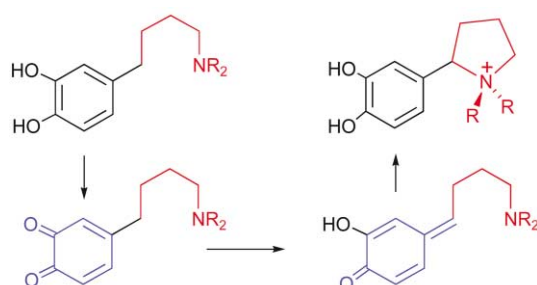


Gas phase generation of the neutrals H_2CCCCO , HCCCCDO and CCCHCHO from anionic precursors. Rearrangements of HCCCCDO and CCCHCHO . A joint experimental and theoretical study

Mark Fitzgerald, John H. Bowie and Suresh Dua

Isomers H_2CCCCO and HCCCCCHO have been formed from precursor anions: energised HCCCCHO rearranges to H_2CCCCO .

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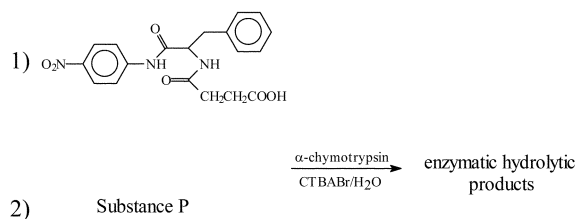


Formation of *para*-quinomethanes via 4-aminobutylcatechol oxidation and *ortho*-quinone tautomerism

Edward J. Land, Christopher A. Ramsden, Patrick A. Riley and Gnanamoly Yoganathan

4-(4-*N,N*-Dialkylaminobutyl)catechols are oxidised chemically and enzymatically to *N,N*-dialkylpyrrolidinium salts via *ortho*-quinone and *para*-quinomethane intermediates.

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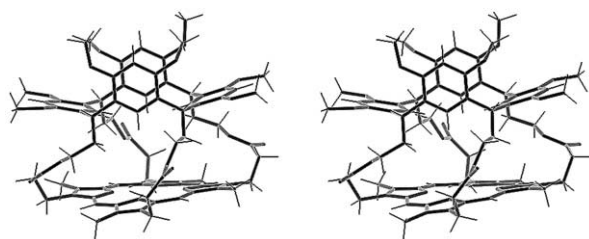


ESI-MS in the study of the activity of α -chymotrypsin in aqueous surfactant media

Francesco De Angelis, Alessandra Di Tullio, Piero Del Boccio, Samantha Reale, Gianfranco Savelli and Nicoletta Spreti

ESI-MS has been used to investigate α -chymotrypsin activity in aqueous surfactant solutions, also towards substrates not amenable to UV-Vis detection.

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Synthesis and molecular modelling studies of resorcin[4]arene-capped porphyrins

Bruno Botta, Paola Ricciardi, Carlo Galeffi, Maurizio Botta, Andrea Tafi, Rebecca Pogni, Rosa Iacovino, Isidoro Garella, Benedetto Di Blasio and Giuliano Delle Monache

Three new resorcin[4]arene-capped porphyrins (**3**, **5** and **7**) different in the porphyrin skeleton, in the linking arms and in the cavity dimensions, have been synthesised.

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