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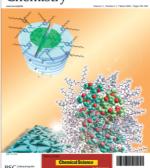
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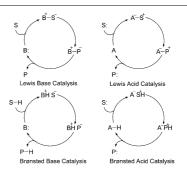
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Asymmetric organocatalysis

Jayasree Seayad and Benjamin List*

The rapidly developing area of organocatalysis is briefly reviewed on the basis of a mechanistic classification in which organocatalysts are categorized as Lewis base, Lewis acid, Brønsted base, or Brønsted acid.



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The selective aerobic oxidation of methylaromatics to benzaldehydes using a unique combination of two heterogeneous catalysts

Fatemeh Rajabi, James H Clark,* Babak Karimi* and Duncan J Macquarrie*

The use of a novel supported NHPI promoter in combination with a known supported Co(II) catalyst enables higher reactivity and unusual selectivity, through the surprising use of acetic acid as the reaction medium.

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Cyclization of samarium diiodide-generated vinyl radicals in $6-(\pi-exo)-exo-dig$ mode

Zhuang-Ping Zhan* and Kai Lang

Radical cyclization of vinyl iodides in $6-(\pi-exo)-exo-dig$ mode were effected by SmI₂ to give *exo*-cyclic dienes fused to six-membered rings.



Tandem one pot asymmetric conjugate addition-vinyl triflate formation-cross coupling methodology

Rosa M. Suárez, Diego Peña,* Adriaan J. Minnaard and Ben L. Feringa*

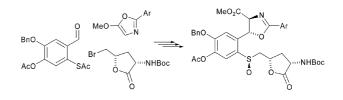
Optically active vinyl triflates are obtained and employed in a series of one pot metal-catalyzed tandem asymmetric transformations.

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Synthesis of the β -hydroxydopa– γ -hydroxy- δ -sulfinylnorvaline component of ustiloxins A and B

Luke Hunter, Malcolm D. McLeod and Craig A. Hutton*

The dopa–sulfinylnorvaline component of ustiloxins A and B has been prepared using a salen–Al-catalysed aldol reaction to prepare the functionalised dopa residue, followed by incorporation of the norvaline group and asymmetric oxidation at sulfur.

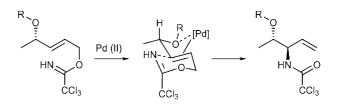


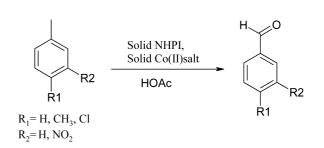


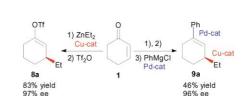
A highly stereoselective ether directed palladium catalysed aza-Claisen rearrangement

Andrew G. Jamieson and Andrew Sutherland*

A highly stereoselective rearrangement of allylic trichloroacetimidates to allylic trichloroamides has been achieved using adjacent ether groups to direct facial coordination of the palladium(II) catalyst.







 SmI_2

THF/ HMPA, 45min, rt

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Theoretical study of the *o*-OH participation in catechol ester ammonolysis

Miroslav A. Rangelov, Georgi N. Vayssilov, Vihra M. Yomtova and Dimiter D. Petkov*

The ammonolysis of ionised acetylcatechol was found to proceed orders of magnitude faster than that of acetylphenol or non-ionised acetylcatechol due to intramolecular catalysis by *o*-oxyanion.

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Conformational studies of free and Li⁺ complexed jasplakinolide, a cyclic depsipeptide from the Fijian marine sponge *Jaspis splendens*

Jioji N. Tabudravu, Linda A. Morris, Bruce F. Milne and Marcel Jaspars*

Conformations of the cyclic depsipeptide jasplakinolide were determined in the presence and absence of lithium by NOE restrained MD calculations.

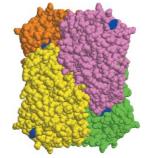
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TBADH activity in water-miscible organic solvents: correlations between enzyme performance, enantioselectivity and protein structure through spectroscopic studies

Linus Olofsson,* Ian A. Nicholls and Susanne Wikman*

The activity and structure of TBADH in water-miscible organic solvents was investigated. The tetrameric form is not critical for catalysis.

Transition states for ammonolysis of Acetylphenol Acetylcatechol Acetylcatechol anion \downarrow \downarrow



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Unexpected Z-stereoselectivity in the Ramberg–Bäcklund reaction of diarylsulfones leading to *cis*-stilbenes: the effect of aryl substituents and application in the synthesis of the integrastatin nucleus

Jonathan S. Foot, Gerard M. P. Giblin, A. C. Whitwood and R. J. K. Taylor*

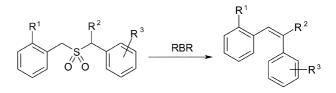
Unprecedented amounts of the *cis*-isomers of stilbene systems are formed *via* the Meyers variant of the Ramberg–Bäcklund reaction.

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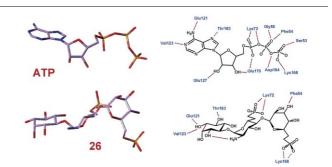
Design and synthesis of inositolphosphoglycan putative insulin mediators

Javier López-Prados, Félix Cuevas, Niels-Christian Reichardt, José-Luis de Paz, Ezequiel Q. Morales and Manuel Martín-Lomas*

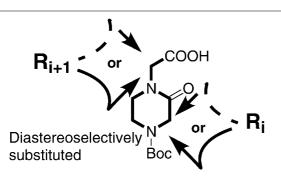
Inositolphosphoglycans fitting into the ATP binding site of PKA have been designed and effectively synthesised as putative insulin mediators.



11 examples, up to 95% cis-stereoselectivity



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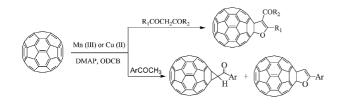
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OH

OR



R

erythro

B-face reactivity

complementary to threo-glycal

CO2Et Chiral

 $\bar{O}R^2$

4-deoxyglycal

R

W(CO)₆, hv

Et₃N, THF

50 °C

R

х

OR²

truncated

diene

Simple, versatile and highly diastereoselective synthesis of 1,3,4-trisubstituted-2-oxopiperazine-containing peptidomimetic precursors

Nicolas Franceschini, Pascal Sonnet and Dominique Guillaume*

The diastereoselective synthesis of each 1,3,4-trisubstituted-2-oxopiperazine isomer is reported.

Cu(II) acetate- and Mn(III) acetate-mediated radical reactions of [60]fullerene with ketonic compounds

Guan-Wu Wang* and Fa-Bao Li

The reaction of [60]fullerene with β -keto esters or 1,3-diketones in the presence of Cu(II) acetate or Mn(III) acetate afforded only dihydrofuran-fused C_{60} derivatives. However, aromatic methyl ketones gave both methanofullerenes and dihydrofuran-fused C_{60} derivatives.

Enantioselective synthesis of *erythro*-4-deoxyglycals as scaffolds for target- and diversity-oriented synthesis: new insights into glycal reactivity

Sirkka B. Moilanen and Derek S. Tan*

An enantioselective synthesis and stereoselective transformations of *erythro*-4-deoxyglycals have been developed, highlighting the striking reactivity differences that can arise from seemingly subtle structural variations.

Catalytic asymmetric addition of β -keto phosphonates to an activated imine—formation of optically active functionalized phosphonate α -amino acid derivatives

Anne Kjærsgaard and Karl Anker Jørgensen*

A detailed study of the addition of an activated imine to β -keto phosphonates in the presence of Lewis acid complexes has been performed. High yields, moderate diastereoselectivity and good enantioselectivity are obtained.

809 $H \rightarrow Ph \text{ steps}$ $Ph = H_2, O$ $H \rightarrow Ph = H_2, O$

up to 92% e.e.

Applications of the amino-Cope rearrangement: synthesis of tetrahydropyran, δ -lactone and piperidine targets

Steven M. Allin,* Munira Essat, Catarina Horro Pita, Robert D. Baird, Vickie McKee, Mark Elsegood, Mark Edgar, David M. Andrews, Pritom Shah and Ian Aspinall

The asymmetric amino-Cope rearrangement has been applied as a key synthetic step to access enantiomerically enriched heterocycles.

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Radical substitution with azide: $TMSN_3$ -PhI(OAc)₂ as a substitute of IN_3

Christian Marcus Pedersen, Lavinia Georgeta Marinescu and Mikael Bols*

 $TMSN_3$ and $PhI(OAc)_2$ were found to promote fast, high yield azide substitutions of ethers, aldehydes and benzal acetals.

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Model studies toward the synthesis of kirkine

Gillian L. Barclay, Béatrice Quiclet-Sire, Graciela Sanchez-Jimenez and Samir Z. Zard*

In model studies towards the synthesis of kirkine, the carbon skeleton was constructed using a radical cascade reaction. Two different approaches towards the synthesis have been examined as well as the regioselectivity of the radical cyclisation.



Studies towards the enantioselective synthesis of 5,6,8-trisubstituted amphibian indolizidine alkaloids *via* enaminone intermediates

Joseph P. Michael,* Charles B. de Koning and Christiaan W. van der Westhuyzen

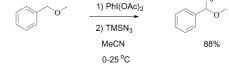
Approaches to the synthesis of indolizidine 223A and related alkaloids *via* chiral 5,6,8-trisubstituted 2,3,5,6-tetrahydroindolizin-7(1H)-ones are described.

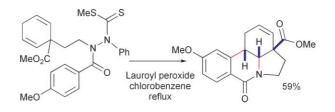
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Design and synthesis of novel sugar-oxasteroid-quinone hybrids

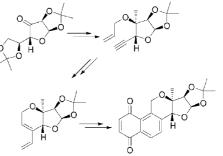
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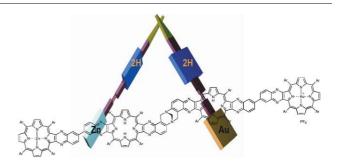
A new class of sugar–oxasteroid–quinone hybrid molecules has been designed and synthesized involving an efficient enyne metathesis/Diels–Alder reaction strategy.











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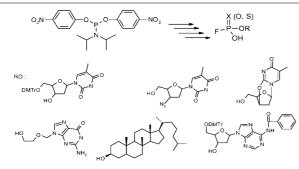
Chemical models for aspects of the photosynthetic reaction centre: synthesis and photophysical properties of tris- and tetrakis-porphyrins that resemble the arrangement of chromophores in the natural system

Maxwell J. Crossley,* Paul J. Sintic, James A. Hutchison and Kenneth P. Ghiggino*

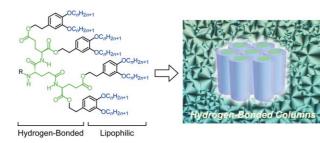
A tris-porphyrin and a tetrakis-porphyrin, designed to resemble aspects of natural photosynthetic reaction centres, have been synthesised and have long-lived photo-induced charge shift states.



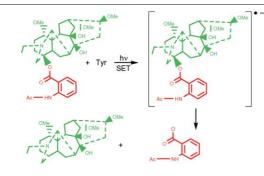
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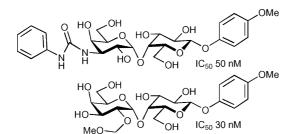
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\rightarrow CCCCO (energised) \rightarrow CCC + CO
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Synthesis of phosphorofluoridates and phosphorofluoridothioates *via* the phosphoramidite approach

Wojciech Dabkowski* and Izabela Tworowska

We present a very efficient synthetic procedure leading to the phosphorofluoridates RO-P(O)(OH)F or phosphorofluoridothioates RO-P(S)(OH)F, which is based on the intermediary of fluorophosphoramidites.

Thermotropic liquid–crystalline peptide derivatives: oligo(glutamic acid)s forming hydrogen-bonded columns

Masayuki Nishii, Toru Matsuoka, Yuko Kamikawa and Takashi Kato*

Amino acid derivatives consisting of hydrogen-bonded oligo(glutamic acid) moieties and lipophilic alkyl chains show enantiotropic thermotropic columnar phases.

Mechanisms of photoinduced electron transfer reactions of lappaconitine with aromatic amino acids. Time-resolved CIDNP study

Nikolai E. Polyakov,* Vladimir K. Khan, Marc B. Taraban, Tatyana V. Leshina, Olga A. Luzina, Nariman F. Salakhutdinov and Genrikh A. Tolstikov

The photoinitiated single electron transfer step between lappaconitine and an amino acid might also serve as a model of drug–receptor interactions.

Structure–activity relationships of galabioside derivatives as inhibitors of *E. coli* and *S. suis* adhesins: nanomolar inhibitors of *S. suis* adhesins

Jörgen Ohlsson, Andreas Larsson, Sauli Haataja, Jenny Alajääski, Peter Stenlund, Jerome S. Pinkner, Scott J. Hultgren, Jukka Finne,* Jan Kihlberg* and Ulf J. Nilsson*

Aromatic galabiosides modified with urea groups at C3' or acetals at O2' are high-affinity adhesion inhibitors of the respiratory pathogen Streptococcus suis type P_N .

Neutral cumulene oxide CCCCO is accessible by one-electron oxidation of [CCCCO]^{-•} in the gas phase

Mark Fitzgerald, Andrew M. McAnoy, John H. Bowie,* Detlef Schröder and Helmut Schwarz

Neutral CCCCO is accessible by one-electron oxidation of [CCCCO]⁻⁺. Some CCCCO neutrals are stable for the microsecond-duration NR experiment, others are energised, decomposing to CCC and CO.

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3-Aryl β -carbolin-1-ones as a new class of potent inhibitors of tumor cell proliferation: synthesis and biological evaluation

Shaozhong Wang, Yanmei Dong, Xinyan Wang, Xiaoyi Hu, Jun O Liu and Yuefei Hu*

Novel synthesis of 3-aryl β -carbolin-1-ones from non-indole starting materials has been developed. The target compounds were found to possess significant activity against tumor cell proliferation.

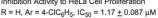
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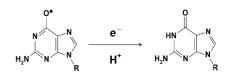
Involvement of proton transfer in the reductive repair of DNA guanyl radicals by aniline derivatives

Anne Ly, Nancy Q. Tran, Kathrina Sullivan, Simona L. Bandong and Jamie R. Milligan*

Anilines are able to repair oxidative DNA damage by returning the missing electron.







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Generation of α -phosphonovinyl radicals and development of a new route to highly functionalized vinylphosphonates and vinylphosphonate-incorporated carbocyclic or heterocyclic compounds *via* a radical trapping sequence

Takafumi Ageno, Tatsuo Okauchi, Toru Minami* and Masaru Ishida*

The first direct generation of synthetically useful α -phosphonovinyl radicals was achieved by treatment of α -phosphonovinyl halides with a tributyltin radical.

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A versatile synthesis of pyrazolo[3,4-*c*]isoquinoline derivatives by reaction of 4-aryl-5-aminopyrazoles with aryl/heteroaryl aldehydes: the effect of the heterocycle on the reaction pathways

S. L. Bogza,* K. I. Kobrakov, A. A. Malienko, I. F. Perepichka,* S. Yu. Sujkov, M. R. Bryce,* S. B. Lyubchik, A. S. Batsanov and N. M. Bogdan

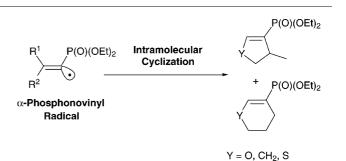
In the cyclization of 4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-5-aminopyrazoles into 5-heteroarylpyrazolo[3,4-*c*]isoquinolines loss of the heterocyclic fragment is observed for some 5-membered heterocyclic aldehydes.

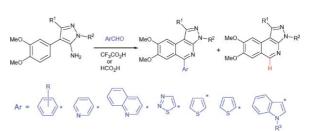
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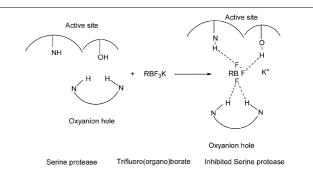
Noncovalent inhibition of the serine proteases, α-chymotrypsin and trypsin by trifluoro(organo)borates

Reem Smoum, Abraham Rubinstein* and Morris Srebnik*

Trifluoro(organo)borates inhibit serine proteases reversibly and competitively through the formation of noncovalent interactions with these enzymes.







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