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Bacterial death comes full circle: targeting plasmid replication in drug-resistant bacteria

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Modified Mg : Al hydrotalcite in the synthesis of oxazolidin-2-ones

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The novel 2-pyridone-fused 2,2'-bipyridine derivative **1b** revealed an unexpectedly complex solid state structure where the 2-pyridone back-to-back H-bonding motif is absent.

Locked TASC probes for homogeneous sensing of nucleic acids and imaging of fixed *E. coli* cells

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Easy synthesis of β -O-4 type lignin related polymers

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Michael P. Coogan,* Li-ling Ooi and Fabrizio Pertusati

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