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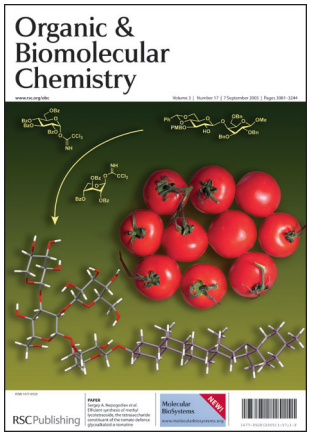

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See Nigel A. Jones, Sergey A. Nepogodiev and Robert A. Field, pp. 3201–3206.
The figure shows the fast and flexible synthetic route to the branched tetrasaccharide structures present in many saponins, including the tomato glycoalkaloid α-tomatine.

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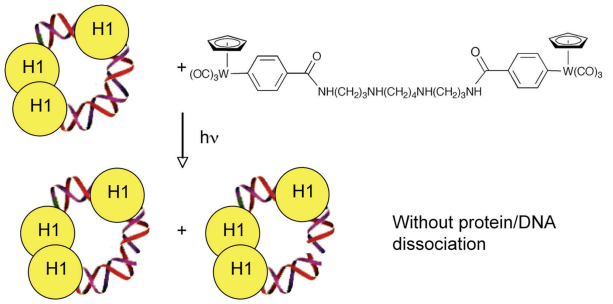
Selective targeting of DNA for cleavage within DNA–histone assemblies by a spermine–$[CpW(CO)_3Ph]_2$ conjugate

Thomas A. Shell and Debra L. Mohler*

Upon photolysis, a spermine–$[CpW(CO)_3Ph]_2$ conjugate cleaves DNA in DNA–histone assemblies, causing protein–DNA dissociation.



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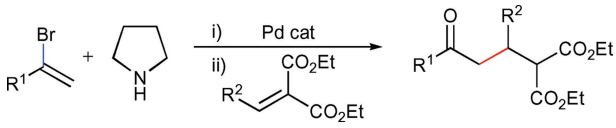
A new reactivity pattern for vinyl bromides: *cine*-substitution *via* palladium catalysed C–N coupling/Michael addition reactions

Michael C. Willis,* Jay Chauhan and William G. Whittingham

Palladium catalysed enamine formation followed by Michael addition allows vinyl bromides to be substituted *cine* to the original C–Br bond.



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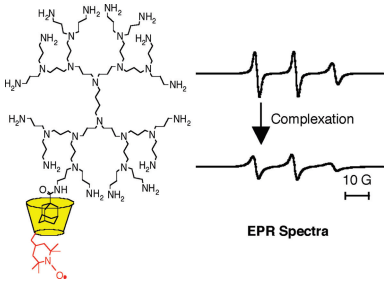
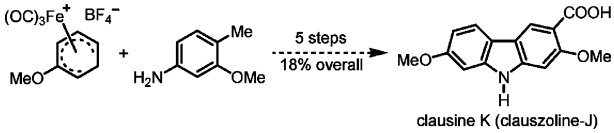
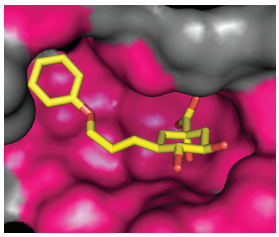
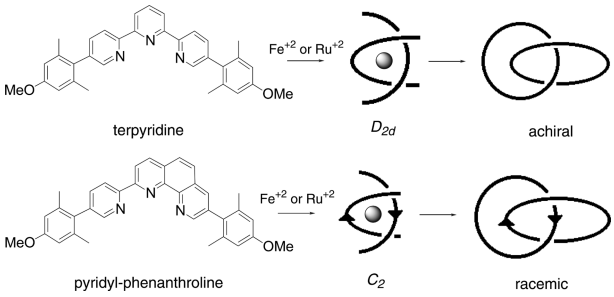
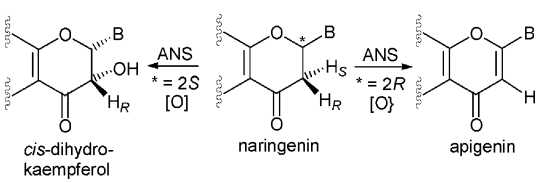
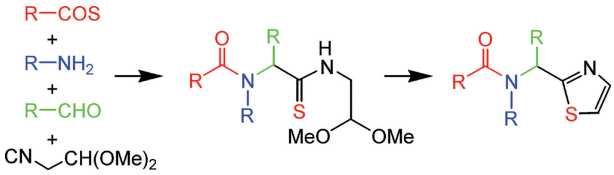


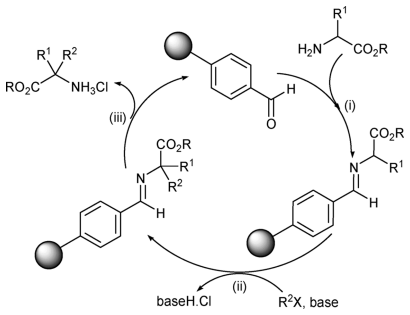


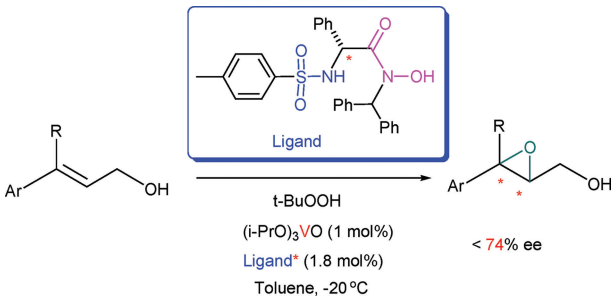


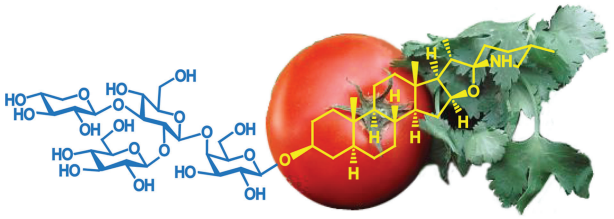


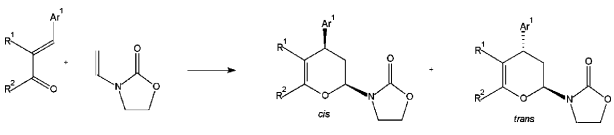


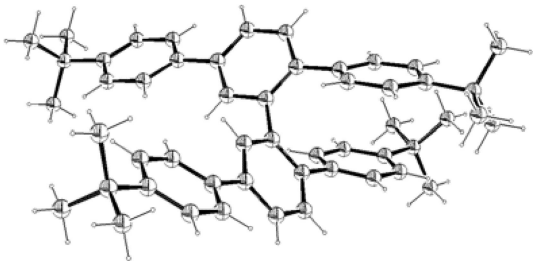








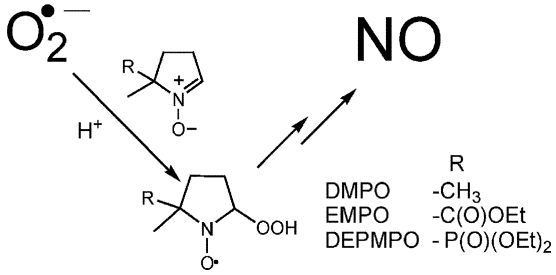




Synthesis and spectroscopy of an oligophenyl based cruciform with remarkable π–π assisted folding

Benjamin S. Nehls, Frank Galbrecht, Askin Bilge, David J. Brauer, Christian W. Lehmann, Ullrich Scherf* and Tony Farrell*

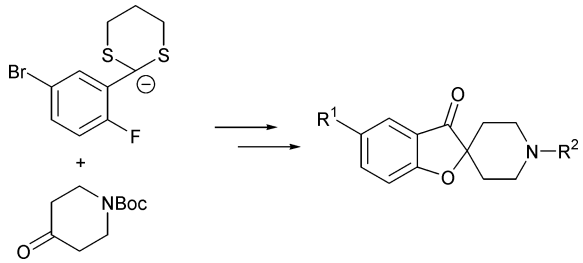
A prototype of a new family of oligophenyls with a propensity towards foldamer formation regardless of the medium was prepared and characterised.



Nitric oxide release from the unimolecular decomposition of the superoxide radical anion adduct of cyclic nitrones in aqueous medium

Edward J. Locigno, Jay L. Zweier* and Frederick A. Villamena*

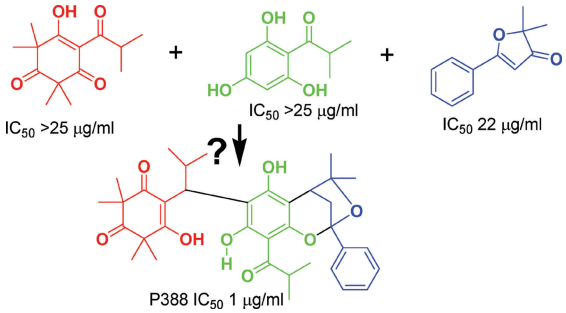
Unimolecular decomposition of the superoxide radical anion adduct of cyclic nitrone leads to the formation of nitric oxide.



Synthesis and derivatisation of a novel spiro[1-benzofuran-2,4′-piperidin]-3-one scaffold

Rowan A. Wilson, Lai Chan, Robin Wood and Richard C. D. Brown*

The synthesis and elaboration of a scaffold containing the "privileged" spiropiperidine substructure is reported.



A cytotoxic triketone–phloroglucinol–bullatenone hybrid from *Lophomyrtus bullata*

Lesley Larsen, Michael H. Benn, Masood Parvez and Nigel B. Perry*

A complex new hybrid natural product, bullataketal, is over twenty times more cytotoxic than the component building blocks.

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