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## Development and utilization of non-coding RNA-small molecule interactions

### Wesleigh E. Georgianna and Douglas D. Young\*

Small molecule interactions with non-coding RNAs represent a novel target for therapeutic intervention, requiring the development of robust screens to better understand these interactions and develop new drugs.



### COMMUNICATIONS

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### Benzothiazines in organic synthesis. Synthesis of fluorescent 7-amino-2,1-benzothiazines

Nattawut Yongpruksa, Siddharth Pandey, Gary A. Baker and Michael Harmata\*

Fluorescent 7-amino-2,1-benzothiazines were prepared in high yields using the palladium-catalyzed reaction of 4-amino-2chlorobenzaldehydes with a sulfoximine or the reaction of 7-fluoro-2,1-benzothiazines with amines.



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### 7983

### Enantioselective synthesis of $\alpha$ -deuterium labelled chiral a-amino acids via dynamic kinetic resolution of racemic azlactones

Joong-Suk Oh, Kyung Il Kim and Choong Eui Song\*

Catalytic dynamic kinetic resolution of racemic azlactones with EtOD using squaramide-based dimeric cinchona alkaloid organocatalysts is shown to be a effective strategy for the preparation of enantiomerically pure  $\alpha$ -deuterated  $\alpha$ -amino acids.

### 7986

### Enantioselective organocatalytic asymmetric allylic alkylation. Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methane addition to MBH carbonates

Xavier Companyó, Guillem Valero, Victor Ceban, Teresa Calvet, Mercé Font-Bardía, Albert Moyano\* and Ramon Rios\*

The organocatalytic allylic substitution of MBH carbonates with bis(phenylsulfonyl)methane was simply catalyzed by (DHQD)2AQN affording the final compounds in good yields and enantioselectivities.

### 7990

### Asymmetric first total syntheses and assignment of absolute configuration of oxazinin-5, oxazinin-6 and preoxazinin-7

Dattatraya H. Dethe,\* Alok Ranjan and Vijendra H. Pardeshi

Asymmetric first total syntheses of the toxins oxazinin-5, oxazinin-6 and preoxazinin-7 have been achieved from a common intermediate, derived from a regiocontrolled Sharpless asymmetric aminohydroxylation and oxa-Michael reaction, which in addition to confirming their structures also established their absolute configuration. An expeditious synthesis of metabolite bursatellin was also completed.

### 7993

### Base promoted synthesis of activated cyclopropanes bearing homologated carbonyl groups via tandem Michael addition-intramolecular enolate trapping

Alessio Russo and Alessandra Lattanzi\*

Novel cyclopropanes bearing homologated carbonyl groups were obtained by exploiting a base-promoted MIRC reaction featuring intramolecular enolate trapping of 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds with γ-hydroxyenone derived diphenyl phosphinates.













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### Organocatalytic asymmetric Michael-type reaction between $\beta$ , $\gamma$ -unsaturated $\alpha$ -keto ester and $\alpha$ -nitro ketone

Pengfei Li, Sau Hing Chan, Albert S. C. Chan\* and Fuk Yee Kwong\*

Michael-type reaction between  $\beta$ , $\gamma$ -unsaturated  $\alpha$ -keto ester and  $\alpha$ -nitro ketone resulted in 47–94% yield and 68–96% ee, which offered efficient access to chiral 5-nitro-pent-2-enoates, a precursor to chiral  $\alpha$ -ketolactam.

### 8000

# Transannular Claisen rearrangement reactions for the synthesis of vinylcyclobutanes: formal synthesis of $(\pm)$ -grandisol

Donald Craig,\* Kiyohiko Funai, Sophie J. Gore, Albert Kang and Alexander V. W. Mayweg

Unsaturated eight-membered lactones undergo decarboxylative and non-decarboxylative transannular Ireland–Claisen rearrangement reactions, to give substituted vinylcyclobutanes. A formal synthesis of (±)-grandisol is described.

### 8003

### Palladium-catalyzed carbonylative coupling of benzyl chlorides with terminal alkynes to give 1,4-diaryl-3-butyn-2-ones and related furanones

Xiao-Feng Wu, Helfried Neumann and Matthias Beller\*

Palladium-catalyzed carbonylative coupling of benzyl chlorides with terminal alkynes to give the corresponding alkynones and furanones has been developed. 8 different alkynones and 9 different furanones were prepared in moderate yields.

#### PAPERS

### 8006

Tuning the activity of glutathione peroxidase mimics through intramolecular Se $\cdots$ N,O interactions: A DFT study incorporating solvent-assisted proton exchange (SAPE)

### Craig A. Bayse\* and Andrea Pavlou

DFT-SAPE studies using explicit water molecules to facilitate proton exchange in gas-phase models show that the GPx-like activity of ortho-substituted aryl selenols depends on the ease of displacement of the Se $\cdots$ N,O donor-acceptor interaction.











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### 8016

# Exploitation of an additional hydrophobic pocket of $\sigma_1$ receptors: Late-stage diverse modifications of spirocyclic thiophenes by C–H bond functionalization

Christina Meyer, Benedikt Neue, Dirk Schepmann, Shuichi Yanagisawa, Junichiro Yamaguchi, Ernst-Ulrich Würthwein, Kenichiro Itami\* and Bernhard Wünsch\*

Selective  $\alpha$ -arylation of complex spirocyclic thiophenes with further functional groups allows the exploitation of a hydrophobic pocket of  $\sigma_1$  receptors.

### 8030

### Total synthesis of clavaminol A, C and H

Ahmed M. Zaed and Andrew Sutherland\*

The first total synthesis of clavaminol A, C and H has been achieved using a palladium(II)-catalysed directed Overman rearrangement to create the key C–N bond and install the *erythro* configuration.





### 8038

## Enzymatic diastereo- and enantioselective synthesis of $\alpha$ -alkyl- $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -dihydroxyketones

Pier Paolo Giovannini,\* Giancarlo Fantin, Alessandro Massi, Valentina Venturi and Paola Pedrini

Optically pure  $\alpha$ -alkyl- $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -dihydroxyketones are synthesized from  $\alpha$ -diketones through an enzymatic two-step procedure.



#### 8046

# Characterization of the nucleophilic reactivities of thiocarboxylate, dithiocarbonate and dithiocarbamate anions

Xin-Hua Duan, Biplab Maji and Herbert Mayr\*

The kinetics of the reactions of thiocarboxylate and thiocarbonate ions with laser-flash photolytically generated benzhydrylium ions were determined to derive reactivity parameters N (and  $s_N$ ) for these types of nucleophiles.





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### 8051

### Efficient approach to novel 1α-triazolyl-5α-androstane derivatives as potent antiproliferative agents

Zalán Kádár, Ádám Baji, István Zupkó, Tibor Bartók, János Wölfling and Éva Frank\*

Novel  $1\alpha$ -azides underwent 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition with terminal alkynes in the presence of Cu(1)-catalyst to afford *exo*-triazolyl derivatives in good to excellent yields.





### 8058

## Strategic applications of Baylis–Hillman adducts to general syntheses of 3-nitroazetidines

Ankita Rai and Lal Dhar S. Yadav\*

A highly diastereoselective annulation of Baylis–Hillman alcohols and their aldehydes with *N*-aryl/tosylphosphoramidates affords 3-nitroazetidines under mild conditions.



### 8062

### Hydrolysis of 1-(X-substituted-benzoyl)-4-aminopyridinium ions: effect of substituent X on reactivity and reaction mechanism

Ik-Hwan Um,\* Eun-Hee Kim and Ji-Sun Kang

Hydrolysis of **2a**-i proceeds through a stepwise mechanism with formation of an intermediate being rate limiting.



#### 8068

# N-fused porphyrin with pyridinium side-arms: a new class of aromatic ligand with DNA-binding ability

Yoshiya Ikawa, Satoshi Touden and Hiroyuki Furuta\*

A water-soluble derivative of N-fused porphyrin (NFP) modulates G-quadruplex DNA structure.







### Origins of the diastereoselectivity in hydrogen bonding directed Diels–Alder reactions of chiral dienes with achiral dienophiles: a computational study

Sesil Agopcan, Nihan Çelebi-Ölçüm, Melek Nihan Üçışık, Amitav Sanyal and Viktorya Aviyente\*

The origins of diastereoselectivity in the H-bonding assisted Diels–Alder reactions of chiral dienes with achiral dienophiles was investigated with the distortion/interaction model.

# A facile transformation of amino acids to functionalized coumarins

Anupam Bandyopadhyay and Hosahudya N. Gopi\*

A facile, efficient and racemization-free transformation of amino acids to functionalized coumarins, and their incorporation into a cell permeable peptide, are described.



Amino acid derivatives of perylenediimide and their N–H $\cdots$ O peptide bond dipoles-templated solid state assembly into stacks

Cyprien Lemouchi, Sergey Simonov, Leokadiya Zorina, Christelle Gautier, Piétrick Hudhomme and Patrick Batail\*

The constraint inherent to large collections of N–H···O hydrogen bond parallel electric dipoles running alongside stacks reduces the dihedral angles around the bay regions by as much as 11% down to 32° in a series of crystalline peptide-appended perylenediimides.





# Design and synthesis of *trans*-3-aminopyran-2-carboxylic acid (APyC) and $\alpha/\beta$ -peptides with 9/11-helix

Gangavaram V. M. Sharma,\* Kodeti Srinivas Reddy, Shaik Jeelani Basha, Kondreddi Ravinder Reddy and Akella V. S. Sarma\*

The participation of pyran oxygen of *trans*-3-aminopyran-2-carboxylic acid (APyC) in  $\alpha/\beta$ -peptides resulting in 9/11-helix is envisaged to provide scope for new designs.

### 8112

### 6,6-Spiroimine analogs of (-)-gymnodimine A: synthesis and biological evaluation on nicotinic acetylcholine receptors

Leslie Duroure, Thierry Jousseaume, Rómulo Aráoz, Elvina Barré, Pascal Retailleau, Laurent Chabaud,\* Jordi Molgó\* and Catherine Guillou\*

Synthetic spiroimine analogs of (–)-gymnodimine A inhibit nicotinic acetylcholine receptors, but are less potent than the natural toxin.

### 8119

### A mild and efficient method for the selective deprotection of silyl ethers using KF in the presence of tetraethylene glycol

Hailong Yan, Joong-Suk Oh and Choong Eui Song\*

A mild and efficient protocol for the selective deprotection of silyl ethers using KF in an oligoethene glycol (*e.g.*, tetraethylene glycol) is reported.





### 8122

### *meta*-Substituted benzamide oligomers that complex mono-, di- and tricarboxylates: folding-induced selectivity and chirality

Zhu-Ming Shi, Shi-Gui Chen, Xin Zhao,\* Xi-Kui Jiang and Zhan-Ting Li\*

Benzamide-derived oligomers fold into compact conformations to complex aromatic and aliphatic carboxylate anions though multiple intermolecular N–H $\cdots$ O and C–H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bonds, and display helical chirality upon binding chiral glutamic acid dianion.

### 8130

### Blue-luminescent 5-(3-indolyl)oxazoles *via* microwave-assisted three-component coupling-cycloisomerization-Fischer indole synthesis

Oliver Grotkopp, Atia Ahmad, Walter Frank and Thomas J. J. Müller\*

Blue luminescent aryl substituted 5-(3-indolyl)oxazoles are readily synthesized in a novel one-pot three-component microwave assisted synthesis consisting of a sequence of Sonogashira coupling, an acid-catalyzed cycloisomerization, and a concluding Fischer indole synthesis.





### 8141



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### Solid-state emissive triarylborane-based BODIPY dyes: Photophysical properties and fluorescent sensing for fluoride and cyanide ions

Guang-Liang Fu, Hong Pan, Yi-Hong Zhao and Cui-Hua Zhao\*

The solid-state emssive BODIPY dyes were achieved by introduction of the bulky substitutent, [(4-dimesitylboryl)phenyl]ethynyl at the 2- and 2,6-positions.

# Synthesis, structure and spectroscopic properties of calix[4]phloroglucinarene dodecamethyl ether and its trifluoroacetic acid complex

Olusegun M. Falana,\* Philip M. Keehn\* and Robert Stevenson

A novel family of metacyclophanes, monikered phloroglucinarene, in free and acid-complex states is presented. The stereochemistry and electronic properties are reported permitting the first understanding of the influence of intercavity moieties on conformation in the liquid phase.

# Switch in regioselectivity of epoxide ring-opening by changing the organometallic reagent

José A. Gálvez,\* María D. Díaz de Villegas,\* Ramón Badorrey and Pilar López-Ram-de-Víu

An efficient entry to piperidines with a hydroxyalkyl substituent at C2 by epoxide ring opening of a 2-(2'-oxiranyl)piperidine is reported. Regioselectivity in the nucleophilic attack is controlled by the organometallic reagent.

## Asymmetric synthesis and cytotoxic activity of isomeric phytosphingosine derivatives

Arnaud Rives, Cécile Baudoin-Dehoux, Nathalie Saffon, Nathalie Andrieu-Abadie and Yves Génisson\*

Phytosphingosine analogues embedding a substitution pattern resulting from a permutation of the C-2 and C-4 substituents along the sphingoid base skeleton were conceived, synthesised and tested regarding their cytotoxicity.



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### PAPERS

### 8171

## Enzymatic enantiomeric resolution of phenylethylamines structurally related to amphetamine

Lourdes Muñoz, Anna M. Rodriguez, Gloria Rosell, M. Pilar Bosch and Angel Guerrero\*

Both enantiomers of several phenylethylamines, structurally related to amphetamine, have been prepared in good yields and excellent enantiomeric purity by enzymatic kinetic resolution.

### 8178

## Naphthalene-fused metallo-porphyrins-synthesis and spectroscopy

Jan P. Lewtak, Dorota Gryko, Duoduo Bao, Ernest Sebai, Olena Vakuliuk, Mateusz Ścigaj and Daniel T. Gryko\*

Copper and nickel porphyrin-complexes were successfully transformed using  $Fe(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 2H_2O$  into  $\pi$ -expanded porphyrins in 40–83% yield.



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### 8182

# Concise formal synthesis of (–)-7-deoxyloganin *via* N-heterocyclic carbene catalysed rearrangement of $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated enol esters

Lisa Candish and David W. Lupton\*

NHC catalysed rearrangement of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated enol esters provides the cyclopentapyranone core of (–)-7-deoxyloganin (1), with diastereoand chemoselectivity in 5-steps starting from (–)-citronellal, and enables completion of a formal total synthesis in 10-steps.

### 8190

### A well-behaved dynamic library of cyclophane formaldehyde acetals incorporating diphenylmethane units

Josè Augusto Berrocal, Roberta Cacciapaglia and Stefano Di Stefano\*

The investigation of a well-behaved DL based on acetal cyclophanes incorporating diphenylmethane units is reported.





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# Dual-mode unsymmetrical squaraine-based sensor for selective detection of $\mathrm{Hg}^{2+}$ in aqueous media

Cheng Chen, Haijun Dong, Yaqing Chen, Liangqia Guo, Zhenyu Wang, Jian-Jun Sun and Nanyan Fu\*

A novel "turn-on" fluorescent and colorimetric chemosensor based on unsymmetrical squaraine dye (USQ-1) for the selective detection of  $Hg^{2+}$ in aqueous media is described, and a recognition mechanism *via* the  $Hg^{2+}$ -induced deaggregation of the dye molecule based on the binding mode is proposed.



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