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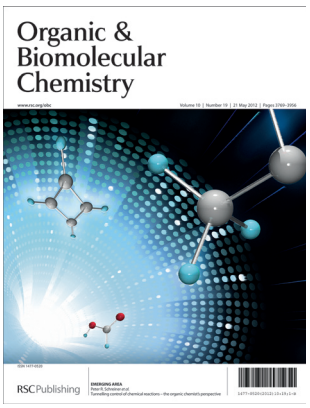

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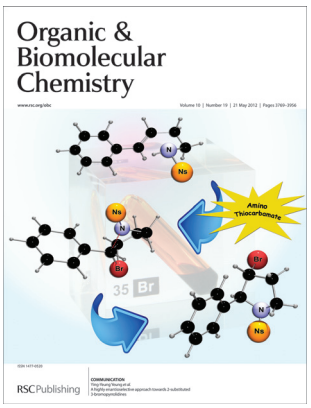

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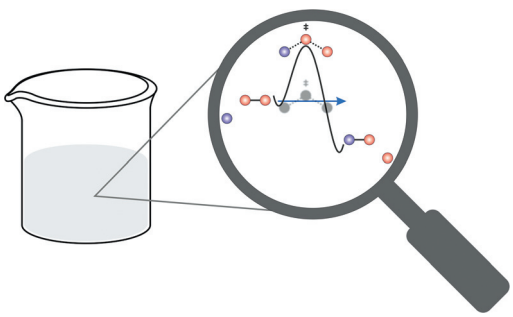

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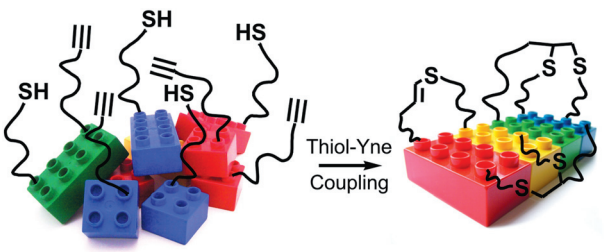

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COMMUNICATIONS

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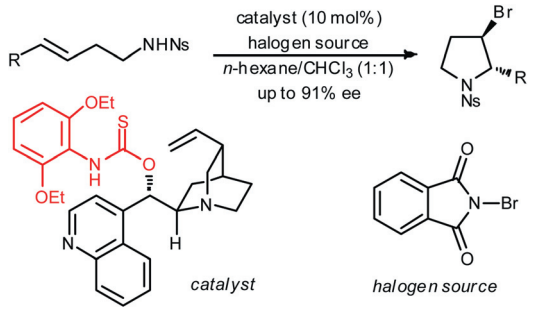
A highly enantioselective approach towards 2-substituted 3-bromopyrrolidines

Jie Chen, Ling Zhou and Ying-Yeung Yeung*

A facile and highly enantioselective approach towards 2-substituted 3-bromopyrrolidines has been developed.



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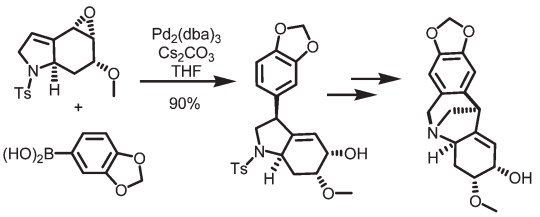
Flexible synthesis of montanine-like alkaloids: revisiting the structure of montabuphine

Yifu Guan, Hongbin Zhang,* Chengxue Pan, Jia Wang, Rong Huang and Qilin Li

An efficient and stereocontrolled synthetic strategy towards the synthesis of montanine-like alkaloids was developed. Our results suggest that the structure elucidation for natural montabuphine needs further elaboration.



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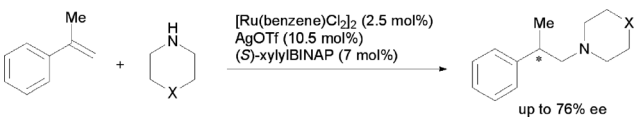
Ru-catalyzed β-selective and enantioselective addition of amines to styrenes initiated by direct arene-exchange

Maiko Otsuka, Hiroya Yokoyama, Kohei Endo and Takanori Shibata*

A catalytic β-selective addition of amines to styrenes proceeded in the presence of cationic Ru complexes combined with diphosphine ligands.



PAPERS

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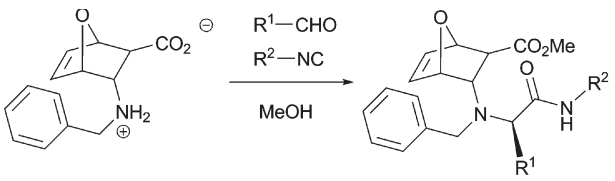
Development of a stereoselective Ugi reaction starting from an oxanorbornene β-amino acid derivative

Luca Banfi, Andrea Basso,* Cinzia Chiappe,* Fabio De Moliner, Renata Riva and Lorenzo Sonaglia

We have synthesised a novel oxanorbornene β-aminoacid derivative and employed it in a stereoselective Ugi reaction, with the aim of generating a new class of pluripotent substrates to be employed in diversity oriented synthesis.



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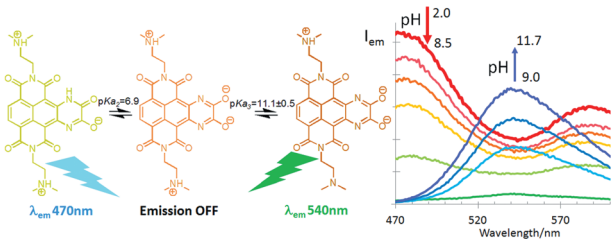

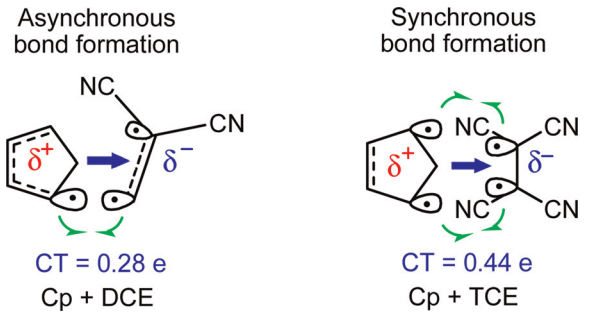

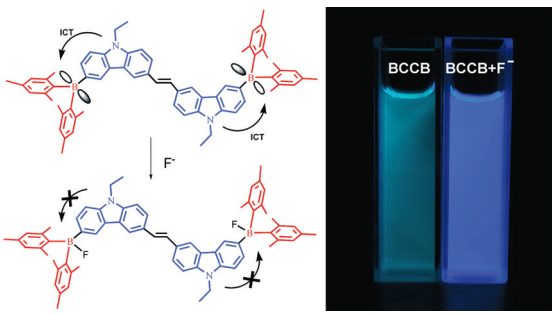

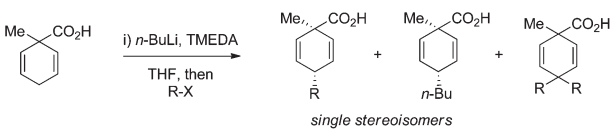

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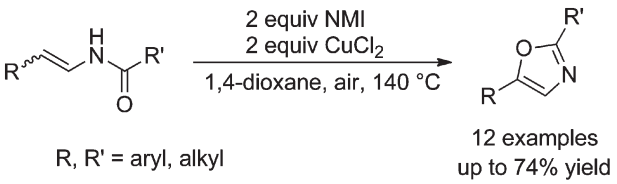

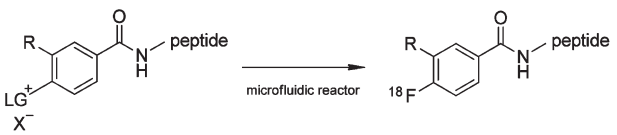

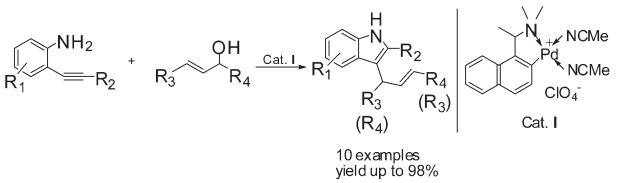

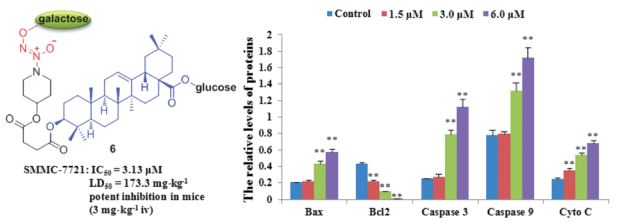

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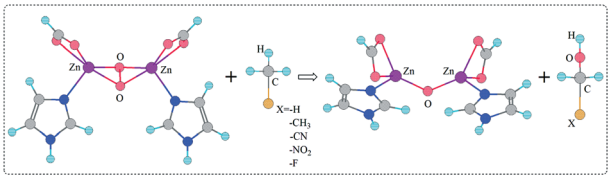
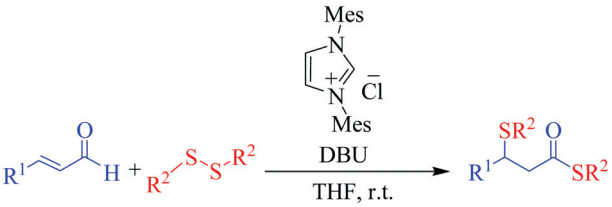


Hydroxylation mechanism of methane and its derivatives over designed methane monooxygenase model with peroxo dizinc core

Cai-Qin Li, Hua-Qing Yang,* Jian Xu and Chang-Wei Hu

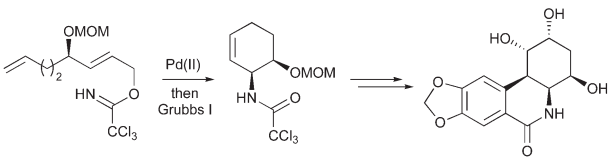
The theoretically designed methane monooxygenase with peroxo dizinc core showed promise for the hydroxylation of methane and its derivatives.



Unprecedented dithiolation of enals *via* their NHC-catalysed umpolung reaction with organic disulfides

Santosh Singh and Lal Dhar S. Yadav*

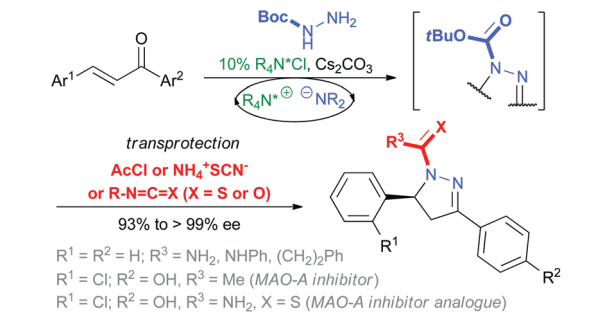
A novel one-pot NHC-catalysed dithiolation of enals with organic disulfides to afford β-aryl-/alkylsulfanyl thioesters under mild conditions is reported.



Stereoselective synthesis of functionalised carbocyclic amides: construction of the *syn*-(4a*S*,10b*S*)-phenanthridone skeleton

Sajjad Ahmad, Michael D. Swift, Louis J. Farrugia, Hans Martin Senn and Andrew Sutherland*

A one-pot tandem process has been utilised for the synthesis of the *syn*-(4a*S*,10b*S*)-phenanthridone skeleton, a precursor for new analogues of 7-deoxypancratistatin.



Enantioselective synthesis of bio-relevant 3,5-diaryl pyrazolines

Olivier Mahé, Isabelle Dez, Vincent Levacher and Jean-François Brière*

Asymmetric construction of bio-relevant pyrazolines through a phase transfer organocatalytic addition of *N*-Boc hydrazine to chalcones and a transprotection sequence.

