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Diastereoselective synthesis of vicinal amino alcohols

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In this era of enantioselective catalysis, diastereoselective synthesis still remains a central objective. In this Perspective the general issues determining diastereoselectivity in the synthesis of vicinal amino alcohols are discussed.



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Sulfoxide-mediated Umpolung of alkali halide salts

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A new protocol for the direct two-electron oxidative Umpolung of alkali halide salts is reported.





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COMMUNICATIONS

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New insights into the water-solubilisation of fluorophores by post-synthetic "click" and Sonogashira reactions

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Transition-metal-mediated reactions, namely the copper-catalysed Huisgen 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition ("click" reaction) and the Sonogashira cross-coupling, work "hand in hand" with a sulfonated terminal alkyne to convert azido- or iodo-fluorophores into water-soluble fluorescent derivatives.

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PEGylation of an artificial O₂ and CO receptor: synthesis, characterisation and pharmacokinetic study

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Poly(ethylene glycol) (PEG) chains with four different lengths were covalently attached to a supramolecular O_2 and CO receptor composed of an iron(π)porphyrin and a per-*O*-methylated β -cyclodextrin dimer with a pyridine ligand to control the circulation time of the receptor in the bloodstream.

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Applications of 3-aminolactams: design, synthesis, and biological evaluation of a library of potential dimerisation inhibitors of HIV1-protease

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In the context of our studies on 3-aminolactams, we report here the synthesis of a library of potential dimerisation inhibitors of HIV-1 protease.

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Synthesis of optically active dihydropyrans from asymmetric [4 + 2] cycloaddition of β , γ -unsaturated α -ketoesters with allenic esters

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 β -Isocupreidine (β -ICD) catalyzed asymmetric [4 + 2] cycloaddition of β , γ -unsaturated α -ketoesters with allenic esters to afford ester-substituted functionalized dihydropyran derivatives in high yields along with high enantioselectivities under mild conditions.







 $-X / X = I \text{ or } N_3$

Cu(l) cat. Huisgen reactio

Pd(0) cat. Sonogashira react



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Total synthesis of *ent*-calystegine B4 *via* nitro-Michael/ aldol reaction

Akio Kamimura,* Koichiro Miyazaki, Shuzo Suzuki, Shingo Ishikawa and Hidemitsu Uno

Optically active *ent*-calystegine B4 was prepared in 13 steps from commercially available chiral L-dimethyl tartrate.



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Regulation of NH-tautomerism in N-confused porphyrin by $N\mbox{-alkylation}$

Motoki Toganoh, Takaaki Yamamoto, Takayoshi Hihara, Hisanori Akimaru and Hiroyuki Furuta*

NH-Tautomerization in N-confused porphyrins is regulated by *N*-alkylation, which allowed us to obtain discrete information on each NH-tautomer of an N-confused porphyrin.



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A receptor incorporating OH, NH and CH binding motifs for a fluoride selective chemosensor

Liang Xu, Yongjun Li,* Yanwen Yu, Taifeng Liu, Songhua Cheng, Huibiao Liu and Yuliang Li*

A receptor incorporating OH, NH and CH binding motifs has been constructed for colorimetric and fluorescent sensing of fluoride anion.

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Synthesis of novel enantiomerically pure tetra-carbohydrazide cyclophane macrocycles

Hany F. Nour, Nadim Hourani and Nikolai Kuhnert*

A total of twelve novel enantiomerically pure tetra-carbohydrazide cyclophane macrocycles have been synthesised in quantitative yields by reacting chiral (4R,5R)- and (4S,5S)-1,3-dioxolane-4,5-dicarbohydrazides with aromatic bis-aldehydes in a [2+2]-cyclocondensation reaction.





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Asymmetric synthesis of 2-alkyl-substituted tetrahydroquinolines by an enantioselective aza-Michael reaction

Laura L. Taylor, Frederick W. Goldberg and King Kuok (Mimi) Hii*

Three *Galipea* alkaloids (angustureine, galipeine and cuspareine) were derived from an enantiomerically pure tetrahydroquinoline intermediate, prepared by a Pd-catalysed aza-Michael reaction.

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Computational studies on the mechanism of the gold(1)-catalysed rearrangement of cyclopropenes

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Density functional theory calculations have been employed to investigate the mechanism of gold(1)-catalysed rearrangements of cyclopropenes.

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Synthesis of amino-substituted indoles using the Bartoli reaction

Laura Wylie, Paolo Innocenti, Daniel K. Whelligan and Swen Hoelder*

We report herein the concise preparation of a range of functionalised aminoindoles *via* a new application of the Bartoli reaction.

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Preparation of modified peptides: direct conversion of α-amino acids into β-amino aldehydes

Carlos J. Saavedra, Alicia Boto* and Rosendo Hernández*

The direct conversion of α -amino acids into β -amino aldehydes was developed, providing peptide aldehydes, which are precursors of peptaibol antibiotic analogues.









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Stereoselective synthesis of (-)-1-*epi*-ventiloquinone L and (+)-ventiloquinone L, the monomeric unit of cardinalin 3

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A stereoselective synthesis of (-)-1-*epi*-ventiloquinone L and (+)-ventiloquinone L, the monomeric unit of cardinalin 3 has been described using Dötz benzannulation and oxa-Pictet–Spengler reactions as key steps. The synthesis is completed in 7 steps with 10.5% and 13% overall yields for (-)-1-*epi*-ventiloquinone L and (+)-ventiloquinone L respectively.

Highly enantioselective Biginelli reaction catalyzed by SPINOL-phosphoric acids

Fangxi Xu, Dan Huang, Xufeng Lin* and Yanguang Wang*

A highly enantioselective Biginelli reaction promoted by chiral spirocyclic SPINOL-phosphoric acids has been developed. Under the optimized conditions a wide range of optically active dihydropyrimidinethiones were obtained in high yields with good to excellent enantioselectivities. The synthetic utility of this method was demonstrated by the synthesis of chiral precursors of three drugs, including (*S*)-Monastrol, (*S*)-L-771688 and (*S*)-SQ 32926.

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