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PERSPECTIVES

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Metallic organophosphates as catalysts in asymmetric synthesis: a return journey

Alejandro Parra,* Silvia Reboredo, Ana M. Martín Castro and José Alemán*

This perspective provides a general overview of the most relevant topics on the applications of chiral metallic organophosphates.



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Synthesis and applications of masked oxo-sulfinamides in asymmetric synthesis

Ramakrishna Edupuganti and Franklin A. Davis*

Masked oxo-sulfinamides, protected amino carbonyl compounds, are valuable chiral building blocks for the asymmetric synthesis of functionalized nitrogen heterocycles.



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FeCl₃ promoted highly regioselective [3 + 2]cycloaddition of dimethyl 2-vinyl and aryl cyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylates with aryl isothiocyanates

Huina Wang, Wei Yang, Hong Liu, Wei Wang* and Hao Li*

A FeCl₃ promoted [3 + 2]-annulation of dimethyl 2-vinyl and arylcyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylate with aryl isothiocyanates has been developed to give pyrrolidine-2-thiones regioselectively.

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A multicomponent synthetic strategy for two-carbontethered 1,3-oxathiole-indole pairs

Jia-Yan Liu, Hao Zhang, Bao-Ming Feng, Bo Jiang,* Shu-Liang Wang and Shu-Jiang Tu*

An efficient methodology for the multicomponent synthesis of new and highly functionalized heterocycles containing 1,3-oxathiole and indole units which are connected through an sp^2 -C₂ bridge has been developed.





PAPERS

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Rubesanolides C-E: abietane diterpenoids isolated from Isodon rubescens and evaluation of their anti-biofilm activity

Juan Zou, Lutai Pan,* Qiji Li, Jianxin Pu, Ping Yao, Min Zhu, Jeffrey A. Banas, Hongjie Zhang* and Handong Sun

Rubesanolides C-E (1-3), abietane diterpenes containing a unique γ -lactone subgroup between C-8 and C-20, were identified from Isodon rubescens.

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Very high stereoselectivity in organocatalyzed desymmetrizing aldol reactions of 3-substituted cyclobutanones

David J. Aitken, Angela M. Bernard, Francesca Capitta, Angelo Frongia,* Régis Guillot, Jean Ollivier, Pier Paolo Piras,* Francesco Secci and Marco Spiga

N-Phenylsulfonyl (S)-proline catalyzes the direct aldol reaction of 3-substituted cyclobutanones and aryl aldehydes with excellent diastereoselectivity and enantioselectivity.



³ $R_1 = H, R_2 = H$



Rubesanolide C (1)

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Possible cage-like nanostructures formed by amino acids

Cui-hong Wang, Qi Wu, Wen-jie Fan, Rui-qin Zhang* and Zijing Lin*

The figure shows the cage-like nanostructure formed by serine decamers and its application in encapsulating a C_{20} molecule. The cage-like nanostructure is expected to have important applications in drug delivery.

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Non-covalent interactions of coumarin dyes with cucurbit[7]uril macrocycle: modulation of ICT to TICT state conversion

Nilotpal Barooah, Jyotirmayee Mohanty, Haridas Pal and Achikanath C. Bhasikuttan*

Enhanced fluorescence yield and increased aqueous solubility of coumarin dyes on cucurbituril encapsulation as promising system for aqueous dye laser and cellular imaging.

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Catalytic activity of halohydrin dehalogenases towards spiroepoxides

Maja Majerić Elenkov,* Ines Primožič, Tomica Hrenar, Ana Smolko, Irena Dokli, Branka Salopek-Sondi and Lixia Tang

High regioselectivities and moderate to high enantioselectivities were found in the azidolysis of spiroepoxides catalysed by halohydrin dehalogenases.

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A new ratiometric and colorimetric chemosensor for cyanide anion based on Coumarin–hemicyanine hybrid

Zhenghao Yang, Zhipeng Liu,* Yuncong Chen, Xiaoqing Wang, Weijiang He* and Yi Lu

A new sensor (**Cou-BT**) based on the nucleophilic addition of cyanide anion to the benzothiolium group of a hybrid coumarin–hemicyanine dye has been developed.









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Hydrogen bond-assisted macrocyclic oligocholate transporters in lipid membranes

Lakmini Widanapathirana, Xueshu Li and Yan Zhao*

The carboxylic acid dimer interactions helped the amphiphilic oligocholate macrocycles stack into nanopores in lipid bilayer membranes.



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Synthesis of pyrido[2,3-*b*]indoles and pyrimidoindoles *via* Pd-catalyzed amidation and cyclization

Arepalli Sateesh Kumar, P. V. Amulya Rao and Rajagopal Nagarajan*

Synthesis of pyrido[2,3-*b*]indoles and pyrimidoindoles *via* Pd-catalyzed amidation and cyclization.



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Direct catalytic asymmetric synthesis of highly functionalized (2-ethynylphenyl)alcohols *via* Barbas– List aldol reaction: scope and synthetic applications

Dhevalapally B. Ramachary,* Rumpa Mondal and R. Madhavachary

A general approach to high-yielding asymmetric synthesis of (2-ethynylphenyl)alcohols as synthons in medicinal chemistry was achieved through Barbas–List aldol reaction on ketones with 2-alkynylbenzaldehydes in the presence of a catalytic amount of *trans*-4-OH-L-proline or L-prolinamide derivative.

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Synthesis and evaluation of novel caged DNA alkylating agents bearing 3,4-epoxypiperidine structure

Yuji Kawada, Tetsuya Kodama, Kazuyuki Miyashita, Takeshi Imanishi and Satoshi Obika*

Novel caged DNA alkylating agents, 3,4-epoxypiperidine derivatives, showed various degrees of bioactivity depending on the photosensitivity of the protecting groups.



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Highly efficient intramolecular Cannizzaro reaction between 1,3-distal formyl groups at the upper rim of a *cone*-calix[4]arene

Marzia Galli, José Augusto Berrocal, Stefano Di Stefano,* Roberta Cacciapaglia, Luigi Mandolini, Laura Baldini, Alessandro Casnati and Franco Ugozzoli

A very efficient intramolecular hydride transfer allows a facile desymmetrization of 1,3-distal diformylated calix[4]arenes.

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One-pot synthesis of 2-aminoquinoline-based alkaloids from acetonitrile

Takashi Tomioka,* Yusuke Takahashi and Toshihide Maejima

 α -Diaminoboryl carbanions, readily prepared from acetonitrile, stereoselectively convert 2-nitrobenzaldehydes into nitrophenyl (*Z*)-acrylonitriles. Subsequent reductive cyclization leads to a series of 2-aminoquinoline derivatives. The entire procedure is practically operated in a single flask.

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Assisted tandem catalytic RCM-aromatization in the synthesis of pyrroles and furans

Bernd Schmidt,* Stefan Krehl and Eric Jablowski

Pyrroles and furans are available from diallyl amines and diallyl ethers, respectively, *via* an assisted tandem catalytic approach.

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A one-pot sequence for the efficient synthesis of highly functionalized macrocarbocycles or bridged 2,8dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octanes from 1-nitrobicyclic compounds

Giorgio Giorgi, Pilar López-Alvarado and J. Carlos Menéndez*

Highly functionalized 12 to 14-membered carbocyclic ketones were prepared from 1-nitrobicyclo[n.3.1]alkane-(6 + n)ones *via* a retro-Dieckmann/aldehyde reduction/Nef sequence.



35–77 % 19 examples

OR

ÔR

RC

CH₃CN

(i-Pr2N)2B

Li⊕

 α -diaminoboryl

carbanion

(i-Pr₂N)₂BCI

R-X

CN

 $R^{6} \xrightarrow{R^{6}} R^{6} \xrightarrow{R^{6}} R^{7} \xrightarrow{R^{6}} R^{7} \xrightarrow{R^{6}} R^{7} \xrightarrow{R^{7}} \xrightarrow{R^{7}$



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J Silica-HClO₄ ACN, 80 ºC, 1-6 h

(76-94% yield)

ÓН

Flavans



Han Yu, Fang Xie, Zhenni Ma, Yangang Liu and Wanbin Zhang*

A highly enantioselective copper-catalyzed conjugate addition of diethylzinc to acyclic aromatic enones was developed, which demonstrated that toluene and THF respectively as solvent can completely reverse the absolute configuration of the products.

Tandem one-pot synthesis of flavans by recyclable silica– $HClO_4$ catalyzed Knoevenagel condensation and [4 + 2]-Diels–Alder cycloaddition

Sandip B. Bharate,* Ramesh Mudududdla, Jaideep B. Bharate, Narsaiah Battini, Satyanarayana Battula, Rammohan R. Yadav, Baldev Singh and Ram A. Vishwakarma*

An efficient tandem one-pot multi-component synthesis of flavans using a recyclable heterogeneous catalyst has been described.

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