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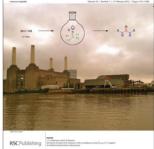
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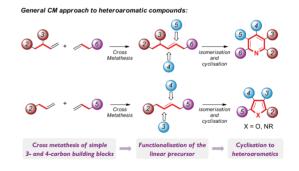
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### Olefin cross-metathesis for the synthesis of heteroaromatic compounds

Timothy J. Donohoe,\* John F. Bower and Louis K. M. Chan

The olefin cross-metathesis reaction has recently emerged as a new method for the synthesis of heteroaromatic compounds, enabling high levels of control over substitution pattern and functional group incorporation.



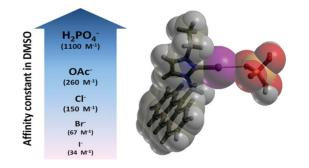
### PAPERS

### 1329

## **2-Iodo-imidazolium receptor binds oxoanions** *via* charge-assisted halogen bonding

Massimo Cametti, Kari Raatikainen, Pierangelo Metrangolo,\* Tullio Pilati, Giancarlo Terraneo and Giuseppe Resnati\*

Phosphate binds to a 2-iodo-imidazolium receptor with an association constant of *ca.* 10<sup>3</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>, which is particularly high for a single halogen bond. A remarkably short C–I···O<sup>-</sup> contact is observed in the crystal structure of the salt.



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### Synthesis of ureas from titanium imido complexes using CO<sub>2</sub> as a C-1 reagent at ambient temperature and pressure

James C. Anderson\* and Rafael Bou Moreno

Certain 12- and 14- electron titanium imido complexes react with  $CO_2$  as a C-1 reagent under ambient temperature and pressure to give ureas.



# Some cyclization reactions of 1,3-diphenylbenzo[e][1,2,4]-triazin-7(1H)-one: preparation and computational analysis of non symmetrical zwitterionic biscyanines

Theodosia A. Ioannou, Panayiotis A. Koutentis,\* Harry Krassos, Georgia Loizou and Daniele Lo Re

1,3-Diphenylbenzo[*e*][1,2,4]triazin-7(1*H*)-one reacts with various bisnucleophiles to give a variety of deeply coloured polyazaacenes, including two zwitterionic analogues. In addition a 1,2,5-thiadiazolo fused analogue is prepared on treatment with tetrasulfur tetranitride.

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### Oxidative Prins and Prins/Friedel–Crafts cyclizations for the stereoselective synthesis of dioxabicycles and hexahydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]isochromenes *via* the benzylic C–H activation

B. V. Subba Reddy,\* Prashant Borkar, J. S. Yadav,\* P. Purushotham Reddy, A. C. Kunwar, B. Sridhar and René Grée

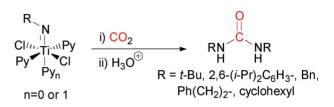
A novel and versatile method for the stereoselective synthesis of bicyclic and tricyclic tetrahydropyran derivatives through a sequential benzylic C–H bond activation and an intramolecular Prins cyclization is described.

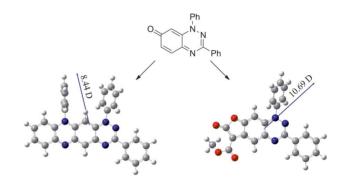
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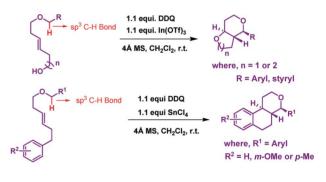
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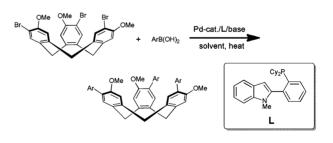
Jin-Tao Yu, Zhi-Tang Huang and Qi-Yu Zheng\*

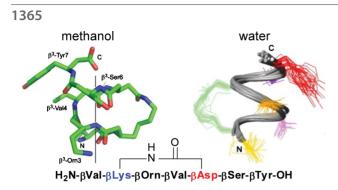
An efficient Suzuki–Miyaura coupling between CTV-Br<sub>3</sub> and a variety of aryl and heteroaryl boronic acids has been developed.



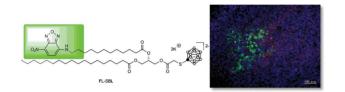








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### Positional screening and NMR structure determination of side-chain-to-side-chain cyclized $\beta^3$ -peptides

Esther Vaz, Sonja A. Dames, Matthias Geyer\* and Luc Brunsveld\*

Short  $\beta^3$ -peptides fold into stable 14-helices in water *via* lactam side-chain bridging, exemplified *via* a highly compact NMR high-resolution structure.

### Design and synthesis of fluorescence-labeled *closo*-dodecaborate lipid: its liposome formation and *in vivo* imaging targeting of tumors for boron neutron capture therapy

Hiroyuki Nakamura,\* Noriko Ueda, Hyun Seung Ban, Manabu Ueno and Shoji Tachikawa

We report the design and synthesis of fluorescence-labeled closo-dodecaborane lipid (FL-SBL) and its liposome formation.

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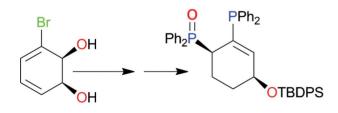


### Copper-catalyzed synthesis of substituted indazoles from 2-chloroarenes at low catalyst-loading

Shinji Tanimori,\* Yasuyuki Kobayashi, Yasukazu Iesaki, Yuka Ozaki and Mitsunori Kirihata

A low catalyst-loading version of indazolone synthesis based on intramolecular C–N bond formation of less reactive 2-chlorobenzhydrazide has been achieved.

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### Chemoenzymatic synthesis of a mixed phosphine-phosphine oxide catalyst and its application to asymmetric allylation of aldehydes and hydrogenation of alkenes

Derek R. Boyd,\* Mark Bell, Katherine S. Dunne, Brian Kelly, Paul J. Stevenson,\* John F. Malone and Christopher C. R. Allen

Organocatalyst for the addition of allyltrichlorosilane to aldehydes with up to 57% *ee*. Ligand for rhodium catalysed reduction of alkenes with up to 84% *ee*.

### 1396

### Asymmetric substitutions of O-Boc-protected Morita-Baylis-Hillman adducts with pyrrole and indole derivatives

Long Huang, Yin Wei and Min Shi\*

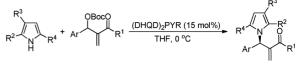
An efficient asymmetric substitution process of O-Boc-protected Morita-Baylis-Hillman adducts with various pyrrole and indole derivatives has been developed in the presence of (DHQD), PYR in THF, affording the corresponding products in good to high yields (up to 99%) and moderate to high ee values (up to 92 and 96%) under mild conditions.

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### Si-free enolate Claisen rearrangements of enamido substrates

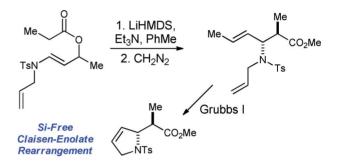
Wesley R. R. Harker, Emma L. Carswell and David R. Carbery\*

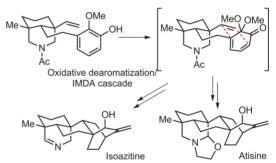
The Si-free Claisen enolate rearrangement of sensitive enamido-esters has been used to form  $\alpha$ -alkyl  $\beta$ -amino esters with excellent stereocontrol.



 $R^2 = H; R^3 = BnCO, H, Br, Ac or CN; R^4 = CN, COCCI_3 or CHO;$  $R^1$  = Me. Et or OEt.

up to 92% ee





-1 R = OHCTV-2 R = NHNH

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### Hydrogelators of cyclotriveratrylene derivatives

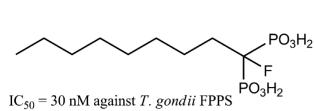
Fu Cai, Jiang-Shan Shen, Jin-He Wang, Han Zhang, Jin-Song Zhao, Er-Man Zeng\* and Yun-Bao Jiang\*

A new formal synthesis of atisine and the first total synthesis of

isoazitine have been accomplished.

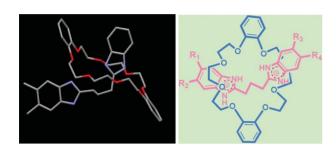
Rigid cavitand cyclotriveratrylene (CTV) hydrogelators are successfully created that form luminescent optically anisotropic hydrogels with characteristic properties.

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 $IC_{50} = 2.67 \,\mu M$  against tachyzoites of *T. gondii* 

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### 1-(Fluoroalkylidene)-1,1-bisphosphonic acids are potent and selective inhibitors of the enzymatic activity of *Toxoplasma gondii* farnesyl pyrophosphate synthase

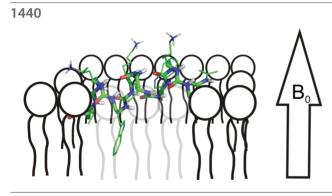
Sergio H. Szajnman, Valeria S. Rosso, Leena Malayil, Alyssa Smith, Silvia N. J. Moreno, Roberto Docampo and Juan B. Rodriguez\*

 $\alpha$ -Fluorinated-1,1-bisphosphonic acids were designed, synthesized and biologically evaluated against *Trypanosoma cruzi*, *Toxoplasma gondii* and the target parasitic enzymes farnesyl pyrophosphate synthase of *T. cruzi* and *T. gondii*.

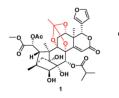
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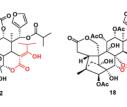
Chhanda Mukhopadhyay,\* Sabari Ghosh and Ann Marie Schmiedekamp

"Three methylene spacer" bis(benzimidazolium) derivatives act as a new template threading dibenzo-24-crown-8 into [2]pseudorotaxanes.



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### Solid state NMR studies of oligourea foldamers: Interaction of <sup>15</sup>N-labelled amphiphilic helices with oriented lipid membranes

Christopher Aisenbrey, Nagendar Pendem, Gilles Guichard\* and Burkhard Bechinger\*

The <sup>15</sup>N-chemical shift tensor of urea bonds is determined and the bilayer topology of an antimicrobial oligourea analysed.

### Kv1.2 potassium channel inhibitors from *Chukrasia tabularis*

Hong-Bing Liu, Hua Zhang, Ping Li, Yan Wu, Zhao-Bing Gao and Jian-Min Yue\*

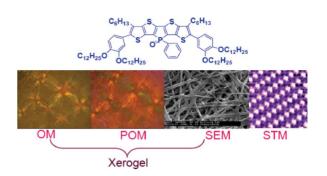
A series of limonoids, chubularisins A-R, obtained from *Chukrasia tabularis*, displayed potent and selective inhibition against the delayed rectifier ( $I_{\kappa}$ ) K<sup>+</sup> current.

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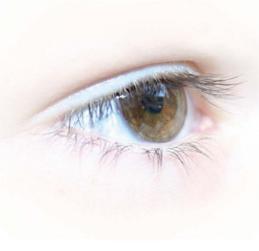
### Phosphole modified pentathienoacene: Synthesis, electronic properties and self-assembly

Jun-Hua Wan,\* Wei-Fen Fang, Yi-Bao Li, Xu-Qiong Xiao, Li-Hong Zhang, Zheng Xu, Jia-Jian Peng and Guo-Qiao Lai\*

Phosphole modified pentathienoacene with a much lower LUMO level can self-assemble into different supramolecular structures with the aid of long alkyl chains.



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