## **GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS**

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OF FORMALDEHYDE TO 1,3-DIARYLCYCLOPENTENES ·	
SYNTHESIS OF TRANS-2,5-DIARYL-2-CYCLOPENTENE-1-METHANOLS	
Manavir Prasnad, John C. Tomesch and Michael J. Shapiro	
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A stereoselective synthesis of trans-2,5-diaryl-2-cyclopentene-1-methanois via a diethyladminium chichide ( Lighter) catalyzed ene reaction of formaldehyde with 1,3-diarylcyclopentenes is described. $Ar - \checkmark - Ar \xrightarrow{Paraformaldehyde}_{CH_{2}Ch_{2}} Arti- \checkmark - Ar$	
SELECTIVE BENZYLATION OF ALCOHOLS	fetrahedron Lett. <u>30</u> ,4759(1989)
AND AMINES UNDER MILD CONDITIONS	
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A new synthesis of benzyl ethers and N-benzylamines is described under nonbasic conditions.	
CH <sub>2</sub> OH PhCHN <sub>2</sub> , HBF <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OBn	
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ASYMMETRIC SYNTHESIS OF (3R)-ALKANOYLOXYTETRADECANOIC	L
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tetradecanoic acids has been developed by asymmetric	
homoallylic esters	
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A NEW ROUTE TO HOMOCHIRAL TRANS-DISUBSTITUTED CYCLOPENTANES	
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Tetrahedron Lett. 30, 4771 (1989) Reaction of Cyclopropylcarbene-Chromium Complexes with Alkenes; Synthesis of Cyclopropylcyclopropanes James W. Herndon\* and Seniz U. Tumer; Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; University of Maryland; College Park, Maryland 20742, USA Reaction of cyclopropylcarbene-chromium EWG CH₃O complexes with electron-deficient alkenes leads EWG to cyclopropyl-cyclopropane derivatives. Unlike the corresponding reaction involving alkynes, 65°C the cyclopropane ring remains intact during the transformation Tetrahedron Lett. 30, 4775 (1989) SEQUENTIAL CHIRALITY TRANSFER IN INTRAMOLECULAR AMIDOMERCURATION REACTIONS Kenn E. Harding,\* Donald R. Hollingsworth, and Joseph Reibenspies Department of Chemistry, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843 A new technique is demonstrated for control of absolute stereochemistry in the amination of achiral allylic alcohols involving sequential chirality transfer from a chiral auxiliary to an amidal center then to the site of the new C-N bond. Tetrahedron Lett. 30, 4779 (1989) A RE-EXAMINATION OF THE PALLADIUM-CATALYZED CROSS COUPLING OF ALKYL IODIDES WITH ALKYL GRIGNARD REAGENTS Kaixu Yuan and William J. Scott\* Department of Chemistry, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242 Reaction of primary alkyl halides with Grignard reagents in the presence of (dppf)Pd(0) or  $(dppf)PdCl_2$  leads to the reduction of the halide. Ph I + RMgX  $\frac{dppfPdOl}{THF}$  Ph 100% [gc] Tetrahedron Lett.30,4783(1989) THE SYNTHESIS OF IRISQUINONE Ronald S. Michalak, David R. Myers, Jack L. Parsons\*, Prabhakar A. Risbood Starks Associates, Inc., 1280 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14213 Rudiger D. Haugwitz, V. L. Narayanan Division of Cancer Treatment, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD 20892 OCH-<sup>©</sup> <sup>Li</sup> <sup>R</sup> <sup>N</sup> <sup>CH3</sup> <sup>H3CO</sup> H<sub>3</sub>CO н₃со CH<sub>2</sub>R  $R = cis - (CH_2)_9 CH = CH(CH_2)_5 CH_3$ 

Tetrahedron Lett. 30, 4787 (1989) **REGIOCONTROLLED METALATION OF DIETHYL β-**DIALKYLAMINOVINYLPHOSPHONATES: A NEW SYNTHESIS OF SUBSTITUTED β-KETOPHOSPHONATES Robert K. Boeckman, Jr., Michael A. Walters, and Hiroshi Koyano Department of Chemistry, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York 14627 The metalation of diethyl β-dialkylaminovinylphosphonates (vinylogous phosphoramides (VPA)) and their reaction with electrophiles is described. Upon mild hydrolysis these derivatives provide good yields of Bketophosphonates. Tetrahedron Lett. 30, 4791 (1989) N-IODOSUCCINIMIDE MEDIATED OXIDATIVE CYCLIZATION OF MONO t-BUTYLDIMETHYLSILYLATED DIOLS Chriss E. McDonald\*, Department of Chemistry, Williamsport, PA 17701 and Thomas R. Beebe\*, Mark Beard, Doug McMillen, and Daniel Selski, Department of Chemistry, Berea College, Berea, KY 40404 OH NIS, benzene, 35<sup>0</sup>C NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, h√ OTBS ~OTBS `OTBS 12% The t-butyldimethylsiloxy molety can be used to direct oxidatilve cyclizations. Tetrahedron Lett. 30, 4795 (1989 MIXED COPPER, ZINC 2-AMINO BENZYLIC ORGANOMETALLICS AS EFFICIENT REAGENTS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF HETEROCYCLES Huai Gu Chen, Craig Hoechstetter and Paul Knochel\*, Department of Chemistry, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109 N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (Me<sub>3</sub>Si)<sub>2</sub>N Cu(CN)ZnBr RCOCI 81.97% 53.94 % E<sup>+</sup>: allylic bromides, 3-iodo-cyclohexenone, ethyl propiolate Tetrahedron Lett. 30, 4799 (1989) THE REACTIVITY OF THE HIGHLY FUNCTIONALIZED COPPER, ZINC REAGENTS RCu(CN)ZnI TOWARD 1-HALOALKYNES AND ACETYLENIC ESTERS Ming Chang P. Yeh and Paul Knochel\* Department of Chemistry, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109 CO<sub>2</sub>Ei  $H - m - CO_2 Et$ FG-R  $\frac{\mathbf{X}-\underline{=}-\mathbf{R}^1}{71.86\%} \quad \mathbf{FG}-\mathbf{R}-\underline{=}-\mathbf{R}^1$ FG-R-Cu(CN)ZnI Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl excess; 25° C SiMe<sub>3</sub> (84-91%) > 97% (E) isomer FG: nitrile, ester, halides; X = Br, I.











