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Regioselective Syntheses of 3-Aminomethyl-5-substituted Isoxazoles:

A Facile and Chemoselective Reduction of Azide to Amine by Sodium Borohydride Using 1,3-Propanedithiol as A Catalyst. Yazhong Pei\* and Barbara O. S. Wickham, Chiron Corporation, 4560 Horton Street, Emeryville, CA 94608

A series of isoxazole azides were reduced selectively to isoxazole amines in quantitative yield by sodium borohydride using 1,3-propanedithiol as a catalyst.

$$\begin{array}{c} O & O \\ R & \\ \hline \\ CO_2Et \\ \end{array}$$

#### ON THE NATURE OF THE ION PAIR AS A NUCLEOPHILE IN PD CATALYZED ALKYLATIONS WITH DIENYL CARBOXYLATES

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Tetrahexylammonium malonates provide the same product mixture in reactions of dienyl acetates irrespective of the regioisomeric nature of the starting material but sodium salts do not.

OAC
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$$C_6H_{13}A_1 N^{\odot}$$
 $PhCH_2CE_2$ 
 $PhCH_2CE_2$ 
 $Ph$ 
 $E = CO_2CH_3$ 
 $74\pm 2$ 
 $Ph$ 
 $E = CO_2CH_3$ 
 $A = CO_2C$ 

THE USE OF ALKENYLBORONATE ESTERS IN [2+2] ENONE-OLEFIN PHOTOCYCLOADDITIONS. W. Gary Hollis, Jr., William C. Lappenbusch, Kathryn A. Everberg and Christopher M. Woleben, Department of Chemistry, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA 23185 USA Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7517

Participation of alkenylboronate esters in [2+2] enone-olefin photocycloadditions has been demonstrated, with major products resulting from head-to-head addition.

### COMPETITION STUDIES ON ARYNE GENERATION FROM HALOPHENYL TRIFLATES

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7521

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Treatment of halophenyl triflates with LDA in diisopropylamine generates haloanilines via haloarynes.

#### TANGIRINE, A NOVEL DIMERIC ALKALOID FROM ACONITUM TANGU-TICUM (MAXIM.) STAPF. W. T. WANG

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7525

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A dimeric diterpenoid alkaloid, tangirine (1), has been isolated from *A. tanguticum*. Its structure was elucidated by 1H, 13C, 1H cosy, long range cosy, HETCOR, nOe and HMBC nmr spectral studies.

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# Stereoselective Michael Additions of Nitromethane Yielding 3R(1S N-Substituted Aminoethyl)Pyrrolidines

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The 1,4 addition of nitromethane to vinylogous esters of N-protected amino acids proceeded with good to excellent yields and with good diastereoselectivity.

# LINEARLY FUSED RIBBONS OF CARBOCYCLIC SIX-MEMBERED RINGS VIA DIELS-ALDER CYCLOADDITIONS. 1. MODEL STUDIES

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7533

AND KEY INTERMEDIATES. Robert M. Cory,\* Cameron L. McPhail and Antonius J. Dikmans, Department of Chemistry, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada N6A 5B7. A synthesis of 7,14-dihexyl-6,15-hexacenedione is accomplished by Diels-Alder addition followed by dehydrogenation, and the double Diels-Alder components (1,4,5,8-anthradiquinone and 2,3,6,7-tetraheptylidene-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8-octahydroanthracene) for a proposed synthesis of a cyclacene are prepared.

### TWO NOVEL DIKETOPIPERAZINES ISOLATED FROM THE FUNGUS TOLYPOCLADIUM SP.

Min Chu\*, Ronald Mierzwa, Imbi Truumees, Frank Gentile, Mahesh Patel, Vincent Gullo, Tze-Ming Chan and Mohindar S. Puar Schering-Plough Research Institute,

2015 Galloping Hill Road, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033 U.S.A.

Two novel diketopiperazines, Sch 54794 and Sch 54796, have been isolated from a fungal fermentation and identified by spectral methods.

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Sch 54794: R<sub>1</sub> = H R<sub>2</sub> = SCH<sub>3</sub> Sch 54796: R<sub>1</sub> = SCH<sub>3</sub> R<sub>2</sub> = H

Synthetic Studies on Halichondrins: A New Practical Synthesis of the C.1-C.12 Segment

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A new practical synthesis of the C.1-C.12 halichondrin segment was achieved from L-mannonic γ-lactone, using osmylation. C-allylation and Michael reaction as key steps

#### OXYGEN ATOM TRANSFER WITH NIOBOCENE KETENES; BAEYER-VILLIGER CHEMISTRY WITH UNUSUAL REGIOSELECTIVITIES

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7545

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Complex 1 has been used as an oxygen atom source in stoichiometric and catalytic Baeyer-Villiger reactions, and it exerts a steric influence on reaction regiochemistry.

$$Cp_{2}Nb \xrightarrow{H} O + RCR' \longrightarrow Cp_{2}Nb \xrightarrow{H} CP_{2}$$

$$Cp_{2}Nb \xrightarrow{C} O + RCOR'$$

$$Cp_{2}Nb \xrightarrow{C} O + RCOR'$$

$$Cp_{2}Nb \xrightarrow{C} O + RCOR'$$

#### A FAMILY OF TRIFLUOROETHOXYCARBENES.

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7549

C-S. Ge, E. A. Jefferson, and R. A. Moss, Department of Chemistry, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

The generation and reactions of 4 novel trifluoroethoxycarbenes (1-4) are described.

 $CF_3CH_2O$ - $\ddot{C}$ -CI  $CF_3CH_2O$ - $\ddot{C}$ -F  $(CF_3CH_2O)_2C$ :  $CF_3CH_2O$ - $\ddot{C}$ - $OCH_3$ 1 2 3 4

STERIC OVERCROWDING IN N-TRIMETHYLSILYL-

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7553

SUBSTITUTED-P-PHENYLENEDIAMINES: THE ORIGIN OF A WURSTER'S BLUE RADICAL ANION Hans Bock\*, Jochen Meuret, Christian Näther and Ulrich Krynitz

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$$(H_3C)_3SI > N \xrightarrow{6^{\circ}} 139 \times H > SI(CH_3)_3$$

$$(H_3C)_3SI \times N \xrightarrow{6^{\circ}} 139 \times H > SI(CH_3)_3$$

$$(H_3C)_3SI \times N \xrightarrow{6^{\circ}} 141 \times N \xrightarrow{(H_3C)_3SI} 131^{\circ} \times N \xrightarrow{(H_3C)_3SI} 1360^{\circ} \times N \xrightarrow{(H_3C)_3SI} 131^{\circ} \times N \xrightarrow{(H_3C)_3SI} 131^{$$

#### A CONCISE DIASTEREOSPECIFIC SYNTHESIS OF 3-AMINO-2-HYDROXY ACIDS

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Department of Organic Chemistry, University of Geneva,

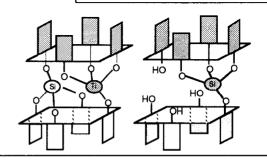
1211 Geneva 4. Switzerland

L-Aspartic acid (4) was converted to the acids 18-21 via the key intermediates 6, 8 and 9.

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Multicavitands II: Synthesis of a Non Centrosymmetric Hollow Molecular Unit (Koiland) Fusion of On Two D-tertbutylcalix[4] arenes by Both Silicon and Titanium Atoms. Xavier Delaigue, Mir Wais Hosseini,\* Emmanuelle Leize, Sylvie Kieffer and Alain Van Dorsselaer Institut de Chimie, Université Louis Pasteur, 4, rue Blaise Pascal, F-67000 Strasbourg, France

The synthesis and NMR structural investigation of a divergent direceptor with two different cavities and of its precursor are described



### Stereoselective Syntheses of 3,3-difluoro-1-propene Derivatives

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7565

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A synthesis of allylic difluorides is described, exemplified by the preparation of the difluoro analogue of a pheromonal component of the oriental fruit moth.

#### CYANOMETHYL GROUP: A VERSATILE PROTECTING GROUP FOR PHENOLS, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7567

AMINES, AND CARBAMATES. Benharab A., Boyé S., Savelon L., Guillaumet G.\*, Laboratoire de Chimie Bioorganique et Analytique associé au CNRS, Université d'Orléans, B.P. 6759, 45067 Orléans Cedex 2, France.

The use of cyanomethyl as a protecting group for phenols, primary and secondary amines, and carbamates is described.

#### Hydroboration of Enecarbamates and the Synthesis of β-Hydroxypiperidine Alkaloids. Mark Plehiers and

Claude Hootelé\*, Organic Chemistry Department, Faculty of Sciences, University of Brussels, B-1050 Brussels

#### ELECTROCHEMICAL SYNTHESIS OF SYMMETRICAL KETONES FROM ACID CHLORIDES.

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7571

Jean-Claude Folest, Edouard Pereira-Martins, Michel Troupel and Jacques Périchon Laboratoire d'Electrochimie, Catalyse, et Synthèse Organique, (UMR 28), 2 rue H. Dunant, 94320 - Thiais, France

The electrolysis of an acetonitrile solution of an acid chloride is achieved in a cell fitted with a stainless steel or a nickel anode. The ketone is obtained in a yield ranging from moderate to good.

$$2 \text{ R-COCl} + 2 \text{ e} \longrightarrow \text{R-CO-R} + 2 \text{ Cl}^- + \text{CO}$$
  
 $R = \text{Ph} (72\%), \quad R = \text{Ph-CH}_2 (80\%) \quad R = \text{various aryl groups } (30-50\%)$ 

#### Cyclic Stereocontrol via Organobismetallic Reagents. Part VI Stereodefined Substituted Cyclopropyl Zinc Reagents.

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7575

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#### A STEREOCONTROLLED SYNTHESIS OF SYN-2,5-DISUB-STITUTED TETRAHYDROFURAN AND DIHYDROFURAN

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7579

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Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Taejon 305-701, Korea

A stereocontrolled synthetic route to syn-2,5-disubstituted tetrahydrofuran and dihydrofuran is described.

# A FACILE PREPARATION OF HIGHLY FUNCTIONALIZED CYCLOPROPANES AND THEIR CONVERSION TO CYCLOPENTANONES AND FURANS

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# A Novel Method for the Generation of o-Quinodimethane by Selenium-Induced Fragmentation of o-Vinyl benzyl-tributylstannane

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The treatment of o - vinyl benzyltributylstannane 1 with N-phenylselenophthalimide(NPSP) in the presence of zinc bromide at  $0^{\circ}$ C can generate o - quinodimethane 3, which can then undergo Diels-Alder reactions.

### Asymmetric Catalysis of Ene-type Reaction with Fluoral by Chiral Titanium Complex: A Semi-empirical and Ab-initio Analysis of Ene Reactivity

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7591

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7587

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Synthesis of Unsymmetrical Biaryl Ketones *via* Palladium-Catalyzed Carbonylative Cross-Coupling Reaction of Arylboronic Acids with Iodoarenes

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7595

Tatsuo Ishiyama, Hiroe Kizaki, Norio Miyaura, and Akira Suzuki Department of Applied Chemistry, Faculty of Engineering, Hokkaido University, Sapporo 060, Japan

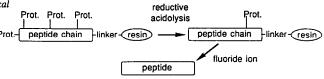
# A NEW STEPWISE DEPROTECTION METHOD USING REDUCTIVE ACIDOLYSIS FOLLOWED BY FLUORIDE ION IN SOLID PHASE PEPTIDE SYNTHESIS

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7599

Yoshiaki Kiso,\* Hisatomi Itoh, Shigeki Tanaka, Tooru Kimura and Kenichi Akaji

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A new stepwise deprotection method has been found to minimize aspartimide formation.



# FLAVIN-PHOTOSENSITIZED PRODUCTION OF INDOLE-3-ACETALDEHYDE FROM TRYPTOPHAN. Tomokazu Koshiba\*a,

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Photochemical reaction of tryptophan with flavin was performed under anaerobic condition to give indole-3-acetaldehyde as a major product.

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Tryptophan

Indole-3-acetaldehyde

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7607

# NEW PREPARATION OF REACTIVE ZINC METAL BY ELECTROLYSIS AND ITS USE FOR A FACILE ISOPRENYLATION OF ALDEHYDES AND KETONES

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Reaction of 1 with aldehydes and ketones in the presence of the electrogenerated zinc (EGZn) gave the corresponding isoprenylated carbinols 2 in good yields.

Pd<sup>2+</sup>-catalyzed Oxidative Aminocarbonylation of O-2,3-Butadienyl and O-3,4-Pentadienyl N-Tosylcarbamates

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7611

Masanari Kimura, Naoto Saeki, Shigeru Uchida, Hiroto Harayama, Shuji Tanaka, Keigo Fugami, and Yoshinao Tamaru\* Department of Applied Chemistry, Faculty of Engineering, Nagasaki University, 1-14 Bunkyo, Nagasaki 852, Japan Pd<sup>2+</sup>-catalyzed oxidative aminocarbonylation of 1 and 5 stereoselectively provides 2 and 6, respectively, in high yields.

" 1 ° 5 " 0 2 " 0 6

# Preparation of Conjugated Enynes by the Palladium-Catalyzed Elimination Reaction of Propagylic Carbonates

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Propargylic carbonates are cleanly converted to conjugated enynes by palladium-catalyzed elimination reaction under mild and neutral conditions

# Use of $\pi$ -Allylpalladium as a Nucleophile via an Alkyl-Allyl Exchange Reaction with Alkylzinc

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7619

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Palladium-catalyzed allylation of carbonyl compounds via alkyl-allyl exchange between  $\pi$ -allylpalladium and diethylzinc proceeds to provide homoallyl alcohols in good yields.

### Highly Diastereoselective Aldol Reaction of Benzaldehyde Derivatives

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7623

Having a Chiral Ortho Substituent with Silylated Carbon Nucleophiles

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#### A NOVEL ROUTE TO A NEW LACTONE INTERMEDIATE FOR

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7627

C-NUCLEOSIDES VIA AN INTRAMOLECULAR SULFONIUM YLIDE REARRANGEMENT. A FORMAL SYNTHESIS OF (+)-SHOWDOMYCIN

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Intramolecular carbenoid reaction of phenylthiofuranose afforded a new lactone through sequential rearrangements.

REACTION OF  $C_{60}$  WITH DIACYL PEROXIDES CONTAINING PERFLUOROALKYL GROUPS.

#### THE FIRST EXAMPLE OF ELECTRON TRANSFER REACTION VIA C40\* IN SOLUTION

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 $C_{60}(R_FOH)$  was produced via the cation radical of  $C_{60}$  as intermediate by single-electron transfer from  $C_{60}$  to the diacyl peroxide.

+ 
$$(R_FCO_2)_2$$
  $\xrightarrow{40 \text{ °C, 15h}}$  OH +  $(R_F = C_3F_7, CF_3)$   $\xrightarrow{25\%} (C_3F_7), 10\% (CF_3)$   $\xrightarrow{11\%} (C_3F_7), 31\% (CF_3)$ 

BELAMCANDAQUINONES A AND B, NOVEL DIMERIC 1,4-BENZOQUINONE DERIVATIVES, POSSESSING CYCLOOXYGENASE INHIBITORY ACTIVITY

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The structures of belamcandaquinones A (1) and B (2) are described.

CONCISE SYNTHESIS OF BELAMCANDAQUINONES A AND B BY PALLLADIUM(0) CATALYZED CROSS-COUPLING REACTION OF BROMOQUINONE WITH ARYLBORONIC ACIDS

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R = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>9</sub>CH=CH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>

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Zirconium-Mediated Ring Contraction: An Efficient Synthesis of Enantiomerically Pure Key Intermediate of Carbocyclic Oxetanocin H. Ito, T. Taguchi and Y. Hanzawa

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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{BnO} & \text{OMe} \xrightarrow{\text{"Cp}_2\text{Zr"}} & \text{HO} & \text{OR} \\ \hline & \text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2 & \text{HO} & \text{OR} \\ \hline & \text{R=SiMe}_2\text{^tBu} & \text{HO} \end{array}$$

# INTRAMOLECULAR CYCLIZATION REACTIONS OF ENONE RADICALS

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Enone radicals, generated from the corresponding iodo enones, or vinylogous esters and amides, undergo intramolecular cyclization to the tethered trimethylsilyl acetylenic side chain to give the carbo- or heterobicyclic enones.

DEGRADATION OF 2,2'-DIHALODIETHYL SULFIDES(MUSTARDS) BY N,N-DICHLORO-4-METHYLBENZENESULPHONAMIDE IN

Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 7645

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Decontamination of mustards by dichloramine-T generates 2-haloethyl 1-chloro-2-halo-vinyl sulfides(9) as major product.

Lanthanides in Organic Synthesis: Eu+3-Catalyzed Michael Addition of 1,3-Dicarbonyl Compounds.

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EuCl<sub>3</sub> proves to be an efficient catalyst for Michael addition of 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds. The employment of Eu<sup>+3</sup> chiral complex Eu(tfc)<sub>3</sub> allows the formation of Michael adducts in enantioselective way.