#### GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS

Novel Tele Nucleophilic Aromatic Substitutions in α-(Benzotriazol-1-yl)alkyl

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 903

Aryl Ketones. Alan R. Katritzky\*, Hong Wu and Linghong Xie.

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Reactions of  $\alpha$ -(benzotriazol-1-yl)alkyl aryl ketones 2 with alkyllithiums or Grignard reagents afforded para-alkylated products 5 via a novel tele nucleophilic aromatic substitution.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 907

# COMBINATORIAL SYNTHESIS OF HETEROCYCLES: SOLID PHASE SYNTHESIS OF 2-ARYLQUINOLINE-4-CARBOXYLIC ACID DERIVATIVES

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A solid phase multi-component condensation approach for the synthesis of 2-arylquinoline-4-carboxylic acid derivatives is disclosed.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 911

#### Novel Thiodiketopiperazine Fungal Metabolites As Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor

Antagonists. Vinod R. Hegde,\* Ping Dai, Mahesh Patel, Pradip R. Das, and Mohindar S. Puar, Schering Plough Research Institute, 2015 Galloping Hill Road, Kenilworth, NJ 07033, USA

Three novel esters of an eight carbon aliphatic acid, 2,4-dimethyl-3- hydroxyhexanoic acid and a thiodiketopiperazine, aranotin, were isolated as epidermal growth factor (EGF) receptor antagonists from a fungal fermentation extract

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 915

#### SYNTHESIS OF THE STAUROSPORINE AGLYCONE (K-252c) LACTAM REGIOISOMER.

Robert L. Hudkins\* and James L. Diebold, Dept. of Chemistry, Cephalon, Inc., 145 Brandywine Pkwy., West Chester, PA 19380 USA The staurosporine aglycone lactam regioisomer was prepared from 2,2'-biindole and maleimide or ethyl cis-β-cyanoacrylate by a tandem Michael-acid catalyzed condensation sequence.

# Efficient Utilization of [14C]Carbon Dioxide as a Phosgene Equivalent for Labeled Synthesis

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 919

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Utilization of stoichiometric amounts of [14ClCO<sub>2</sub> in the McGhee protocol represents a useful alternative to [14Clphosgene for the preparation of most isocvantes and carbamyl chlorides.

## REGIO AND STEREOSELECTIVE CONVERSION OF Δ4-URONIC ACIDS

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 923

TO L-IDO AND D-GLUCOPYRANOSIDURONIC ACIDS. Hélène G. Bazin.

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$$CO_2R'$$
  $OBn$   $O$ 

## An In Situ Procedure for Catalytic, Enantioselective Acetate Aldol Addition. Application to the Synthesis of (R)-(-)-Epinephrine.

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We report an in situ preparation of catalyst 3 which substantially simplifies the (+)-1 + experimental procedure for the enantioselective, catalytic acetate aldol addition and maintains the salient features of the catalytic process: high yields and % ee's, low catalyst loads, and convenient reaction times and temperatures. This new procedure is utilized in an efficient synthesis of (R)-(-)-epinephrine from commercially available reagents in an overall yield of 45%.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 927

## SOLID PHASE SYNTHESIS OF HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS FROM

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 931

LINEAR PEPTIDES: CYCLIC UREAS AND THIOUREAS. Adel Nefzi,

John M. Ostresh, Jean-Philippe Meyer and Richard. A Houghten\*, Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies 3550 General Atomics Ct., San Diego, CA 92121 USA
The design and synthesis on solid phase of cyclic ureas and thioureas derived from modified dipeptide templates.

#### SYNTHESIS OF THE SPORE PHOTOPRODUCT

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The spore photoproduct 1 was synthesized in seven steps from dihydrothymine and 5-formyl uracil using a mixed Aldol coupling as the key bond forming step.

#### VINYL GROUP PROTECTION IN PORPHYRINS AND CHLORINS: ORGANOSELENIUM DERIVATIVES.

S. E. Brantley, B. Gerlach, M. M. Olmstead and

K. M. Smith, Department of Chemistry, University of

California, Davis, CA 95616.

The o-nitrophenylselenoethyl group can be readily prepared from vinyl groups in porphyrins and chlorins: it can be used as an effective vinyl-protected function which survives important reactions (e.g. Vilsmeier formylation) in porphyrin and chlorin systems.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 937

#### APLIDIAMINE, A UNIQUE ZWITTERIONIC BENZYL HYDROXYADEN-INE FROM THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MARINE ASCIDIAN APLIDIOPSIS sp.

Heonjoong Kang and William Fenical\*

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The structure of a novel zwitterionic natural product, aplidiamine (1) has been determined by combined spectral and chemical methods. The new compound was isolated from the marine ascidian Aplidiopsis sp., collected in Western Australia.

### Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 941

#### Preparation of Formacetal-Linked **Purine-Purine Dinucleotide Analogs**

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Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 945

ARYLALKYLCARBENES FROM TRIPLET ARYLALKY-DIAZOALKANES. Krista R. Motschiedler, <sup>1</sup> John P. Toscano<sup>2</sup> and Miguel A. Garcia-Garibay, <sup>1</sup>\* Departments of Chemistry, <sup>1</sup>University of California, Los Angeles CA 90095 and <sup>2</sup>Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore MD 21218

Triplet carbenes generated by inter- and intra-molecular triplet state sensitization of their diazo precursors undergo concurrent 1,2-H-shifts and alcohol insertion reactions.

N<sub>2</sub> 
$$C_6H_{11}$$
 1) T-T Energy Transfer  $C_6H_{11}$  1,2-H shift + RO-H Insertion

A CONVERGENT SYNTHESIS OF POSTSTATIN: APPLICATION OF THE ACYL CYANOPHOSPHORANE COUPLING PROCEDURE IN THE FORMATION OF A PEPTIDIC 2-KETO AMIDE.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 953

Harry H. Wasserman\* and Anders K. Petersen, Department of Chemistry, Yale University, New Haven, CT 06520-8107, U.S.A.

Poststatin: H-Val-Val-Pos-D-Leu-Val-OH

Rate Enhancing Effect of Hydrogen Chloride and Methanesulfonic

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 957

Acid on the Intramolecular Asymmetric Reduction of o-Aminoacetoand -benzophenones with Disopinocampheylborane. P. V. Ramachandran, S. V. Malhotra, and Herbert C. Brown\* H. C. Brown and R. B. Wetherill Laboratories of Chemistry, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1393

A Novel Glycosyl Donor for the Synthesis of Cancer specific Core 5 and Sialyl Core 5 as Glycopeptide Building Blocks Dongxu Qiu and R. Rao Koganty, Biomira Inc. 2011-94 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6N 1H1

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 961

## KINETICS OF THE MICELLAR NUCLEOPHILIC CLEAVAGE OF DIASTERROMERIC PHOSPHOTRIESTERS. Robert A. Moss and

Susmita Bose, Department of Chemistry, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Diastereomeric phosphotriesters 1 and 2 are rapidly cleaved by micellar iodosobenzoate, iodosonaphthoate, and hydroperoxide; diastereoselectivity is modest.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 969

# Regioselective Synthesis of Photolabile P(1,2)- and P(4,5)-(o-Nitrobenzyl) Ester Derivatives of myo-Inositol

1,2,3,4,5,6-Hexakisphosphate. Jian Chen and Glenn D. Prestwich\*, Department of Chemistry, University at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, New York 11794-3400

Photoremovable esters masking either the P(1,2)- or P(4,5)-bisphosphates of InsP<sub>6</sub> were synthesized in a stereochemically- and regiochemically-controlled fashion using allyl groups as the phosphate protecting group.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 973

#### Preparation of Acid-labile Resins with Halide Linkers and their Utility in Solid Phase Organic Synthesis

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Mild and efficient preparation of acidlabile resins with displaceable halide linkers (3, 4, X = Br and I) is described. Their synthetic utility is exemplified by high yielding N-alkylations with structurally and electronically diverse sets of aliphatic and aromatic amines.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 977

#### Soluble Polymer Synthesis: An Improved Traceless Linker Methodology for Aliphatic C-H Bond Formation

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A traceless linker was developed that allows the attachment of molecules possessing an alkyl halide functionality and later cleavage of the molecules via a two-step oxidation-reduction sequence.

Enamine Oxidations. 2. Selective Oxidative Cleavage of  $\beta$ ,  $\beta$  - Disubstituted Enamines Using Alumina Supported Permanganate. Synthesis of One-Carbon

Dehomologated Carbonyl Compounds from Enamines

Clifford E. Harris, William Chrisman, Sally A. Bickford, Lawrence Y. Lee, Antonia E. Torreblanca, and Bakthan Singaram\*

Treatment of  $\beta$ ,  $\beta$ - disubstituted enamines with alumina supported potassium permanganate leads to a mild and selective oxidative cleavage reaction.

TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE OF (+)-CATECHIN PYRAN RING PROTON COUPLING CONSTANTS AS MEASURED BY NMR AND MODELED USING

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 985

GMMX SEARCH METHODOLOGY. FRED L. TOBIASON<sup>a\*</sup>, STEPHEN S. KELLEY<sup>b</sup>, M. MARK MIDLAND<sup>c</sup>, and RICHARD W. HEMINGWAY<sup>d</sup>, <sup>a</sup>Department of Chemistry, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA 98447, USA <sup>b</sup>National Renewable Energy Laboratory, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401, USA <sup>c</sup>Department of Chemistry, University of California at Riverside, Riverside, CA 92521, USA <sup>d</sup>Southern Research Station, USDA Forest Service, 2500 Shreveport Hwy, Pineville, LA 71360, USA

A GMMX conformational search routine has been modified to give the Boltzmann averaged temperature dependent values for the heterocyclic ring NMR proton coupling constants in (+)-catechin.

## USE OF AN ACETYLENIC SULFONE AS AN ALKENE DIPOLE EQUIVALENT IN THE SYNTHESIS OF (±)PUMILIOTOXIN C

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 989

Thomas G. Back\* and Katsumasa Nakajima, Department of Chemistry, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2N 1N4

(±)Pumiliotoxin C (1) was obtained via the cycloaddition of amino ester 3 with acetylenic sulfone 4.

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#### Preparation and Coupling Reaction of Thienvimanganese Bromides

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 993

Seung-Hoi Kim, and Reuben D. Rieke

Department of chemistry, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0304 USA Substituted thiophene derivatives were synthesized by the direct oxidative addition

of Ricke manganese to Bromothiophenes.

#### ONE-POT SYNTHESIS OF PROTECTED HOMOALLYL AMINES.

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One-pot synthesis of protected homoallyl amines from aldehydes, carbamates and allyltrimethylsilane under influence of BF3.0Et2

# ASYMMETRIC SYNTHESIS OF THE C(18)-C(24) UNIT OF LASONOLIDE A

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1001

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## Nickel Catalyzed Tellurium-Zinc Exchange Reactions.

A New Preparation of Arylzinc Reagents.

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## A SIMPLE ASYMMETRIC SYNTHESIS OF CIS-2,6-

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1009

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1005

DISUBSTITUTED TETRAHYDROPYRAN ACETIC ACID DERIVATIVES A.J.F. Edmunds and W. Trueb, Sandoz Agro AG, CH-4002 Basel, Switzerland

Asymmetric synthesis of functionalised cis-2,6-disubstituted tetrahydropyran acetic acid methyl esters is described which utilises Sharpless asymmetric dihydroxylation (ADH), intramolecular Michael addition, and Mitsunobu inversion as key steps.

SELECTIVITIES IN IONIC REDUCTIONS OF ALCOHOLS AND KETONES WITH TRIETHYLSILANE / TRIFLUOROACETIC ACID, Herbert Mayr<sup>\*®</sup>) and Barbara Dogan, <sup>b)</sup>

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REDUCTION TO HYDROXY OR METHYLENE GROUP?

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1017

## Syntheses for 2-Hydroxy-4,7-dimethoxy-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-one: A Precursor of a Bioactive Electrophile from

Gramineae

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The title aglycone 8 was synthesized following two independent pathways. Its behaviour supports the assumption that 8, when naturally released from its acetal glucoside is a precursor for a bioactive multi-centered electrophile.

## 5'-Deoxy-5'-thioribonucleoside-5'-triphosphates

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1021

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Reaction of P<sup>1</sup>-(S)-thiotriphosphate with 5'-iodo-5'-deoxynucleoside leads to 5'-deoxy-5'-thioribonucleoside-5'-triphosphates. Their incorporation into RNA to produce a 5'-S-bridging phosphorothioate internucleotide linkage, using T7 RNA polymerase, was investigated.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1025

#### Cr(CO)3-Complexed Benzylphosphonates - A Horner-Emmons-Wadsworth Approach To Alkenyl Substituted Tricarbonylchromium Arene Complexes

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The anions of the  $\eta^6$ -benzylphosphonate complexes 1 react as novel organometallic Horner-Emmons-Wadsworth reagents with carbonyl compounds 2 to give areneCr(CO)3 transsubstituted alkenes 3 in moderate to good yields.

#### Stable Attachment of the HMB-Linker to Continuous Cellulose Membranes for Parallel Solid Phase Spot Synthesis. Rudolf Volkmer-Engert, Berit Hoffmann and

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After attachment of 1,2-epoxy-propylamine to the support, the HMB linker was coupled to this construct resulting in a suitable orthogonal linkage for solid phase spot synthesis.

#### Synthesis of (+, -) 3,4-Disubstituted 3,4-Dihydro-2H-thiopyrans via a Diastereoselective Hetero Diels-Alder Reaction

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1033

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Ph S + 
$$R = OMe, NO$$
 Ph S  $R + R = OMe, NO$  Ph S  $R + R$ 

Endo or exo adducts were selectively formed depending on the reaction conditions used.

#### SYNTHESIS OF γ-AND δ-LACTONES DERIVED FROM 4-QUINOLONE-3-

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1037

CARBOXYLIC ACID. Claire Clémencin-Le Guillou, Sylviane Giorgi-Renault,

Jean-Charles Quirion and Henri-Philippe Husson, Laboratoire de Chimie Thérapeutique associé au CNRS, Faculté des Sciences Pharmaceutiques et Biologiques, Université René Descartes, 4, Avenue de l'Observatoire, 75270 Paris Cedex 06, France.

Ar<sub>1</sub> =3.4,5-trimethoxyphenyl  $Ar_2 = 4$ -hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1041

# SYNTHESIS OF DIBENZ[c,e]AZEPINE AND BENZO[e]THIENO[c] AZEPINE VIA N-ACYLIMINIUM ION CYCLIZATION. Pascal Pigeon and

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Selective acid catalyzed cyclization of 3a,b gave azenines 4a,b.

$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ Ar \\ Ar \\ Aa,b \end{array}$$

#### OZONE: A VERSATILE REAGENT FOR SOLID PHASE SYNTHESIS

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Ozone is a versatile reagent well adapted to solid phase synthesis. Terminal double bonds can be efficiently converted into alcohols, aldehydes or carboxylic acids depending on the reaction conditions.

$$O_3, CH_2Cl_2$$

$$-78^{\circ}C, 10 \text{ min.}$$

$$X = CHO, CH_2OH, CO_2H$$

## Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1045

#### HYDROXYACIDS AS EFFICIENT CHIRAL SPACERS FOR ASYMMETRIC INTRAMOLECULAR [2+2] PHOTOCYCLOADDITIONS

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Reaction of Thioglycolate with α-Fluoro-β-(Phenylthio)enones (or -enals): Synthesis of Substituted α-Carboxy-γ-Fluorothiophenes

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Substituted α-carboxy-y-fluoro thiophenes 2F were prepared from α-fluoro-β-(phenylthio)enones 1F and two equivalents of alkyl thioglycolates in DMSO.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1053

#### FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN METAL-CATALYSED C-C BOND CLEAVAGE IN ALLYLIC DIMETHYL MALONATE DERIVATIVES

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The activation of the C-C bond in dimethyl allylmalonate derivatives proceeds efficiently in the presence of Ni(0)-dppb as the catalyst.

#### Palladium-Catalyzed Cyclization of 2-Heteroyl-1-Methylene-1,2,3,4-Tetrahydroisoguinolines.

### Studies on 6-endo-versus 5-exo-trig Cyclization.

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#### Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1061

# ACID-PROMOTED REARRANGEMENT OF $\alpha,\beta$ -EPOXY ACYLATES: REMARKABLE EFFECTS OF AN ACYL GROUP AND A LEWIS

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Remarkable effects of acyl groups and bulky Lewis Acid (MABR), which accelerate rearrangement reaction of various types of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -epoxy acylates including acyclic ones, are reported.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1065

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1067

# FACILE REDUCTION OF AZIDES TO THE CORRESPONDING AMINES WITH METALLIC SAMARIUM AND CATALYTIC AMOUNT OF IODINE. You Huang' Yongmin Zhang' Yulu Wang'

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Alkyl, aryl, aroyl and sulfonyl azides are reduced to the corresponding amines or amides in good yields by metallic samarium and a catalytic amount of iodine, respectively.

$$R - N_3 \xrightarrow{Sm/I_2/MeOH} R - NH_2$$

R=alkyl, aryl, aroyl and sulfonyl

# Regioselectivity in the Ene Reaction of Singlet Oxygen With Alkenes Bearing an Electron Withdrawing Group at 6-Position

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X = COOH, COOMe, COMe, CONR<sub>2</sub>, SOPh, POPh<sub>2</sub>, PO(EtO)<sub>2</sub>

## NEW ROUTES FOR SYNTHESIS OF BRANCHED FUNCTIONALIZED RENZENOIDS USING TETRACHLOROSILANE-ETHANOL REAGENT.

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Abstract: The successive reactions of cyclic ketones with aryl methyl ketones mediated by tetrachlorosilane-ethanol, provides an benzenoid compounds. Synthesis of selective unsymmetrical branched triarylbenzenes in quantitative yields is described.

$$O_2N$$
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Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1075

THE 2,4-DIMETHYLPENT-3-YLOXYCARBONYL (DOC) GROUP AS A NEW. NUCLEOPHILE-RESISTANT PROTECTING GROUP

FOR TYROSINE IN SOLID PHASE PEPTIDE SYNTHESIS. Katri Rosenthal, Amelie Karlström and \*Anders Undén, Department of Neurochemistry and Neurotoxicology, Stockholm University, S-10691 Stockholm, Sweden.

Boc-Tyr(Doc)-OH

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1079

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1081

#### SELECTIVE PREPARATION OF BENZYLIC BROMIDES IN DRY MEDIA

COUPLED WITH MICROWAVE IRRADIATION. Goverdhan L.Kad\*, Vasundhara Singh

Kanwal Preet Kaur and Jaswinder Singh, Department of Chemistry, Panjab University, Chandigarh, 160014, India.

#### A NEW SYNTHESIS OF TRUXENONE

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A new entry to the Truxenone skeleton is provided via the cyclotrimerisation of 2-methylacetophenone

## COBALT CATALYZED MULTIPLE COMPONENT CONDENSATION ROUTE TO β-ACETAMIDO CARBONYL COMPOUND LIBRARIES

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# THE FIRST ENANTIOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS OF OPTICALLY PURE (R)- AND (S)-5,5"-DIHYDROXY-4',4"',7,7"-TETRAMETHOXY-8,8"-BIFLAVONE AND THE RECONFIRMATION OF THEIR ABSOLUTE CONFIGURATION

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The first enantioselective synthesis of optically pure (R)- and (S)-5,5"-dihydroxy-4',4", 7,7"-tetramethoxy-8,8"-biflavone ((R)- and (S)-1) and the reconfirmation of their absolute configuration by CD spectra are described. The key steps involve the intramolecular oxidative coupling of the cyanocuprate intermediate and Friedel-Crafts rearrangement.

#### Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1087

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 1091

## STEREOSELECTIVE REDUCTION OF UNSATURATED 1,4-DIKETONES. A PRACTICAL ROUTE TO CHIRAL 1,4-DIOLS

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A new synthetic route to C<sub>2</sub>.symmetryc chiral 1,4-diols based on borane-mediated oxazaborolidine-catalysed reduction of 2-unsaturated-1.4-diones is described.

## MODIFIED SYNTHESIS AND BINDING PROPERTIES OF A PEPTIDE RECEPTOR

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Macrocyclic receptor 9, has been prepared in homochiral form. The receptor shows selectivity for certain dipeptides, and most notably a strong preference for N-Cbz- $\beta$ -alanyl amino acids over N-Cbz- $\beta$ -alanyl lactic acids.

# REACTIVITY OF SOME TETRASUBSTITUTED FURANS AND THIOPHENES TOWARDS $BF_3-Et_2$ O CATALYSED

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