#### **GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS**

#### RATE CONSTANTS FOR REACTION OF A FLUOROUS TIN HYDRIDE REAGENT WITH PRIMARY ALKYL RADICALS

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Cyclization rate constants for radical 3 were determined by laser flash photolysis, and radical clock 3 was used to determine the second order rate constants for reaction with fluorous tin hydride reagent 1.

ABSOLUTE CONFIGURATION OF INSECT-PRODUCED EPILACHNENE, Jay J. Farmer,

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Syntheses of (R)- and (S)-epilachnene and gas chromatographic comparison of their diastereomeric (S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy- $\alpha$ trifluoromethylphenylacetyl amides with that of insect-produced epilachnene establishes the natural product has the (S)-configuration.

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A NOVEL ESTERIFICATION PROCEDURE APPLIED TO SYNTHESIS OF BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE ESTERS OF FOSCARNET Boris I. Gorin, Colin G. Ferguson, Gregory R.J. Thatcher\* Department of Chemistry, Queen's University, Kingston, Ont. K7L 3N6 Canada

The development of a novel synthesis for esters of phosphonoformate is reported together with preliminary data on the antiviral activity for these esters.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 2795

A New Synthesis of 8-Methylpsoralen Utilizing a Palladium-Copper Catalyzed Reaction to Generate the Furan Ring and Thus Allowing for the Generation of Novel Analogs in the 5'-Position. Brian M. Aquila

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A new synthesis of 8-methylpsoralen that allows for the modification of the 5'-position in the psoralen ring system.

## Carbamate Linkers as Latent N-Methylamines in Solid Phase Synthesis Chih Y. Ho\* and Michael J. Kukla, Chemistry Department, Janssen Research Foundation

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A new linker strategy for solid phase synthesis has been developed. It utilizes LAH reduction of a carbamate connection to Wang resin which results in N-methylamines.

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Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 2805

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 2809

## ASYMMETRIC SYNTHESIS OF AN IMPORTANT PRECURSOR TO 5'-NOR CARBOCYCLIC NUCLEOSIDES Paul F. Vogt, Jan-Gerd Hansel and Marvin J. Miller\* Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556 USA

An asymmetric hetero-Diels-Alder reaction with an amino acid-derived acylnitroso dienophile was used in the synthesis of a precursor to 5'-nor carbocyclic nucleosides. The amino acid chiral auxiliary was removed by the Edman degradation.

## BROMINATION OF PYRIMIDINES USING BROMIDE AND MONO-PEROXYSULFATE: A COMPETITION STUDY BETWEEN CYTIDINE.

URIDINE AND THYMIDINE. Steven A. Ross and Cynthia J. Burrows, \* Department of Chemistry, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112, USA

Bromination of pyrimidine nucleotides in aqueous conditions can be conveniently carried out using a mixture of potassium bromide and potassium monoperoxysulfate (Oxone). Deoxycytidine can also be selectively brominated in reaction mixtures containing uridine and thymidine. NMR studies show the course of the reaction and formation of 5-bromopyrimidine products.

## SYNTHESIS OF CONTIGUOUS CYCLOPROPANES BY PALLADIUM-CATALYZED SUZUKI-TYPE CROSS-COUPLING REACTIONS.

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## One-Pot Conversion of Olefins to Carbonyl Compounds by Hydroboration / NMO-TPAP Oxidation

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An efficient method to oxidize an olefin to the less substituted carbonyl compound is described.

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#### Asymmetric Synthesis of \alpha-Amino Acid Derivatives via an Electrophilic Amination of Chiral Amide Cuprates with Li t-Butyl-N-Tosyloxycarbamate

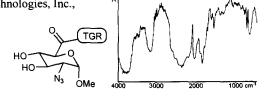
Nan Zheng,\* Joseph D. Armstrong, III,\* J. Christopher McWilliams, and R.P. Volante Department of Process Research, Merck Research Laboratories, P.O. Box 2000, Rahway, New Jersey 07065 The utility of lithium t-butyl-N-tosyloxycarbamate (LiBTOC) as a (+)NHBOC synthon in highly diastereoselective reactions with chiral cis-aminoindanol derived amide cuprates is described. The diastereoselectivities of these reactions ranged from 96% to greater than 99%. The subsequent transformation of these adducts to α-amino acids is also

$$R \xrightarrow{Q} X_c$$

## High Throughput On-Bead Monitoring of Solid Phase Reactions by Diffuse Reflectance Infrared Fourier Transform Spectroscopy (DRIFTS)

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 2821

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#### Asymmetric Synthesis of Chiral Sulfoxides and Sulfinimines by using

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 2825

#### N-Sulfinylsultam

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# CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRICYCLIC BENZOQUINOLIZINE RING SYSTEM BY COMBINATION OF A TANDEM MANNICH-MICHAEL REACTION WITH A HECK REACTION.

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## A STABLE CARBENE AS $\pi$ -ACCEPTOR

#### Electrochemical Reduction to the Radical Anion

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Electrochemical reduction of the carbene 1 led to the radical anion 2, which was characterized by ESR techniques and *ab initio* calculations as an *aza*-analogous ketyl radical.

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## A FORMAL SYNTHESIS OF BRASSINOLIDE

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 2837

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# A CONVENIENT ASYMMETRIC ACCESS TO TRIQUINANIC COMPOUNDS

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R-(+)-pulegone

Ar=p-toluene

dihydropentalenic acid, methyl ester

## Curcacycline B, a cyclic nonapeptide from Jatropha curcas enhancing rotamase activity of cyclophilin.

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Curcacycline B is a cyclic nonapeptide cyclo (-Leu-Gly-Ser-Pro-Ile-Leu-Leu-Gly-Ile-) which enhanced the rotamase activity of cyclophilin-B.

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Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 2849

#### THE NOVEL LACTONIZATION INDUCED BY PHENONIUM ION.

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#### α,α-DIFLUOROALLYL CARBANION: INDIUM-MEDIATION IN ITS FACILE COUPLING WITH ALDEHYDES

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$$R \stackrel{O}{\mapsto} H + \stackrel{F}{\triangleright} F \stackrel{In}{\longrightarrow} R \stackrel{OH}{\longleftarrow} 29-77\%$$

## CYCLOHEXYNES AS INTERMEDIATES IN A NOVEL ENDO-CYCLIZATION OF ALKYNYLZINCATES DERIVED FROM 5-HEXYNYL TOSYLATES. Toshiro Harada,\* Takeshi Otani, and Akira Oku, Department of Chemistry, Kyoto Institute of Technology, Matsugasaki, Sakyo-ku 606, Japan

exoendocyclization cyclization Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 2855

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The  $\pi$ -type *endo*-cyclization of metal acetylides to form cyclohexynes 2 was observed for the first time in the reaction of alkynylzincates 1 derived from 5-hexynyl tosylates. The endo-cyclization took place in competition with exo-cyclization leading to the formation of 1-(cyclopentylidene)alkylzincs 3.

## Callystatin A, a Potent Cytotoxic Polyketide from the Marine Sponge Callyspongia truncata

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Callystatin A (1) has been isolated from the marine sponge Callyspongia truncata and the plane structure including parts of the absolute configurations elucidated. 1 exhibited potent cytotoxicity against KB cells.

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SYNTHESIS OF 5-ALKYL-1-ARYL-4,4-DIMETHYL-2,6,7-TRIOXABICYCLO[3.2.0] HEPTANES AS A CHEMI-

LUMINESCENT SUBSTRATE WITH REMARKABLE THERMAL STABILITY.

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Various 1-aryl-4,4-dimethyl-2,6,7-trioxabicyclo[3.2.0]heptanes were synthesized and their thermal stabilities and F-induced chemiluminescent properties were examined. Among the bicyclic dioxetanes synthesized here, one bearing a tert-butyl or a 9-methyfluorenyl at the 5-position exhibited remarkable thermal stability.

R = HR = MeR = i-PrY = Me or TBDMS

EFFICIENT SYNTHESIS OF 7-, 8- AND 9-MEMBERED CYCLIC ALLYLTITANIUM COMPOUNDS AND THEIR STEREOSELECTIVE ADDITION REACTION WITH ALDEHYDES AND IMINES.

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Reaction of 7-, 8- and 9-membered cyclic allylic compounds with  $(\eta^2$ -propene)Ti(O-i-Pr)<sub>2</sub> provides the corresponding allylic titanium compounds, which, in turn, react with aldehydes and imines stereoselectively.

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$$X = \text{Br}, OCO_2Et$$

CONVERSION OF SCLAREOL INTO (+)-GALANOLACTONE AND

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(+)-LABDIENEDIAL. Mankil Jung,\* Seokjoon Lee and Byunghee

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Stereoselective epoxidation or reduction-oxidation of 4 leads to (+)-galanolactone 5 and (+)-labdienedial 11.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 2879

## MECHANISM OF THE REDOX REACTION OF THE AEQUOREA

GREEN FLUORESCENT PROTEIN (GFP).

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The redox reaction of GFP was reproduced using the model compound.

## COPPER(I) IODIDE-PROMOTED REGIOSELECTIVE ALLYLATION OF $\alpha$ -(2-PYRIDYLTHIO)ALLYLSTANNANES. A NEW ROUTE TO

δε-UNSATURATED KETONES Takeshi TAKEDA,\* Ko-ichi MATSUNAGA, Tetsuya URUGA, Michiyo TAKAKURA, and Tooru FUJIWARA

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The γ-selective allylation of α-(2-pyridylthio)allylstannanes (1) with allyl chloride in the presence of copper(I) iodide followed by the alkylation and hydrolysis gave  $\delta$ , $\varepsilon$ -unsaturated ketones (2).

## DETERMINATION OF THE ABSOLUTE CONFIGURATION AND TOTAL SYNTHESIS OF RADIOSUMIN, A TRYPSIN INHIBITOR FROM A FRESHWATER BLUE-GREEN ALGA

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 2883

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## A NOVEL ONE-POT CONVERSION OF TETRAACETAL TETRAOXA-CAGES TO AZA-CAGES MEDIATED BY IODOTRIMETHYLSILANE IN ACETONITRILE

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 2887

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a novel one-step conversion of oxa-cages to aza-cages was discovered.

## ABNORMAL CYCLOAROMATIZATION OF NEOCARZINOSTATIN INDUCED BY SUGAR THIOLS. Der-Hang Chin\*, and Mei-Ching Tseng.

Department of Chemistry, National Changhua University of Education, Paisa Village, Changhua 50058, Taiwan, Republic of China

The reaction of hexose thiols with holo-NCS produces a major product of tetrahydroindacene derivative as if the enediyne chromophore were not bound to the protein.

## Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 2895

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 2899

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 2903

## EFFICIENT METHODOLOGY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SUBSTITUTED SPIROKETALS. MODEL STUDIES TOWARDS

THE SYNTHESIS OF THE EASTERN SPIROKETAL SUBUNIT OF OKADAIC ACID

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R = alkyl; n = 1, 2; yields: 50 - 60%

## CONCISE AND STEREOCONTROLLED ASSEMBLY OF SUBSTITUTED DIHYDROPYRANS. SYNTHETIC STUDIES TOWARDS THE

trans-DIOXADECALIN SUBUNIT OF OKADAIC ACID Istyán E. Markó\* Adrian P. Dobbs, Vincent Scheirmann, François Chellé and Daniel J. Bayston

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trans-Dioxadecalin 2, a model for the middle portion of okadaic acid, has been efficiently assembled using an extension of the ISMS cyclisation methodology.

#### POLYANILINE SUPPORTED COBALT(II) SALEN CATALYST: ONE POT SYNTHESIS OF B-PHENYLISOERINE DERIVATIVES FROM CINNAMOYL AMIDE

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## FMOC-PROTECTED TROPANE-BASED AMINO ACIDS FOR PEPTIDE STRUCTURE-FUNCTION STUDIES.

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Tropane-based amino acids have been prepared for use in the development of novel, synthetic peptides and peptidomimetics.

Fmoc-Nec

Fmoc-Ntc<sup>2a</sup>

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#### A NOVEL STEREOSPECIFIC TOTAL SYNTHESIS OF

 $(\pm)$  –  $\Delta^{9(12)}$  – CAPNELLENE FROM p-CRESOL

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Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology, Powai, Bombay 400 076 (INDIA). A novel, efficient and stereospecific synthesis of (+)capnellene from p-cresol is described.

OH OH OH 
$$\frac{13}{5}$$
  $\frac{12}{3}$   $\frac{12}{7}$   $\frac{10}{11}$   $\frac{12}{7}$   $\frac{10}{11}$   $\frac{10}{11}$ 

## Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 2915

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 2919

## A NEW CLEAVAGE STRATEGY FOR THE SOLID-PHASE SYNTHESIS

OF SECONDARY AMINES. Paolo Conti, Dennis Demont, Jos Cals,

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Clean and efficient cleavage of N-benzyl linked tertiary amines from a solid support by treatment with  $\alpha$ -chloroethyl chloroformate and methanol to yield secondary amines.

#### A PREPARATION OF HALOALKYLIDENE CYCLOPENTANONES.

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Cyclic haloalkylidene cyclopentanones are formed stereoselectively by free radical addition of tetrahalomethanes to acyclic acetylenic ketones bearing an appropriately positioned double bond.

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