#### **GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS**

#### OLIGOMERIC GLYCOPEPTIDOMIMETICS BEARING THE CANCER RELATED TN-ANTIGEN

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α-O-Linked N-acetylgalactosamine clusters with 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 repeating units were synthesized using a reiterative blockwise approach and Nsubstituted oligoglycine peptoid backbones.

#### Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3487

#### 1,13 and 1,14 Asymmetric Induction: Remote Control

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Treatment of the acyclic sulfones 1 (n = 1, 2, 3 and 4) with n-BuLI/THF/-100°C followed by PhCHO gave only two diastereomeric B-hydroxysulfones 2. The selection of two out of a possible four diastereomers is observed even though the chiral inducing entity is 10, 11, 12 and 13 atoms from the reaction locus.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3491

$$\begin{array}{c|c} PhO_2S & H & O & Ph \\ \hline PhO_2S & H & N & N \\ \hline Ph & N & N \\ \hline Ph & N & N \\ \hline Ph \\ \hline N & N \\ \hline Ph \\ \hline N & N \\ \hline Ph \\ N & N \\ N & N$$

Enantioselective Synthesis of  $\alpha$ -Hydroxy Phosphonates via Oxidation with (Camphorsulfonyl)oxaziridines. Diana M. Pogatchnik and David F. Wiemer, Department of Chemistry, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52245.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3495

Oxidation of benzylphosphonate anions with enantiomerically pure (camphorsulfonyl)oxaziridines results in formation of nonracemic α-hydroxy phosphonates in good enantiomeric excess.

#### 1,3,5 / 2,4,6-Differentiated Hexaalkynvlbenzenes: Absorption and Fluorescence Properties of a D<sub>3h</sub>-Symmetric Donor-Substituted System

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The synthesis of 1,3,5 / 2,4,6 differentially functionalized hexaethynylbenzene derivatives (1) is described. Interesting solvatochromic behavior was observed for 2 in the absorption and emission spectra. A twisted intramolecular charge transfer (TICT) state in polar solvents appears to be involved.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3499

#### **ELECTROPHILICITIES OF IMINIUM IONS**

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Electrophilicity parameters of iminium ions 1-4 were determined that allow to define scope and limitation of electrophilic aminomethylations.

# ESR Evidence for a Heterolytic C,O-Bond Cleavage in Models of 4'-DNA Radicals

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3507

Stefan Peukert, Rohit Batra, Bernd Giese\*,

Department of Chemistry, University of Basel, St. Johanns-Ring 19, CH-4056 Basel, Switzerland.

ESR evidence is given for the reaction sequence 1-3 which models the anaerobic cleavage of 4'-DNA radicals.

# 9-HYDROXY-9-(4-CARBOXYPHENYL)XANTHENE - A NEW LINKER FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF PEPTIDE AMIDES. Bernd Henkel, Weiguang Zeng, Ernst Bayer, Institute of Organic Chemistry, University of Tübingen, Auf der Morgenstelle 18, D-72076 Tübingen, Germany

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3511

Solid phase synthesis of peptide amides with a new linker

# Suzuki-Type Coupling of Chloroarenes with Arylboronic Acids Catalysed by Nickel Complexes. Adriano F. Indolese\*, Catalysis Research, Novartis Services AG, CH-4002 Basel, Switzerland

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3513

Unsymmetrical biaryls were synthesised in high yields starting from chloroarenes and arylboronic acid using a nickel catalyst.

R', R'' = Alkyl, F, OR, SR, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, CHO, CF<sub>3</sub>

## One-step Conversion of protected alcohols into alkyl halides using Dimethylphosgeniminium salt

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Efficient conversion of tetrahydro-2-pyranyl (THP)protected alcohols into the corresponding halides using dichlorophosgeniminium chloride in the presence of tetraalkylammonium halide.

ammonium halide.  

$$Me_2N=CCl_2\ Cl^2$$
 $R-O-THP \xrightarrow{\qquad \qquad } R-X$ 
 $nR'_4N^+X^-, CH_2Cl_2$ 

### TRANSITION-METAL TEMPLATE SYNTHESIS OF A ROTAXANE INCORPORATING TWO DIFFERENT COORDINATING UNITS IN

ITS THREAD. Pablo Gaviña and Jean-Pierre Sauvage\*, Laboratoire de Chimie Organo-Minérale, associé au CNRS, Faculté de Chimie, Université Louis Pasteur, 4 rue Blaise Pascal, F-67070 Strasbourg, France.

Synthesis of a [2]rotaxane consisting of a functionalized molecular string threaded into a coordinating ring thanks to the template effect of copper (I).

## ELECTRON-TRANSFER REACTION OF 1,2-DISILA-3,5-CYCLOHEXADIENES.

Masahiro Kako, Hideki Takada, and Yasuhiro Nakadaira,\* Department of Chemistry, The University of Electro-Communications, Chofu, Tokyo 182, Japan

Photolysis of 1,2-disila-3,5-cyclohaxadienes in the presence of methylene blue as a sensitizer afforded the corresponding siloles.

+ Ph<sub>3</sub>P

# PREPARATION AND STRUCTURE OF NOVEL METHANOFULLERENE CONTAINING STABLE P-YLID

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H<sub>3</sub>COOC——COOCH<sub>3</sub>

Toshiyasu Suzuki, Fundamental Research Laboratories, NEC Corporation, 34 Miyukigaoka, Tsukuba 305, Japan Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3529

### CONSTRUCTION OF CONTIGUOUS CHIRAL TERTIARY CARBON CENTERS BY ENANTIOSELECTIVE MICHAEL REACTION OF

KETONE LITHIUM ENOLATES USING A CHIRAL AMINE LIGAND. Kösuke Yasuda,<sup>a</sup> Mitsuru Shindo,<sup>b</sup> and Kenji Koga<sup>c</sup>\*

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# AN EFFICIENT PROTOCOL FOR THE SELECTIVE REDUCTION OF BENZENESULFONYLLACTAM TO BENZENESULFONYL CYCLIC AMINE

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Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3535

#### The Synthesis of Fragment A of an Antibiotic, Nosiheptide

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Yasuchika Yonezawa<sup>b</sup>, and Chung-gi Shin<sup>b</sup>

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#### TRIMETHYLSILYL TRIFLATE PROMOTED 1,4-ADDITION OF SILYL

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3543

PHOSPHITE TO CYCLIC ENONES. Ichiro Mori\*, Yoko Kimura, Toshihito Nakano,
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A catalytic amount of TMSOTf remarkably facilitated the conjugate addition of silyl phosphites, prepared in situ, to cyclic enones.

1.2 eq(RO)<sub>2</sub>POH 
$$\begin{array}{c} 1.1.2 \text{ eq BSA, cal. TMSOTf} \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2, 0 \text{ °C} \\ \hline \\ 2. \text{ } \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OSiMe}_3 \\ \hline \\ \text{X} \begin{array}{c} \text{P(OR)}_2 \\ \hline \\ \text{O} \end{array} \end{array}$$

#### RADICAL REACTION OF THE DIMETHACRYLIC ESTER OF (2R,4R)-2,4-PENTANEDIOL. ADDITION-CYCLIZATION-

#### TERMINATION PROCESS OF HIGH YIELD UNDER RIGOROUS STEREOCONTROL OF THE

TERMINATION STEP Takashi Sugimura,\* Shinya Nagano and Akira Tai Faculty of Science, Himeji Institute of Technology, Kanaji, Kamigori, Ako-gun, Hyogo 678-12 Japan

Photolysis of 1 with thiophenol afforded 2, and after desulfulization, diastereomerically pure 3 was obtained in 93.6% for two steps.

#### ADDITIONS OF MALONONITRILE RADICALS TO ALKENES UNDER MILD CONDITIONS USING 2,2'-AZOBIS-(2,4-DIMETHYL-4-METHOXYVALERONITRILE) (V-70) AS AN INITIATOR

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3549

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2.2'-Azobis-(2.4-dimethyl-4-methoxyvaleronitrile) (V-70) is an effective radical initiator at low temperature in contrast to 2.2'-azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN).

#### Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3553

#### ENANTIOSELECTIVE ACYCLIC STEREOSELECTION UNDER CATALYST CONTROL. 2. ASYMMETRIC SYNTHESIS OF syn- AND anti-1,3-DIOLS INCORPORATING AN ACETATE

#### EQUIVALENT BY THE CHIRAL OXAZABOROLIDINONE-CATALYZED ALDOL REACTION

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#### NEW AMPHIPHILIC PALLADIUM-PHOSPHINE COMPLEXES BOUND TO SOLID SUPPORTS: PREPARATION AND USE FOR CATALYTIC ALLYLIC SUBSTITUTION IN AQUEOUS MEDIA

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3557

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$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ N \\ - C \\ - C$$

Amphiphilic Polymer-Supported Phosphine (1)

R, R' = Ph, Me, H

79-98% yield

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Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3565

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3569

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3573

# SYNTHESIS OF UNUSUAL α-AMINO ACIDS via a 2+2+2 CYCLOADDITION STRATEGY. Sambasivarao Kotha\* and

Enugurthi Brahmachary, Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology, Powai, Mumbai, 400 076, India

# ELECTROCHEMICAL ACTIVATION OF CARBON DIOXIDE: SYNTHESIS OF ORGANIC CARBONATES. A. Inesi and L. Rossi,\*

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Reaction of electrochemically reduced CO<sub>2</sub> with alcohols leads to the corresponding organic carbonates.

$$CO_2 + e \xrightarrow{E = -2.1 \text{V (vs. SCE)}} Cu \text{ Cathode} \xrightarrow{\text{ROH - MS4A} \atop \text{Etl}} \text{ROCO}_2\text{Et}$$

### THE STEREOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS OF 4-FORMYL TRINEM, A KEY INTERMEDIATE FOR NOVEL TRINEMS

Chiara Ghiron,\* Tino Rossi and Russell J. Thomas\* Glaxo Wellcome Medicines Research Centre, Via A. Fleming 4, 37135, Verona, Italy.

Abstract: The stereoselective synthesis of a protected 4-formyltrinem 8 was accomplished in good yield. This compound is an intermediate in the synthesis of a range of 4-alkenyl trinem antibiotics.

### A NEW CLASS OF HETEROBICYCLIC SYSTEMS: DIOXADIAZADECALINS

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Preparation and study of DODAD and DADOD diastereomers. Enantiopure 2,6-di(p-nitrophenyl)- cis-DODAD and -cis-DADOD analysed by X-ray diffraction. Stereoelectro nic effects, computations.

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cis

trans cis 1,5-dioxa-3,7-diazadecalin (DODAD) OH NY

7 2th

trans cis 1,5-diaza-3,7-dioxadecalin (DADOD)

#### CATION CHELATING [2] CATENANES AND CYCLOPHANES BASED ON 2,2'-BIPYRIDINE

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Several tetracationic [2]catenanes and cyclophanes have been synthesised containing the cation chelating 2,2'-bipyridyl (bipy) subunit. The chelator is used to generate photoactive ruthenium(II) and osmium(II) assemblies and create a site for further metal cluster formation.



# SYNTHESIS OF POLYCARPINE, A CYTOTOXIC SULFUR-CONTAINING ALKALOID FROM THE ASCIDIAN $POLYCARPA\ AURATA$ , AND RELA-

TED COMPOUNDS. Oleg S. Radchenko, Vyacheslav L. Novikov\*, and George B.

Elyakov, Pacific Institute of Bio-Organic Chemistry, Far East Division, the Russian Academy of Sciences, 690022, Vladivostok, Russia. Richard H. Willis and Peter T. Murphy, Australian Institute of Marine Sciences, Townsville, QLD 4810, Australia.

Polycarpine  $\underline{1}$  was synthesized in three steps from  $\underline{4}$  in 57% overall yield. Ten analogues of  $\underline{1}$  were obtained in a like manner.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3581

# DETERMINATION OF A LOW ISOMERISATION BARRIER IN A PUSH-PULL ALKENE: CONVERSION OF THE (Z)-ISOMER TO THE (E) 1-METHYL-4-(2'-METHYLTHIOVINYL)PYRIDINIUM IODIDE.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3585

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Nitrate Ester Derivatives from Epoxides Using CAN: Efficient Preparation of Key Intermediates in the Synthesis of 4-Alkoxy-

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3587

trinems. Romano Di Fabio\*, Tino Rossi and Russell J. Thomas. Medicines Research Centre, Glaxo Wellcome S.p.A., Via A. Fleming 4, 37100 Verona (Italy). Fax 45-9218196; E-mail rdf26781@ggr.co.uk.

A regio and stereoselective opening reaction of epoxides with CAN in aprotic solvents is described.

#### SYNTHESIS OF A NEW SPIROACETAL BASED HERBICIDE

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The synthesis of a new spiroacetal based herbicide is reported making use of a base induced rearrangement of an epoxyspiroacetal.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3595

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3599

Enzymatic Resolution of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -Diacetoxysulfides: Synthesis of Optically Active O,S-Acetals by Regiospecific

Enantioselective Primary Acetate Hydrolysis

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AcO 
$$\stackrel{\text{SR}}{\underset{\text{OAc}}{\text{PFL, TBME,}}}$$
  $\stackrel{\text{PFL, TBME,}}{\underset{\text{E}}{\text{pH 7 buffer, 30 °C}}}$  AcO  $\stackrel{\text{SR}}{\underset{\text{OAc}}{\text{OAc}}}$   $\stackrel{\text{SR}}{\underset{\text{OAc}}{\text{TsOH}}}$  AcO  $\stackrel{\text{SR}}{\underset{\text{OAc}}{\text{OEt}}}$ 

#### DEMONSTRATION OF REVERSIBLE C-C BOND CLEAVAGE IN

OXIRANYLCARBINYL RADICALS.Brian A. Marples,\* John A. Rudderham

and Alexandra M. Z. Slawin, Department of Chemistry, Loughborough University, Loughborough LE11 3TU, UK. Andrew J. Edwards and Nicholas W. Hird, SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals, New Frontiers Science Park, Third Avenue, Harlow, Essex, CM19 5AW, UK.

A stereochemical probe has been used to demonstrate the reversible C-C cleavage of aryl-substituted oxiranylcarbinyl radicals.

### The Use of Stabilized Carbon Nucleophiles in Palladium (II)-

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3603

Catalyzed 1,4-Oxidation of Conjugated Dienes

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The first example of a palladium-catalyzed oxidation involving nucleophilic attack by a stabilized carbanion is reported. A useful stereocontrol was obtained in the cyclization.

## THE FIRST SYNTHESIS OF URACIL BASED CALIX[4]ARENE DERIVATIVES

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The newly synthesized uracil based calix[4]arenes (4) possess anti-configuration ( ${}^{1}H$  nmr and energy minimization studies), where the substituent ( $R_{1}$ ) on aryl ring between  $N_{1}$ -positions of uracils faces the  $\pi$ -cloud of the ring between  $N_{3}$ - positions.

#### THE SYNTHESIS OF A NOVEL BENZODIAZOCINE VIA AN INTRA-MOLECULAR STAUDINGER/AZA-WITTIG CYCLIZATION

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# SYNTHESIS OF AND ASYMMETRIC INDUCTION BY CHIRAL BICYCLIC THIAZOLIUM SALTS

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TfO- N NsO- N S 16 TfO- N S 15

Thiazolium salts 10, 16 and 19, have been synthesised in enantiomerically pure form. All three catalysed the formation of (R)-benzoin and (R)-butyroin with e.e.'s in the range 10-33%

# SYNTHESIS OF AND ASYMMETRIC INDUCTION BY CHIRAL POLYCYCLIC THIAZOLIUM SALTS

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Me<sub>3</sub>SiO 
$$R_{N}^{-1}$$
  $R_{N}^{-1}$   $R_{N}^{$ 

Thiazolium salts 7a and b and 8a and b have been synthesised in enantiomerically pure form. All four catalysed the formation of benzoin with e.e.'s up to 26%. This shows that simply blocking one face of the thiazolium ring is not sufficient to give high e.e.'s

## CLAY CATALYZED HIGHLY SELECTIVE O-ALKYLATION OF PRIMARY ALCOHOLS WITH ORTHOESTERS

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R'C (OR")<sub>3</sub>, Montmorillonite KSF

rt 8-12

R-O-R" (51-93%) (2a-j)

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3623

R = allylic, benzylic, R' = H, CH<sub>3</sub>, R" = CH<sub>3</sub>,  $C_2H_5$ , n- $C_3H_7$ 

Palladium(0) Catalysed Allylation Reactions with Racemic and Enantiomerically Pure Allylic Sulfoximines. Stephen G. Pyne\*, Gareth O'Meara and Dorothy M. David

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R-OH

(1a-j)

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3627

A HIGHLY DIASTEREOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS OF TRICYCLIC LACTAMS AND THEIR APPLICATION AS NOVEL N-ACYL IMINIUM

ION PRECURSORS IN THE SYNTHESIS OF ISOINDOLINONE DERIVATIVES Steven M. Allin, \*a Christopher J. Northfield, b Michael I. Page \*b and Alexandra M.Z. Slawin, a 'aDepartment of Chemistry, Loughborough University, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3TU, UK; b Department of Chemical & Biological Sciences, University of Huddersfield, Queensgate, Huddersfield HD1 3DH, UK.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} CO_2H & R & H_2N & OH \\ \hline \\ CHO & -H_2O & H & O \end{array}$$

Cr-MCM-41-CATALYZED SELECTIVE OXIDATION OF ALKYLARENES WITH TBHP

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3631

T. K. Das, K. Chaudhari, E. Nandanan, A.J. Chandwadkar, A. Sudalai, T. Ravindranathan and S. Sivasanker.

National Chemical Laboratory, Pune, India.

i Cr-MCM-41, TBHP, MeOH, 2h

### A SELF-COMPLEXING MACROCYCLE ACTING AS A CHROMOPHORIC RECEPTOR

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A 1,5-dioxynaphthalene derivative is able to displace the hydroquinone ring from the cavity of a self-complexing macrocycle resulting in a change in the colour of the solution.

# SYNTHESIS AND CYCLOADDITION REACTIONS OF PYRROLE-FUSED 3-SULFOLENES: A NEW VERSATILE ROUTE TO TETRABENZOPORPHYRINS

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# MUCOSIN: A NEW BICYCLIC EICOSANOID FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN SPONGE RENIERA MUCOSA

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3643

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A new C-20 carboxylic acid, mucosin, has been isolated from the Mediterranean marine sponge *Reniera mucosa*, and the structure is suggested on the basis of extensive spectroscopic studies.

## CASCADE RADICAL CYCLISATIONS WITH VINYLCYCLOPROPANE ELECTROPHORES

Tetrahedron Letters, 1997, 38, 3647

Gerald Pattenden and Paul Wiedenau, Department of Chemistry, Nottingham University, Nottingham NG7 2RD Treatment of alkyl iodides containing vinylcyclopropane electrophores with (Me<sub>3</sub>Si)<sub>3</sub>SiH-AIBN leads to polycycles via cascade macrocyclisation-transannulation reactions.

# AN APPROACH TO ENANTIOMERICALLY PURE INVERSE γ-TURN MIMETICS FOR USE IN SOLID-PHASE SYNTHESIS. Kay Brickmann, Peter Somfai\*, and Jan Kihlberg\*, Organic Chemistry 2, Lund University, P.O. Box 124, S-221 00 Lund, Sweden.

An inverse γ-turn mimetic 1, having a morpholine-3-one ring as the key structural unit, was prepared in enantiomerically pure form starting from oxirane 3 (37%) over 7 steps).