### Evaluation of alkene isomerization as a trigger for enediyne activation

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A proposed triggering mechanism for enediyne activation via alkene isomerization from a bridgehead *endo* position to an *exo* position was tested.

# The synthesis of a key intermediate en route to gelsemine: a program based on intramolecular displacement of the carbon—oxygen bond of a strategic oxetane

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### The synthesis of (±)-gelsemine

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## Synthesis of bifunctionalized nitroxyls via intramolecular epoxide ring opening

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The syntheses of nitroxyl oxirane and further functionalized derivatives are described. Ring-cleavage reactions of this epoxide have been carried out with a variety of nucleophiles in order to show the general synthetic utility for preparing nitroxyls bearing two functional groups. The relatively facile synthesis of the nitroxyl amino alcohol should prove to be valuable in various spin labeling applications.

### Convenient methods for the hydrolysis of oxazolidinones to vicinal aminoalcohols

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 557

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Dowex 1x8-100 OH
$$R^{3} \stackrel{\text{O}}{\longleftarrow} R^{2}$$

$$R^{2} \stackrel{\text{D}}{\longrightarrow} NH_{2}$$

$$R^{3} \stackrel{\text{O}}{\longleftarrow} NH_{2}$$

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## Toward fullerene-based X-ray contrast agents: design and synthesis of non-ionic, highly-iodinated derivatives of $C_{60}$

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 561

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### A highly efficient method for the synthesis of guanidinium derivatives

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The coupling of an amide to the ethyl carbamate-protected thiourea using EDCl resulted in high yield of guanidine and the subsequent complete deprotection of ethyl carbamate was carried out in Me<sub>3</sub>SiBr.

## Synthesis and oxidation reactions of a user- and eco-friendly hypervalent iodine reagent

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 569

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Water-soluble

Water-insoluble

### First examples of a tosylate in the palladium-catalyzed Heck cross coupling reaction

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 573

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The tosylate (2) is reacted with methyl acrylate using palladium acetate as catalyst to provide 3-(3-oxo-1-cyclohexen-1-yl)-2-propenoic acid methyl ester (3) in excellent yield. The effect of reaction parameters such as temperature and catalyst as well as the ratio of palladium acetate to triphenylphosphine on the reaction rate has been studied.

# Steric hindrance is a key factor in the coupling reaction of (acyloxy) alkyl- $\alpha$ -halides with phenols to make a new promoiety for prodrugs

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 577

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### Microwave-assisted synthesis of 2-aminoquinolines

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 581

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$$R1$$
  $R2$   $R3$   $R4$   $R5$   $R5$   $R5$   $R1$   $R5$   $R1$   $R5$   $R1$   $R4$   $R5$   $R5$   $R5$ 

#### A general, selective synthesis of ω-hydroxyethenyl ethers

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 585

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#### A mild and selective method for N-Boc deprotection

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} R^1 & R^2 & & Bu_4NF, THF & R^1 & R^2 \\ & & & & & & \\ Boc & & & & H \end{array}$$

 $R^1$  = Alkyl, aromatic  $R^2$  = H, alkyl, aromatic

#### Efficient and environmentally friendly synthesis of 2-aminoimidazole

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OMe 
$$H_2N$$
 OR  $H_2N$  OR

### A new efficient resveratrol synthesis

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The (E)-3,4′,5-trihydroxy-stilbene (resveratrol) was synthesised via Heck reaction in few steps and with an overall yield of 70%.

## Stereoselective synthesis of *cis-*2-aryl- and 2-alkyl-1-chlorocyclo-propanecarboxaldehydes

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 599

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# Porphyrins in 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reactions with sugar nitrones. Synthesis of glycoconjugated isoxazolidine-fused chlorins and bacteriochlorins

Ana M. G. Silva,<sup>a</sup> Augusto C. Tomé,<sup>a</sup> Maria G. P. M. S. Neves,<sup>a</sup> Artur M. S. Silva,<sup>a</sup> José A. S. Cavaleiro,<sup>a,\*</sup> Daniela Perrone<sup>b</sup> and Alessandro Dondoni<sup>b</sup>

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<sup>b</sup>Dipartimento di Chimica, Laboratorio di Chimica Organica, Università di Ferrara, I-44100 Ferrara, Italy

# Oxazoline azomethine imines preparation and cycloaddition with phenyl isocyanate

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 607

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R = Ph, 4-MeOPh, PhCO, Me, PhCH<sub>2</sub>CO, CO<sub>2</sub>Me

## Synthesis of 8-O-alkylshikonin(alkannin)s: new ketal formation, tautomerism, and nucleophilic aromatic substitution

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 611

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# Fe(II)-mediated fragmentation of 1,4-diaryl-2,3-dioxabicyclo[2.2.2]-octanes through competitive single electron transfer pathway and Lewis acid pathway

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 617

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Reactions of 1 with FeBr<sub>2</sub> afforded various fragmentation products. The fragmentation mechanism was proposed and the antimalarial activities of 1 were tested.

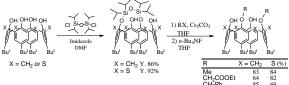
$$Ar \xrightarrow{\text{FeBr}_2} Ar \xrightarrow{\text{FeBr}_2} Ar \xrightarrow{\text{O}} Ar + O = \underbrace{Ar + Ar - OH}_{5}$$

# Proximal O,O'-capped calix[4]arenes with a disiloxane bridge as highly efficient synthetic intermediates for 1,2-dialkylation at the lower rim

Fumitaka Narumi,<sup>a,\*</sup> Naoya Morohashi,<sup>b</sup> Nobuji Matsumura,<sup>b</sup> Nobuhiko Iki,<sup>b</sup> Hiroshi Kameyama<sup>a</sup> and Sotaro Miyano<sup>b,\*</sup>

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## A novel approach for construction of the naturally occurring dihydroagarofuran sesquiterpene skeleton

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 627

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A general and efficient approach for synthesis of a kind of dihydroagarofuran sesquiterpenes extensively present in the *Celastraceae* family of plants has been developed by a series of transformations from  $\alpha$ -santonin.

### Chiral ketone-catalyzed asymmetric epoxidation of olefins with $\mathbf{Oxone}^{^{\otimes}}$

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 631

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#### Mg-promoted carbon-acylation of aromatic aldehydes and ketones

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 635

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Mg-promoted cross-coupling of aromatic aldehydes and ketones with aliphatic chlorides brought about efficient C-acylation.

### Synthesis of statine employing a general *syn*-amino alcohol building block

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 639

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An orthogonally protected *syn-2*-amino-1,3,4-butanetriol has been employed as a general *syn-*amino alcohol building block in the synthesis of statine.

#### New total synthesis of (+)-cystothiazole A

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 643

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Palladium-catalyzed cyclization-methoxycarbonylation of (2R,3S)-2 derived from (2R,3S)-epoxy butanoate (1) followed by methylation gave the tetrahydro-furylidene acetate (3), which was converted to the (+)-cystothiazole A (4).

# N-Acylation of amides with acid anhydrides by way of dual activation using MgBr<sub>2</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 647

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#### Regioselective BH<sub>3</sub>-hydride reduction of inosine derivatives

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 653

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### Nitrone cycloaddition reactions to $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl acceptors catalyzed by a pinhole Lewis acid catalyst.

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 657

Dramatic rate acceleration and improvement of regioselectivity and diastereoselectivity

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## Two novel *ent*-kaurane diterpenoids isolated from *Isodon eriocalyx* var. *laxiflora*

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Two novel 3,6-epoxy-6,7:8,15-seco-7,20-olide-ent-kaurane diterpenoids laxiflorin E (1) and laxiflorin F (2) were isolated from the leaves of *Isodon eriocalyx* var. *laxiflora*. The relative stereochemistry of 1 was established by single crystal X-ray crystallography, which also confirmed the novel carbon skeleton of the new *ent*-kaurane diterpenoid.

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### The regio- and stereoselective addition of carbon nucleophiles to trifluoromethyl phenylsulfanyl acetylene: a novel and expeditious approach to 3-trifluoromethyl furans

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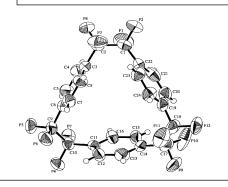
# A convenient preparation of octafluoro[2,2]paracyclophane and dodecafluoro[2,2]paracyclophane

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A new and convenient synthesis of octafluoro[2,2] paracyclophane and dodecafluoro[2,2]paracyclophane is reported.

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Facile syntheses of D-mannose hexa- and nonasaccharides: the diand trimer of the trisaccharide repeating unit of the cell-wall mannans of *Epidermophyton floccosum*, *Trychophyton mentagrophytes*, *Microsporum canis* and related species of *Microsporum* 

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# Facile preparative HPLC enantioseparation of racemic drugs using chiral stationary phases based on mono-6<sup>A</sup>-azido-6<sup>A</sup>-deoxy-perphenylcarbamoylated β-cyclodextrin immobilized on silica gel

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 677

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<sup>c</sup>Chemical and Process Engineering Center, National University of Singapore, Engineering Drive 4, Singapore 117576  $( \bigcirc ) \cap (CH_2)_3Si \stackrel{O}{\Longleftrightarrow} (SiO_2)$   $( \bigcirc ) \cap (CH_2)_3Si \stackrel{O}{\Longleftrightarrow} (SiO_2)$   $( \bigcirc ) \cap (CH_2)_3Si \stackrel{O}{\Longleftrightarrow} (SiO_2)$ 

CD-CSPs with well-defined chemical structures exhibited good enantioseparation in both analytical and preparative scale HPLC.

### An enantioselective synthesis of sulphonamide hydroxamic acids as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 683

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# $\alpha\textsc{-Hydroxy}$ carboxylic acids: new ligands for diethylzinc additions to aldehydes

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 687

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#### Facile synthesis of polymer-supported cyclopentadienes

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A new route to polymer-supported cyclopentadienes using nickelocene as a source of cyclopentadiene is discussed.

R = H, Ph X = Br, Cl

# Synthesis of a novel heterocyclic ring system: 2-thia-3,5,6,7,9-pentaazabenz[cd]azulenes

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R = H, Me, Et

# Novel tandem ring-opening/ring-closing metathesis reactions of functionalized cyclohexenoids derived from $(-)-\alpha$ -pinene

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 699

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#### A new synthesis of tricyclic sesquiterpene (±)-sterpurene

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 703

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# Amine-boranes: effective reducing agents for the deracemisation of DL-amino acids using L-amino acid oxidase from *Proteus myxofaciens*

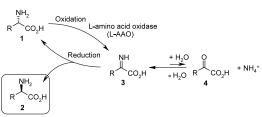
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The deracemisation of DL-amino acids has been accomplished using L-amino acid oxidase from *Proteus myxofaciens* in combination with amine boranes.



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#### New $\pi$ -systems from 1-ethynylazulene

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### Unexpected rearrangement of pyranoanthocyanidins to furoanthocyanidins

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Pyranoanthocyanidins under acidic conditions rearrange to form a new type of furoanthocyanidins. The structures of both pyranoanthocyanidins and furoanthocyanidins were elucidated by NMR.

### Pentafluoronitrobenzene a novel scaffold for the solid-phase synthesis of 2,4,6-substituted-3,5-difluoronitrobenzene libraries

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 719

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The use of pentafluoronitrobenzene as a scaffold for solid-phase synthesis of 2,4,6-substituted-3,5-difluoronitrobenzenes is described. Primary and secondary amines can be introduced to the scaffold via three successive nucleophilic aromatic substitutions under increasingly forcing conditions.

# Synthesis and reactions of cyclopentadiene monoaziridine: a concise approach to the core of agelastatin A

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# The intramolecular nucleophilic 1,5-O-heterocyclization of $(\eta^4$ -dienyl)-tricarbonyliron diols: conformationally locked phosphocholines

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 727

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