#### Expeditious synthesis of tri-substituted cyclopentane derivatives

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An efficient preparation of the cyclopentane scaffold having three contiguous chiral centers is described.

#### A traceless solid-phase synthesis of 2-imidazolones

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Resin-bound acetal amines (3) that are formed via amination of the bromide precursor are reacted with isocyanates to give the urea acetals (4), which upon treatment with TFA afford 2-imidazolones (5) in good yield and purity.

## Total synthesis of isoprostanes via the two-component coupling process

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#### A facile incorporation of the aldehyde function into DNA: 3-formylindole nucleoside as an aldehyde-containing universal nucleoside

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### Indium-mediated atom-transfer cyclizations and reductive cyclizations

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Novel indium-mediated atom-transfer 5-exo-cyclization and reductive 5-exo-cyclization reaction is described.

#### 2,2-Dimethyl-2-(o-nitrophenyl)acetyl (DMNA) as an assisted cleavage protecting group for amines

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DMNA as an amino protecting group for several amino acids and dipeptides was efficiently removed in a one-step process using hydrogenation in the presence of Pd–C or PtO<sub>2</sub> catalyst and 10% HOAc in MeOH.

#### Iron-catalyzed solvent-free conversion of alcohols and phenols into diphenylmethyl (DPM) ethers

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Solvent-free preparation of diphenylmethyl (DPM) ethers of alcohols and phenols is described in the presence of a catalytic amount of iron salts.

### Bismuth triflate catalyzed allylation of acetals: a simple and mild method for synthesis of homoallyl ethers

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The allylation of acetals using allyltrimethylsilane is efficiently catalyzed by bismuth triflate (1.0 mol%). The reaction proceeds smoothly at room temperature to afford the corresponding homoallyl ether in good yield. The mild reaction conditions, the low toxicity of bismuth salts, and the high catalytic efficiency of the system make this procedure particularly attractive for large-scale synthesis.

$$R \stackrel{OR^1}{\longrightarrow} + \stackrel{SiMe_3}{\longrightarrow} \frac{1.0 \text{ mol } \% \text{ Bi}(\text{OTf})_3.xH_2O}{\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2. \text{ rt}} \qquad R \stackrel{OR^1}{\longrightarrow}$$

## One-step synthesis of 2,9-disubstituted phenanthrenes via Diels—Alder reactions using 1,4-disubstituted naphthalenes as dienophiles

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$$NO_2$$
 OCH<sub>3</sub>  $OSi(CH_3)_3$   $OSi(CH_3)_3$ 

#### Covilanone: a new rearranged labdane type diterpene

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CH<sub>2</sub>OH

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A bicyclic diterpene triol, **5**, with a new rearranged labdane carbon skeleton was isolated from the aerial parts of *Halimium viscosum* (S. João da Pesqueira). Its structure was established by FAB MS and two-dimensional NMR experiments and its stereochemistry by NOE and X-ray study.

#### Aglairubine—discrepancies during the course of structure elucidation

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4609

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A short synthesis of the originally proposed structure for the putrescine alkaloid aglairubine is presented as well as for a conceivable structure alternative. Due to the ascertained mismatch of spectroscopical data for synthetic and natural compounds, the published aglairubine structure has to be revised.

## Glycal-mediated synthesis of enantiomerically pure 5-substituted isoxazoles containing a differentially *O*-benzylated glycerol moiety

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4613

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Novel 5-substituted chiral isoxazoles bearing a glycerol moiety in the side chain have been prepared starting from D-glucal and D-galactal, respectively.

D-Glucal D-Galactal 
$$\stackrel{OH}{=}$$
  $\stackrel{OH}{=}$   $\stackrel{OH}{=}$ 

хi

#### Synthesis of [60]fullerene-quercetin dyads

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4617

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### Convergent stereospecific synthesis of C292 (or LL-Z1640-2), and hypothemycin. Part 1

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4621

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Stereospecific synthesis of the precursors required for the 14-membered ring formation either via an intramolecular Suzuki coupling or via an intermolecular Suzuki coupling followed by a macrolactonisation. One-pot Suzuki couplings were here achieved with vinyldisiamylboranes generated in situ from the related chiral precursor.

MeO 
$$\bigcap_{Br}$$
  $\bigcap_{HO}$   $\bigcap_{OR}$   $\bigcap_{R}$   $\bigcap_{OR}$   $\bigcap_{R}$   $\bigcap_{R}$   $\bigcap_{OR}$   $\bigcap_{OR}$ 

### Convergent stereospecific synthesis of LL-Z1640-2 (or C292), hypothemycin and related macrolides. Part 2

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4627

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The total synthesis of the resorcylic macrolides C292 (or LL-Z1640-2) and hypothemycin is reported. The 14-membered ring formation has been achieved either via an intramolecular Suzuki coupling or much more efficiently via a Mitsunobu macrolactonisation. Reaction conditions had to be found to preserve the  $Z_{7,8'}$  enone; a highly selective epoxidation afforded hypothemycin.

#### An efficient asymmetric synthesis of azetidine 2-phosphonic acids

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4633

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$$R^3$$
 OH HO  $R^3$  CI  $R^3$  LiHMDS  $R^3$  PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>  $R^2$  N PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>  $R^3$   $R^4$  PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>  $R^2$   $R^1$ 

## From eudesmanes to eudesmanes: rearrangement of a cyperone derivative with introduction of oxygenated substituents at C-10 and C-4

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4637

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Transformation of cyperone derivative **5b** in diketo epoxide **6**, a potential intermediate for agarofuran sesquiterpenes syntheses, is described in two steps and 36% yield.

#### Total synthesis of sporochnols, fish deterrents from a marine alga

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4641

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## Platinum-catalyzed cross-couplings of organoboronic acids with aryl iodides

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Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)platinum in DMF has been used as a mild catalyst for chemoselective cross-couplings of organoboronic acids with aryl iodides in the presence of the bromide functionality.

Ar—I + 
$$(HO)_2B$$
-R  $\xrightarrow{\text{C-5 mol}\% \text{ Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)_4}$  Ar—R  
1 or 4 2  $\xrightarrow{\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3}$  (2 eq) 3 or 5 DMF, 120 °C up to 95%

### Chemo- and regioselective oxidation of adamantyl derivatives by dioxiranes

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4649

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### Glycal-mediated syntheses of enantiomerically pure polyhydroxylated $\gamma$ - and $\delta$ -lactams

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4653

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Syntheses of four new  $\gamma$ - and  $\delta$ -lactams starting from D-glucal and D-galactal, respectively, are described.

#### Expanding the polarity range of ionic liquids

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4657

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Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Texas Tech University, Box 41061, Lubbock, TX 79409-1061, USA Polarity of ionic liquids can be changed markedly by the introduction of functional group-containing substituents.

# Highly enantioselective catalytic Michael reaction of $\alpha$ -substituted malonates using La-linked-BINOL complex in the presence of HFIP (1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoroisopropanol)

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4661

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$$(1.0 \; \text{equiv.}) \quad (1.0 \; \text{equiv.}) \quad (1.0$$

### A novel synthetic approach to isoindolobenzazepine alkaloid, chilenine, employing SmI<sub>2</sub>-mediated pinacolic coupling reaction

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4667

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### A convenient synthesis of 3-methyleneoxindoles: cytotoxic metabolites of indole-3-acetic acids

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$$\begin{array}{c} R_{5} \\ R_{6} \\ R_{7} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} R_{4} \\ N \\ H \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O \\ \hline 2. \ BF_{3} \cdot OEt_{2} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} R_{5} \\ R_{6} \\ R_{7} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} R_{4} \\ N \\ R_{7} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O \\ N \\ R_{7} \end{array}$$

### Synthesis of 1,3-disubstituted naphthalenes from the Baylis-Hillman acetates with the aid of manganese(III) acetate

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4675

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### CeCl<sub>3</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O-Promoted highly chemoselective hydrolysis of 1,3-oxathio- and dithioacetals

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4679

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#### Efficient construction of polycyclic alkaloid synthetic precursors by a xanthate free radical addition and Mannich cyclisation cascade

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4683

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## Radical reactions catalysed by homobimetallic ruthenium(II) complexes bearing Schiff base ligands: atom transfer radical addition and controlled polymerisation

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#### Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4687

### Demixing libraries of saccharides using a multi-linker approach in combination with a soluble polymeric support

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4691

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A new method for demixing libraries of compounds that are attached to a soluble polymeric support by tagging starting materials with selective cleavable linkers is described.

# Synthetic studies on polyoxypeptins: stereoselective synthesis of (2S,3R)-3-hydroxy-3-methylproline using SmI<sub>2</sub>-mediated cyclization

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4695

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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{SmI}_2\\ \text{THF} \text{ / HMPA}\\ \text{7-78 to -55 °C}\\ \text{75\% (97:3)} \end{array}$$

#### An efficient and mild ruthenium-catalyzed racemization of amines: application to the synthesis of enantiomerically pure amines

Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 4699

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#### Stereocontrolled synthesis of polyenoic acids by a Heck-Sonogashira reaction: easy access to 9,10-didehydro retinoic acids

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I PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, Cul, 
$$R_2$$

PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, Cul,  $R_2$ 
 $n$ -BuNH<sub>2</sub>, DMF, rt, 4-5 h

#### A simple synthesis of spiro- $C_6$ -annulated hydrocyclopenta[g]indole derivatives

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### An efficient approach to bridged-bicyclic rings via intramolecular diazo ketone insertion

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