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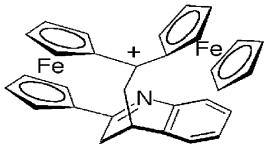
A new insight into the problem of stabilisation of α -carbocationic centres in the ferrocene series

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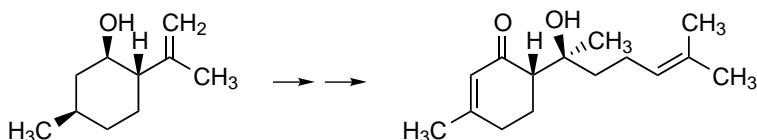
Synthesis of (+)-hernandulcin and (+)-epihernandulcin

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(+)-Hernandulcin was synthesized from (−)-isopulegol with 15% overall yield.



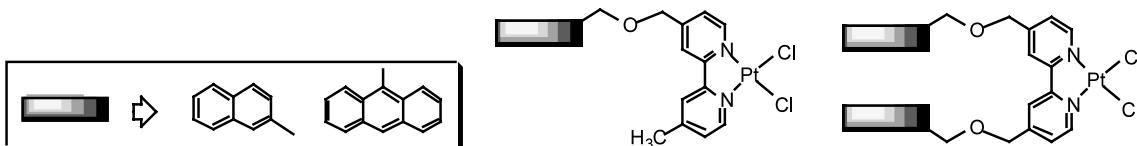
Anthracene and naphthalene (2,2'-bipyridine)platinum(II) conjugates: synthesis and DNA photocleavage

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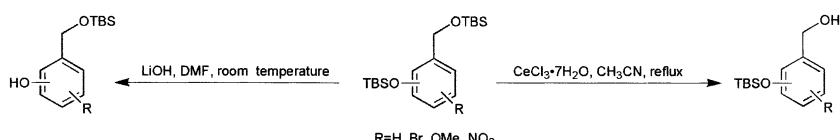


Selective deprotection of either alkyl or aryl silyl ethers from aryl, alkyl bis-silyl ethers

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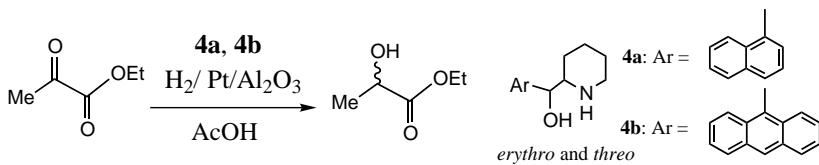
New chiral modifiers in enantioselective heterogeneous catalytic hydrogenation of ethyl pyruvate over Pt/Al₂O₃: chiral amino alcohols derived from piperidine

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Stereoselective aldol condensation of boron enolates to *trans* α,β -epoxy aldehydes

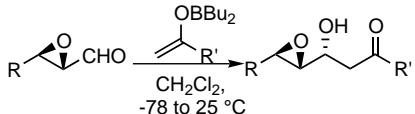
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A study on the addition of boron enolates of methyl ketones to *trans* α,β -epoxy aldehydes is reported. The reaction proceeds with an excellent *anti* stereoselectivity, consistent with the Felkin–Ahn model, toward the synthesis of hydroxylate compounds with defined stereochemistry.



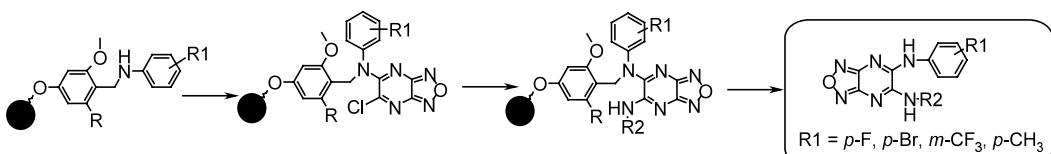
Solid-phase versus solution synthesis of asymmetrically disubstituted furazano[3,4-*b*]pyrazines

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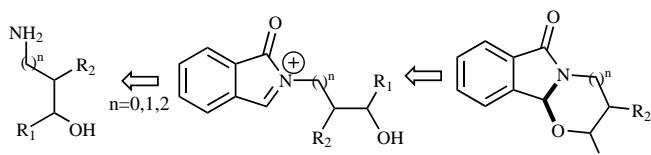
Acid-mediated intramolecular cationic cyclization using an oxygen atom as internal nucleophile: synthesis of substituted oxazolo-, oxazino- and oxazepinoisoindolinones

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Various substituted bicyclic lactams **5–7**, **12–15** and **19** as oxazolo-, oxazino- and oxazepinoisoindolinones were synthesized efficiently in an acidic medium from phthalic anhydride and amino-alcohols **1**, **8** and **17** in three sequential set.

Preparation of enantiopure sultams by intramolecular Diels–Alder reaction of furan-containing vinylsulfonamides

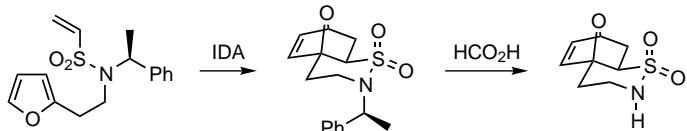
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N-1-Phenylethyl substituted δ - and γ -sultams have been prepared by thermal and high pressure intramolecular [4+2] cycloaddition. Reductive debenzylation of the δ -sultams is also reported.

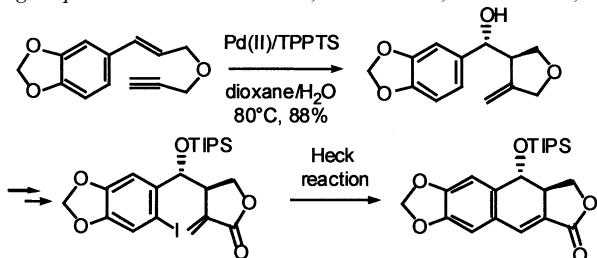


Pd-catalyzed route to (\pm)-podophyllotoxin skeleton. Synthesis of the aryltetralin derivative

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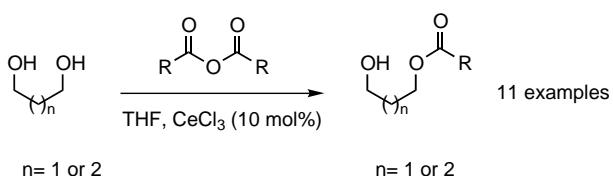


Selective mono-acylation of meso- and C₂-symmetric 1,3- and 1,4-diols

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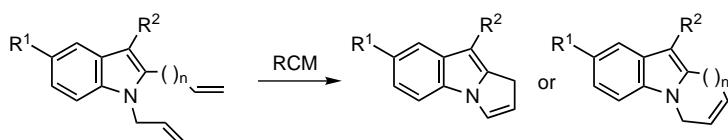
RCM in indoles. A new entry to the mitosene skeleton

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Functionalized indoles lead to the mitosene skeleton and other polycycloindoles via RCM reactions.

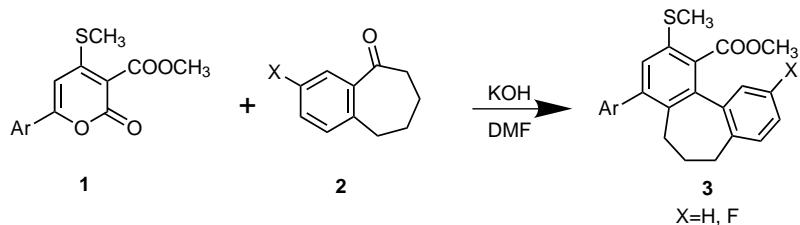


Carbanion induced synthesis of dibenzo[*a,c*]cycloheptenes through ring transformation reactions of 2*H*-pyran-2-one

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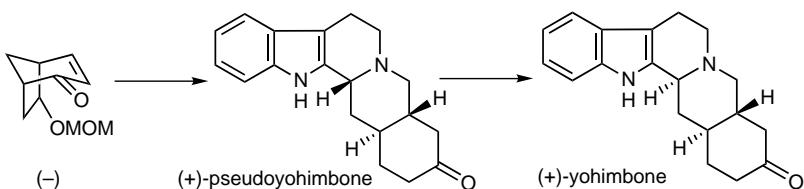


A concise enantiocontrolled route to yohimbones using a bicyclo[3.2.1]octane chiral building block

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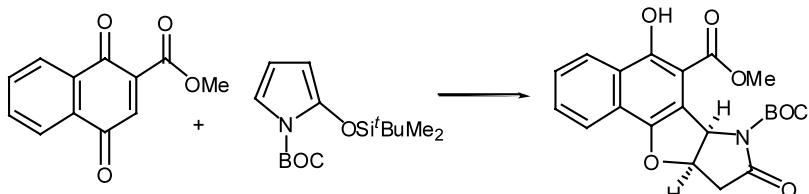


Uncatalyzed addition of *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-2-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxypyrrole to activated quinones

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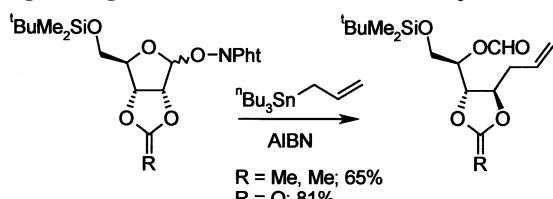


Sequential alkoxy radical fragmentation–intermolecular allylation in carbohydrate systems

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NPht = *N*-phthalimido group.

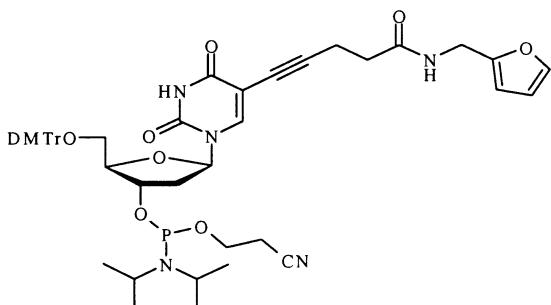
Internal labeling of oligonucleotide probes by Diels–Alder cycloaddition

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Synthesis of a furan modified deoxyuridine phosphoramidite that was used to add fluorescent maleimides to the middle of an oligonucleotide is reported.



Counterion effects in indium-catalysed aromatic electrophilic substitution reactions

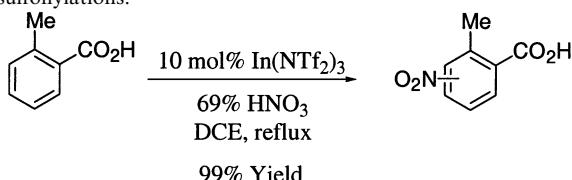
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Indium(III) triflamide ($\text{In}(\text{NTf}_2)_3$) has been prepared in high yield and has been demonstrated to be an efficient, recoverable catalyst for aromatic nitrations, acetylations and sulfonylations.

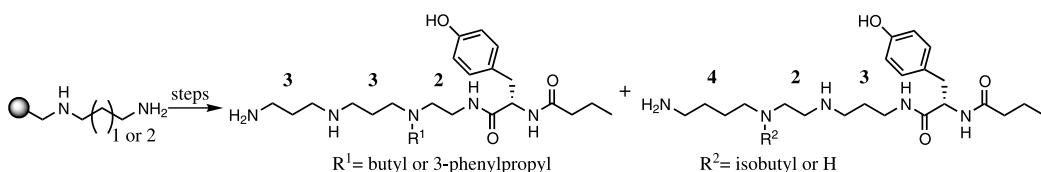


Solid-phase synthesis of PhTX-3.2.4 and PhTX-2.3.3 derivatives

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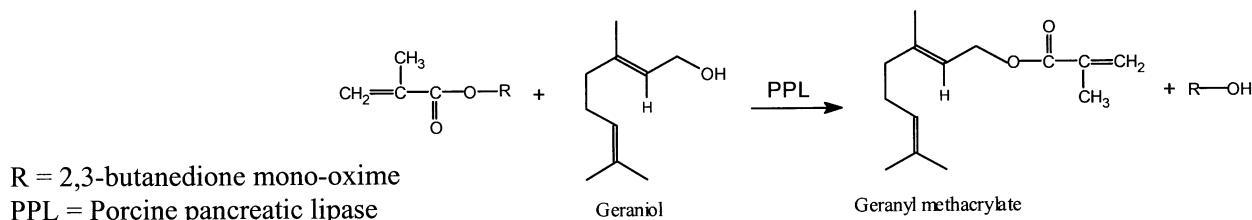


Lipase-catalyzed synthesis of geranyl methacrylate by transesterification: study of reaction parameters

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Novel sesterterpenoid and norsesterterpenoid RCE-protease inhibitors isolated from the marine sponge *Hippssporgia* sp.

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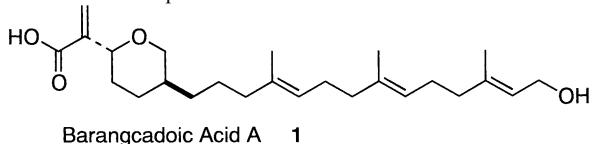
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Five novel and three known terpenoid inhibitors of RCE protease have been isolated from an Indonesian marine sponge.

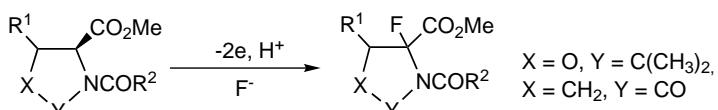


**Electrolytic partial fluorination of organic compounds. Part 61:
The first example of direct α -fluorination of protected α -amino acids**

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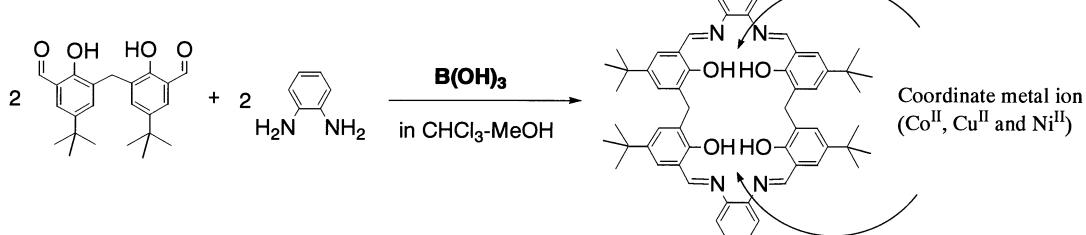


New macrocyclic ligands having discrete metal binding sites

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Indium-mediated coupling of bromoacetonitriles with aromatic acyl cyanides: convenient synthesis of aromatic α -cyano ketones

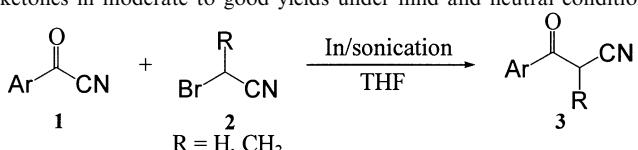
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Indium-mediated coupling of bromoacetonitrile and 2-bromopropionitrile with a variety of aromatic acyl cyanides afforded the corresponding aromatic α -cyano ketones in moderate to good yields under mild and neutral conditions.



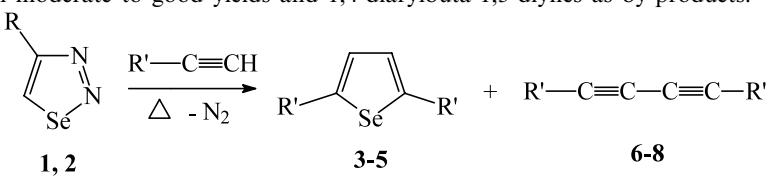
A novel method for the synthesis of 2,5-diarylselenophenes

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The reaction of 4-phenyl- or (2-thienyl)-1,2,3-selenadiazoles with 10 equiv. of arylacetylenes leads to the formation of 2,5-diarylselenophenes in moderate to good yields and 1,4-diarylbuta-1,3-diyne as by-products.



R=Ph, 2-Thienyl; R'=Ph, 2-Py, 2-Me-5-Py

Friedel-Crafts reaction of indoles with *N*-silyl-*N,O*-acetal catalyzed by Cu(OTf)₂ in the presence of TMSCl leading to indolyl primary amines

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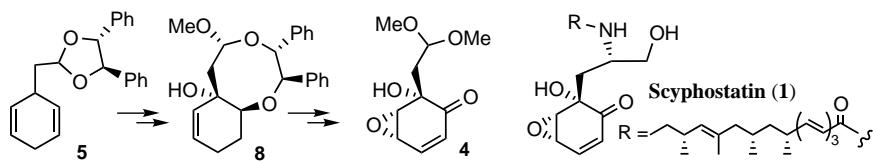


Concise asymmetric synthesis of a model compound, (4*S*,5*S*,6*S*)-6-(2,2-dimethoxy)ethyl-4,5-epoxy-6-hydroxy-2-cyclohexenone, for the cyclohexenone core of scyphostatin

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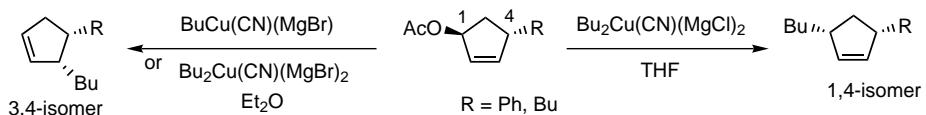


Alkylation of 4-substituted 1-acetoxy-2-cyclopentenes by using copper reagents derived from alkylmagnesium halides and copper(I) cyanide

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A new route to 1,4-disubstituted 5-thioxoperhydroimidazo[4,5-*d*]-imidazol-2-ones

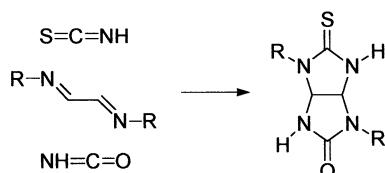
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1,4-Disubstituted 5-thioxoperhydroimidazo[4,5-*d*]imidazol-2-ones were prepared by one-pot criss-cross cycloaddition.

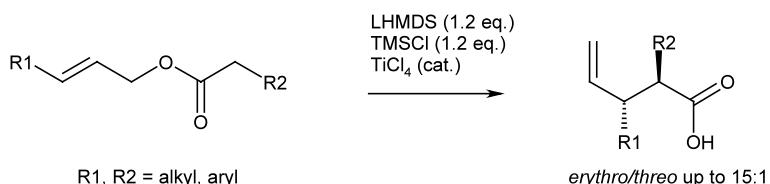


Highly diastereoselective Lewis acid promoted Claisen–Ireland rearrangement

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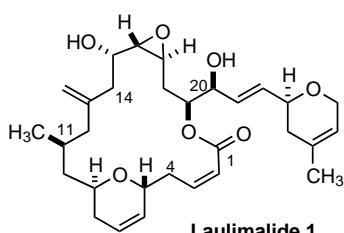


Synthesis of (−)-laulimalide: an agent for microtubule stabilization

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The synthesis of 3,3,4,4-tetraphenyl-2-butanone from 1,1-diphenylacetone

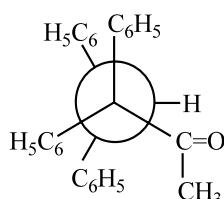
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The diphenylmethylene enolate from 1,1-diphenylacetone is alkylated with diphenylmethylhalides to form 3,3,4,4-tetraphenyl-2-butanone. Single crystal X-ray shows the acetyl group between the eclipsed and *gauche* conformations.

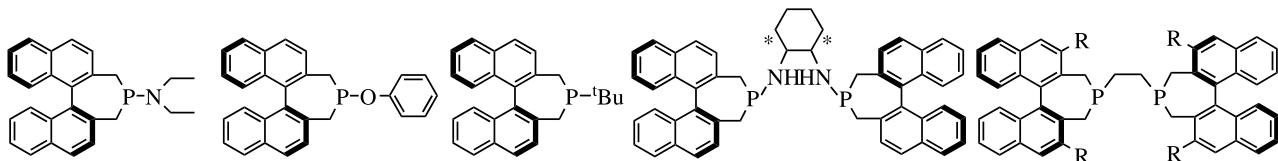


Synthesis of novel chiral binaphthyl phosphorus ligands and their applications in Rh-catalyzed asymmetric hydrogenation

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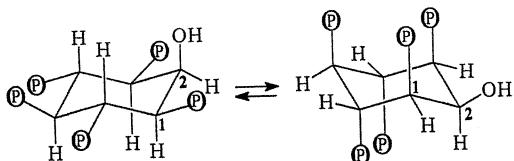
Conformational flexibility of inositol phosphates: influence of structural characteristics

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A novel ring expansion of the pleuromutilin skeleton

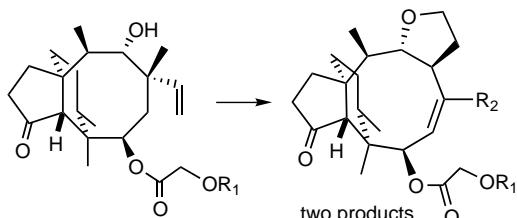
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An unprecedented cyclooctane to cyclononene ring expansion in the pleuromutilin skeleton has been discovered. The process entails an intramolecular cyclization of an oxonium ion into an olefin, followed by 1,2 migration of a carbon of the cyclooctane ring.

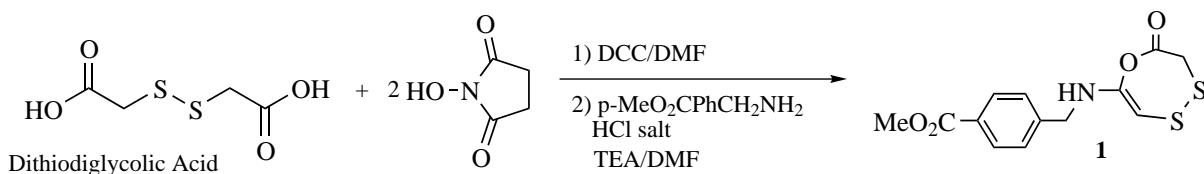


Unexpected reactions of dithiodiglycolic acid: isolation of a novel seven-membered ring system based on a 2-amino derivative of 7-oxo-6,7-dihydro-[1,4,5]oxadithiepine

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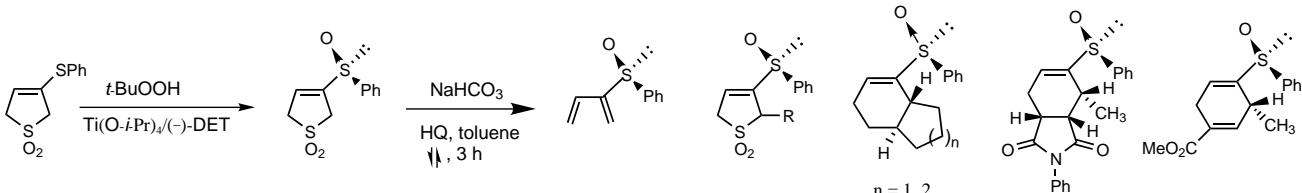


Asymmetric synthesis and applications of chiral 3-phenylsulfinyl-3-sulfolenes

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Chemical and physical evidence for metal–metal interchange between lithium alkoxides and di-*n*-butylmagnesium

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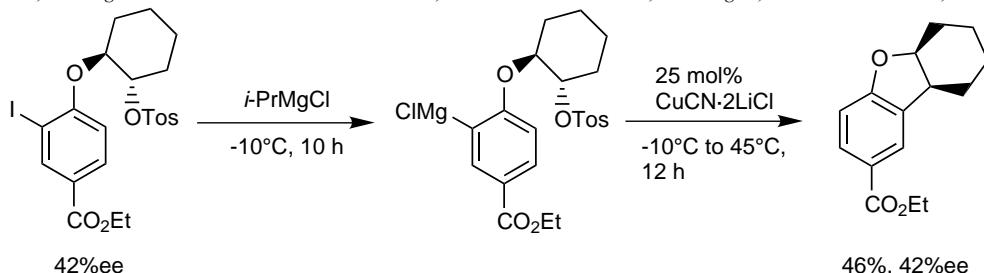


Stereoselective cyclizations mediated by functionalized organomagnesium reagents and catalyzed by cobalt or copper salts

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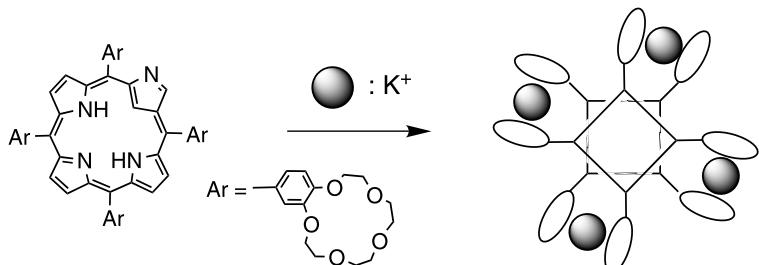


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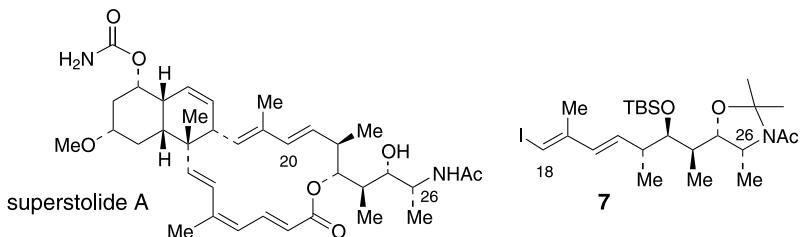


Synthesis of the C(18)–C(26) segment of superstolide A

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**Synthesis of D-*ribo*-C₁₈-phytosphingosine from D-glucosamine via the D-allosamine derivatives as key intermediates**

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A straightforward synthesis of D-*ribo*-C₁₈-phytosphingosine from D-glucosamine hydrochloride in ten steps in 18.4% overall yield via the D-allosamine derivatives as key intermediates is described here.

