Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 5377 A straightforward strategy toward the construction of polypropionate frameworks, based on a sequence of diastereoselective Lewis acid-mediated aldol reaction and diastereoselective radical debromination reaction Syun-ichi Kiyooka,<sup>a,b,\*</sup> Minevuki Shiinoki,<sup>b</sup> Kumi Nakata<sup>b</sup> and Fumitaka Goto<sup>c</sup> <sup>a</sup>Institute of Fundamental Research for Organic Chemistry, Kyushu University, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka 812-8581, Japan <sup>b</sup>Department of Chemistry, Kochi University, Akebono-cho, Kochi 780-8520, Japan <sup>c</sup>Cellular Technology Institute, Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd, Kawauchi-cho, Tokushima 771-0130, Japan Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH Me Me eight stereotetrads svn and anti

### An improved preparation of 1,3-dialkylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate ionic liquids using microwaves

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An efficient microwave protocol is described for the expeditious preparation of 1,3-dialkylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate ionic liquids.



### Thermal rearrangements of $\alpha$ -( $\omega$ -azidoalkyl) enones

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Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 5389 Alkylidenecarbene insertion at anomeric C-H bonds. Synthesis of 3-deoxy-D-arabino-2-heptulosonic acid (DAH) and 3-deoxy-Dmanno-2-octulosonic acid (KDO) Duncan J. Wardrop\* and Wenming Zhang Department of Chemistry, University of Illinois at Chicago, 845 West Taylor Street, Chicago, IL 60607-7061, USA Me<sub>3</sub>SiCLiN<sub>2</sub> THF. -78 °C OH KDO



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Titanium tetrachloride promoted reaction of silyl ketene acetals with epoxides: a new method for the synthesis of  $\gamma$ -butanolides Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 5411

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Reaction of silyl ketene acetals with epoxides under modified Mukaiyama conditions affords  $\gamma$ -butanolides in good yields.





## Single step transformation of PMB ethers to bromides using a CBr<sub>4</sub>-TPP reagent system

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PMB ethers were efficiently transformed to their corresponding alkyl bromides by a  $CBr_4$ -TPP reagent system with a wide range of other functionality present in the substrate.

$$R-OPMB \xrightarrow{CBr_4-TPP (1:2)} R-Br$$

R = Alkyl, allyl, benzyl

 Electrophilic substitution as a convenient approach to functionalized
 Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 5423

 N-benzyl-1,4-dihydropyridines
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Formation of 1,2-diketones by samarium diiodide promoted reaction of N-acylbenzotriazoles

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Coupling of N-acylbenzotriazoles 1 into 1,2-diketones 2 or *vic*-di(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)alkene 3 has been realized with samarium diiodide at room temperature in good to excellent yields.





### Indium tribromide-catalyzed highly stereoselective synthesis of alkynylsugars

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#### Convenient, large-scale asymmetric synthesis of $\beta$ -aryl-substituted $\alpha, \alpha$ -difluoro- $\beta$ -amino acids

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# Biomimetic reductive amination of perfluoroalkylcarboxylic acids to $\alpha, \alpha$ -dihydroperfluoroalkylamines

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The first general method for the reducing reagent-free, biomimetic transformation of perfluorocarboxylic acids to the  $\alpha, \alpha$ -dihydroperfluoroalkyl amines is reported.

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{Rf} & \overbrace{\mathsf{OH}}^{7\text{-"one pot" reactions}} & \mathsf{Rf} & \overbrace{\mathsf{NH}_2 \cdot \mathsf{HCl}}^{1\text{-"one pot" reactions}} \\ \mathsf{Rf} = \mathsf{CF}_3; \mathsf{C}_2\mathsf{F}_5; \mathsf{C}_3\mathsf{F}_7 \end{array}$$



COOEt



#### A concise formal synthesis of luotonin A

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A formal [4+2] cycloaddition fragmentation reaction of a 2-glyoxylate imine derived from aniline gave an advanced precursor to luotonin A.



#### Enantiospecific synthesis of [7*R*,6*S*,5*S*,4*R*]-triacetoxy-(–)-goniotriol

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A short and efficient synthesis of 1 from D-glucose has been described.



Preparation of dihomoallylic secondary amines through samarium mediated allylation of oximes	Tetrahedron Letters 43 (2002) 5475
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A novel samarium-mediated diallylation of oximes is reported.	

# Mechanism of clerosterol biosynthesis in *Ajuga* hairy roots: stereochemistry of C-28 methylation of 24-methylene sterol

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Polystyrene-supported benzyl selenide has been prepared. This novel reagent was treated with LDA to produce a selenium-stabilized carbanion, which reacted with alkyl halides and epoxides, followed by selenoxide *syn*-elimination, to give olefins and allylic alcohols, respectively.

# An asymmetric synthesis of β-lactams: on the use of chiral oxazolidones in the Kinugasa reaction T

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Enantiopure *cis* and *trans*  $\beta$ -lactams  $3\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{e}$  and  $4\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{e}$ , respectively, have been synthesized via cycloaddition between the chiral oxazolidinyl propynes  $1\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{b}$  and nitrones  $2\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{d}$  in the presence of cuprous iodide (the Kinugasa reaction).

