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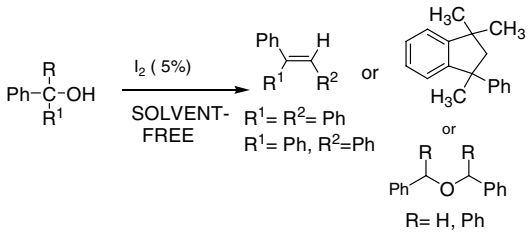
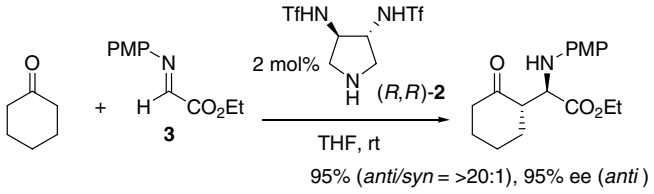
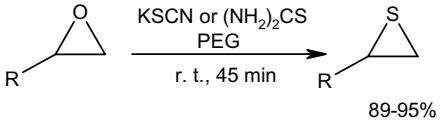
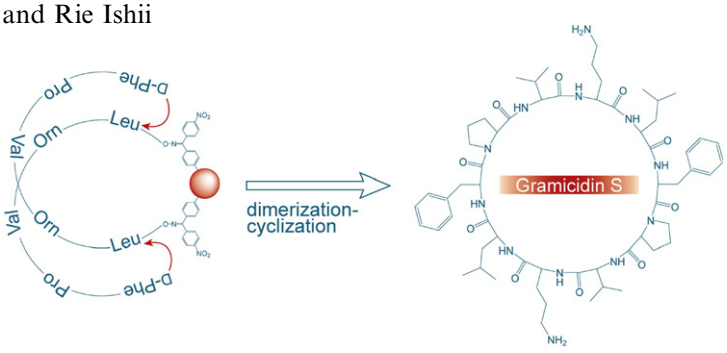


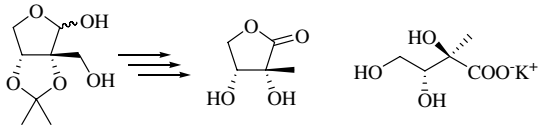
Iodine has been shown to be an efficient catalyst for transformations of alcohols under solvent-free conditions: tertiary alcohols typically gave alkenes; secondary and primary benzyl alcohols gave ethers.



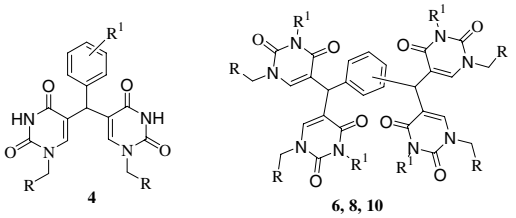


The biomimetic formation of gramicidin S, cyclo(-D-Phe-Pro-Val-Orn-Leu-)$_2$, by the dimerization and cyclization of pentapeptide precursor without the protection of δ-amino group of the Orn residue was examined on a solid support. The cyclization of H-D-Phe-Pro-Val-Orn-Leu-oxime on a resin with an oxime group of 0.62 mmol/g in 1,4-dioxane directly gave gramicidin S in 50%.

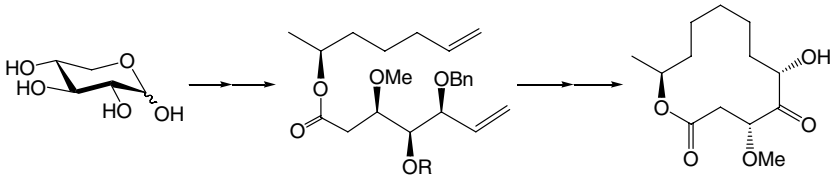


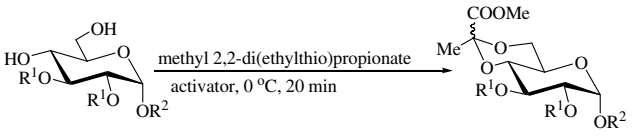


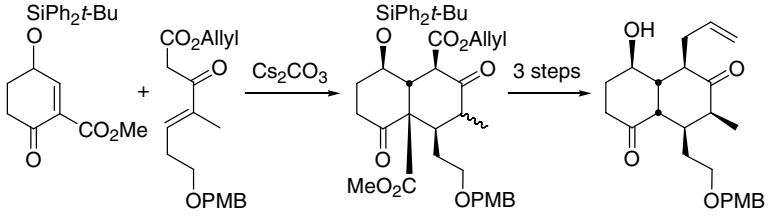
A short and efficient approach was applied to the total synthesis of *erythro*-saccharinic acid lactone and the leaf-closing substance potassium (2*R*,3*R*)-2,3,4-trihydroxy-2-methylbutanoate from a 2-*C*-hydroxymethyl-D-erythrose derivative, using a combined strategy.

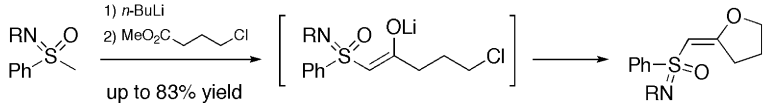


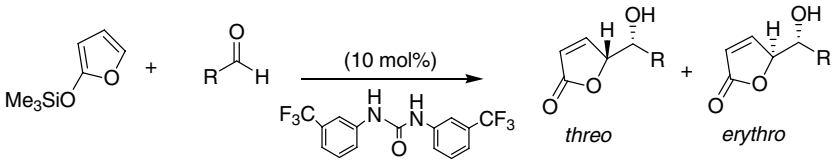
The reactions of 1-alkyl- and 1,3-dialkyluracils with aryl aldehydes/dialdehydes provide a versatile synthetic approach for di(uracilyl)aryl methanes **4** and their homologues **6**, **8** and **10**.

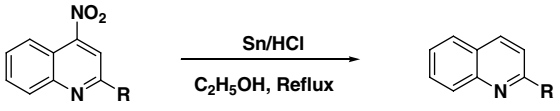


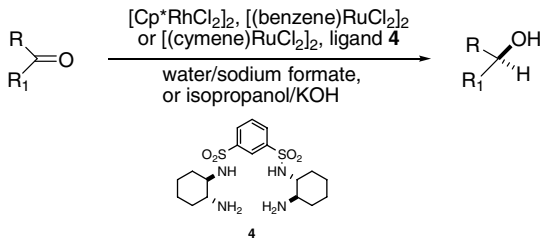


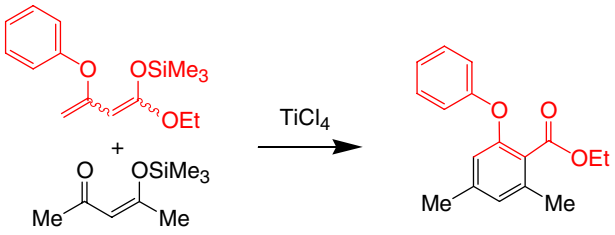


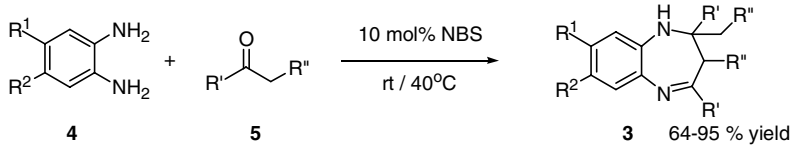


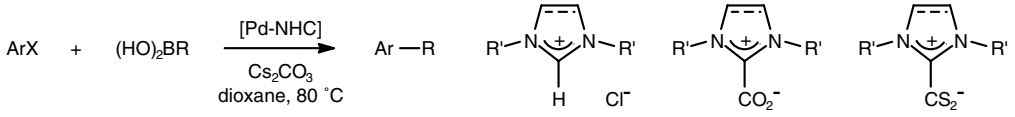


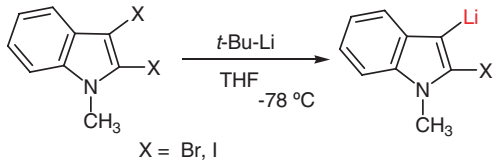




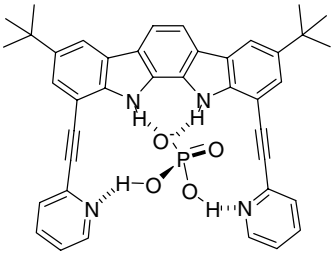




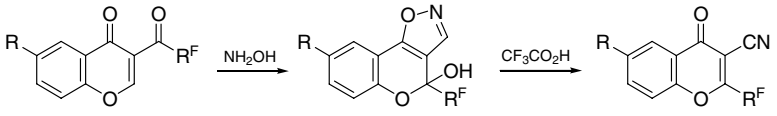




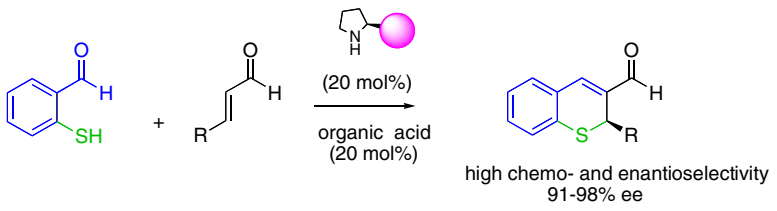
2,3-Dibromo- and 2,3-diiodo-1-methylindoles reacted with *tert*-butyllithium at −78 °C to afford not 3-halo-2-lithio-1- methylindole but 2-halo-3-lithio-1-methylindole exclusively.

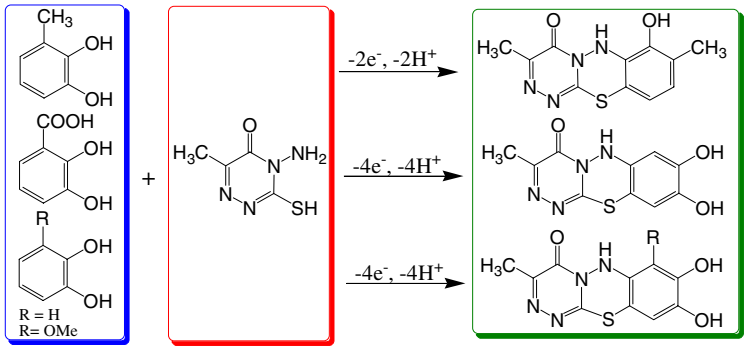


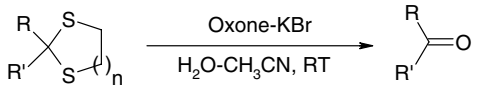
A molecular receptor with two hydrogen bond donors and two hydrogen bond acceptors selectively binds dihydrogen phosphate by hydrogen-bonding interactions.



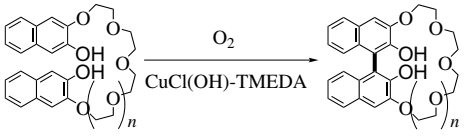
R = H, Me; R^F = CF_3, $(CF_2)_2H$

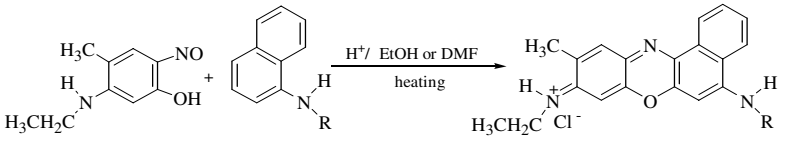




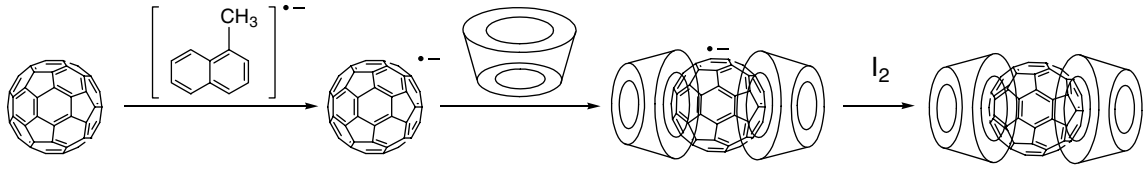


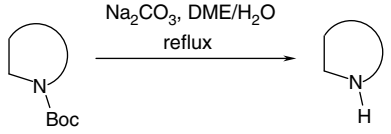
A simple and efficient method has been developed for the chemoselective dethioacetalization of dithioacetals to aldehydes and ketones using Oxone–KBr in aqueous acetonitrile at room temperature.

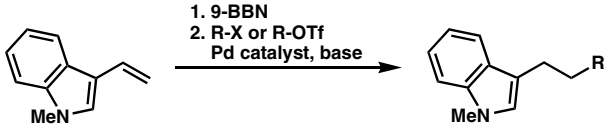


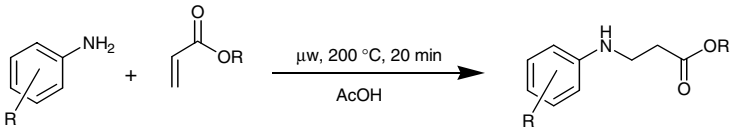


R = $(CH_2)_3CO_2CH_2CH_3$, $(CH_2)_3CO_2H$, $(CH_2)_3OH$, H

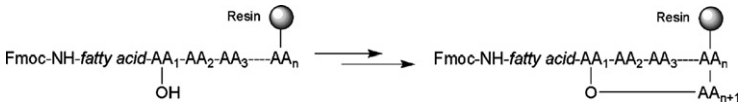




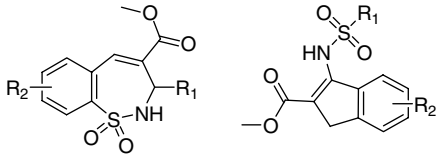




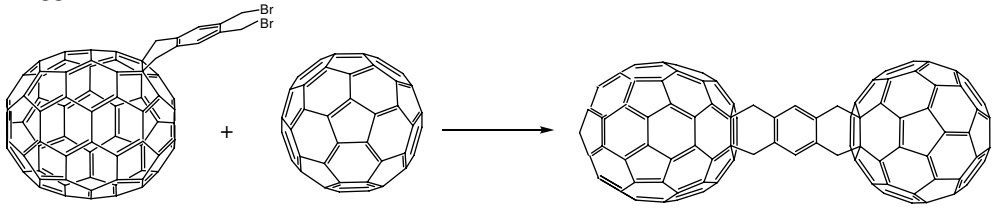
The rapid, simple, microwave-promoted synthesis of *N*-aryl functionalized β-amino esters is presented. The esters can be easily hydrolyzed to the corresponding *N*-aryl functionalized β-amino acids.



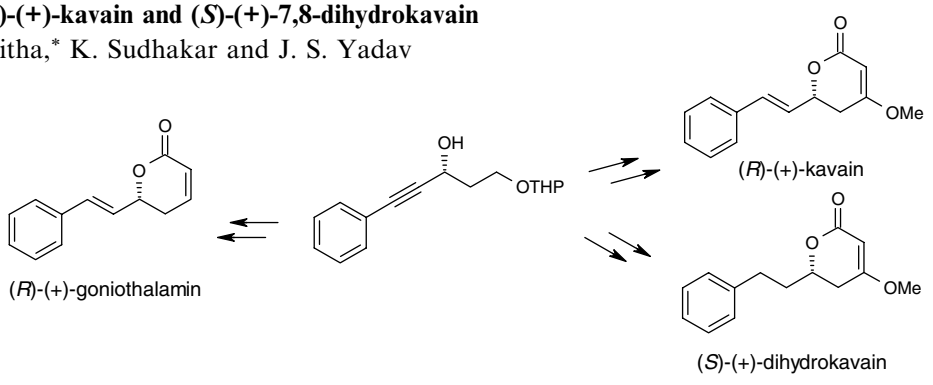
A novel strategy for the Fmoc solid-phase synthesis of cyclic lipodepsipeptides is described.

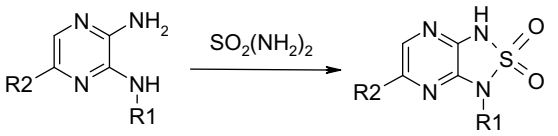


An intramolecular Heck coupling of the product of an aza Baylis–Hillman reaction to afford conformationally constrained scaffolds is reported.

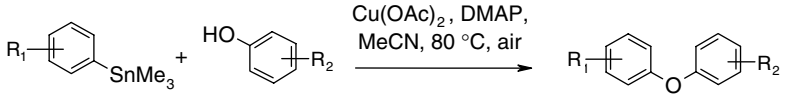


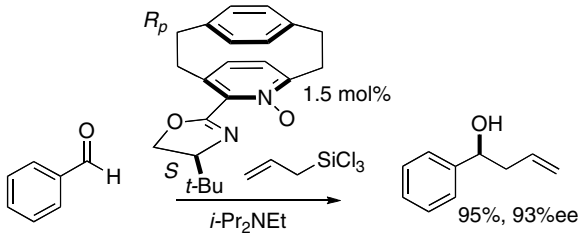
A single isomer of a monofunctionalised C_{70} fullerene is isolated and characterised using variable temperature NMR spectroscopy. Pendant methylene bromide groups allow for further cycloaddition reactions and a C_{60}–C_{70} asymmetric fullerene dimer is thus prepared.

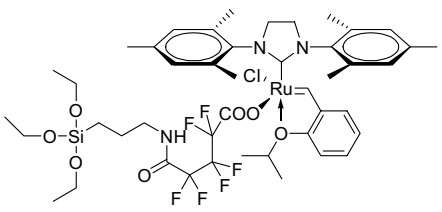




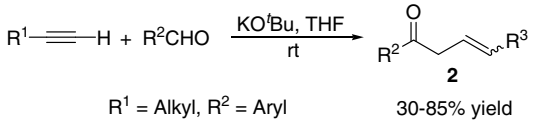
1,3-Dihydro[1,2,5]thiadiazolo[3,4-*b*]pyrazine-2,2-dioxides are obtained in a good yield from the reaction of 2,3-diamino pyrazines with sulfamide under microwave conditions.



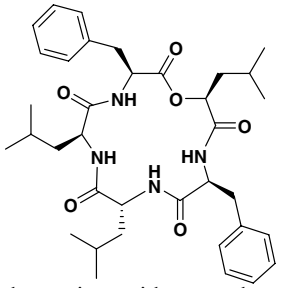




The synthesis of a stable and isolable monocarboxylate ruthenium catalyst is described. The reactivity of the new catalyst was tested in a series of different metathesis reactions.



A KO^{t}Bu-promoted coupling reaction of aldehydes and alkynes without a transition-metal catalyst was developed, in which the sequential addition/isomerization processes are involved in one pot. This approach is mild and gives ready access to β,γ-unsaturated enones in moderate to good yields.



A new cyclic depsipeptide, composed of both D- and L-amino acids, was characterized from a marine-derived isolate of the fungus *Zygosporium masonii*. Zygosporamide possesses highly selective cytotoxicity in numerous cancer cell lines.

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Recognition of *meso-vic*-diols followed by their asymmetric desymmetrization was achieved by carbamoylation in the presence of copper triflate and (*S,S*)-Ph-BOX as a catalyst without any use of bases in high enantioselectivity with up to 93% ee.
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