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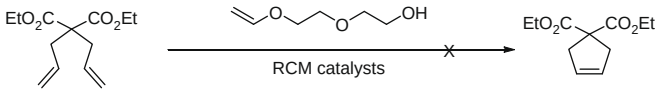

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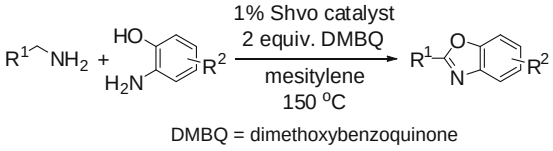

DMBQ = dimethoxybenzoquinone

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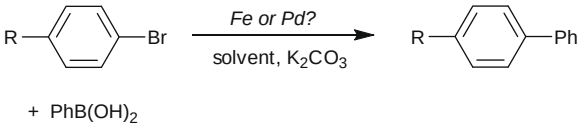

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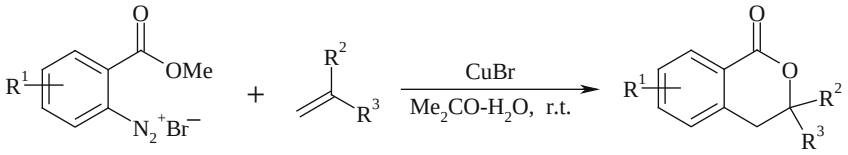

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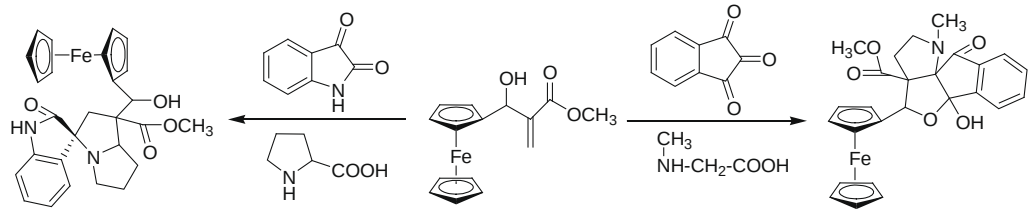

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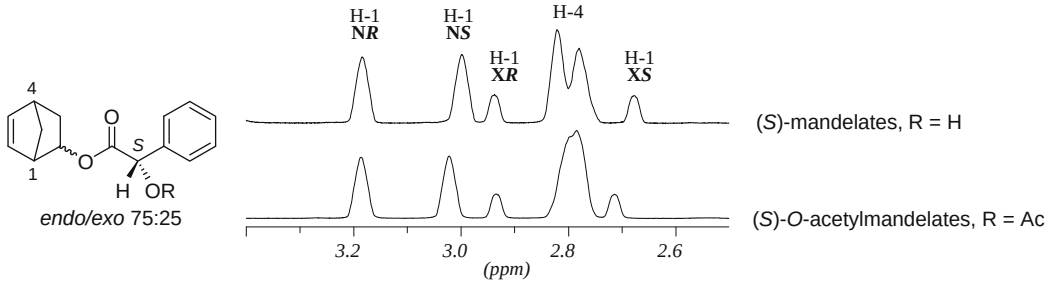

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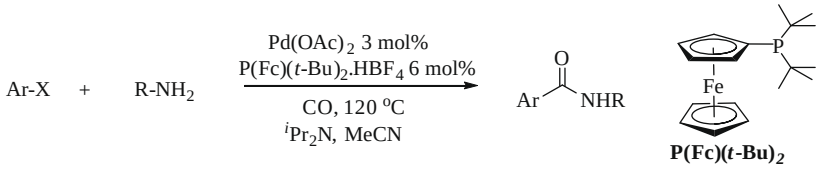

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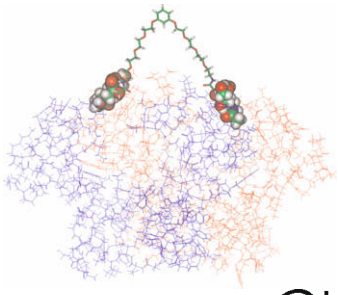
Yi-Ping Yu, An-Tai Wu, Wei Zou, Chien-Sheng Chen *, Shih-Hsiung Wu *

A sialyl divalency between designed sialic acid-containing ligand and wheat germ agglutinin is demonstrated. Compared to the weak association constant between monovalent oligosialic acid and wheat germ agglutinin in the isothermal titration calorimetry experiment, the divalent recognition between divalent/trivalent ligand and lectin is estimated with the same magnitude association constant (10^7) in the surface plasmon resonance experiment.



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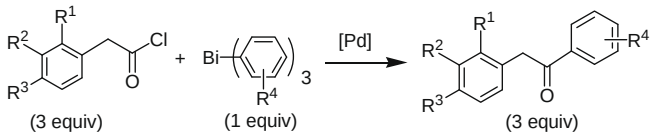
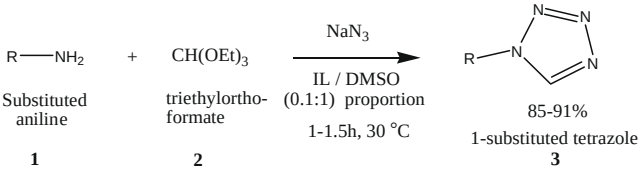


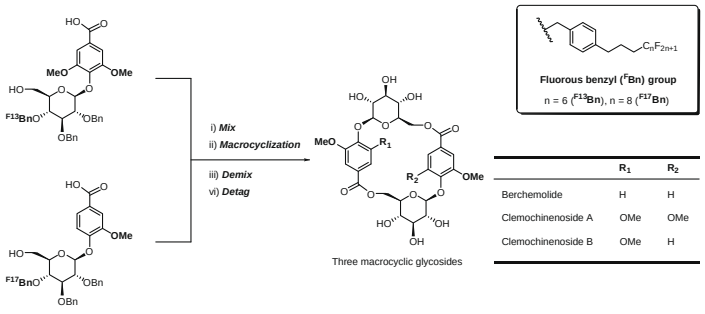
R^1 = Me, Cl, H ; R^2 = Cl, H ; R^3 = Cl, Me, OMe, H;
R^4 = H, Me, OMe, Cl, F, O^{i}Pr, CF_3

A novel synthesis of 1-aryl tetrazoles promoted by employing the synergy of the combined use of DMSO and an ionic liquid as the solvent system at ambient temperature **pp 6139–6142**
Satish N. Dighe, Kishor S. Jain, Kumar V. Srinivasan *



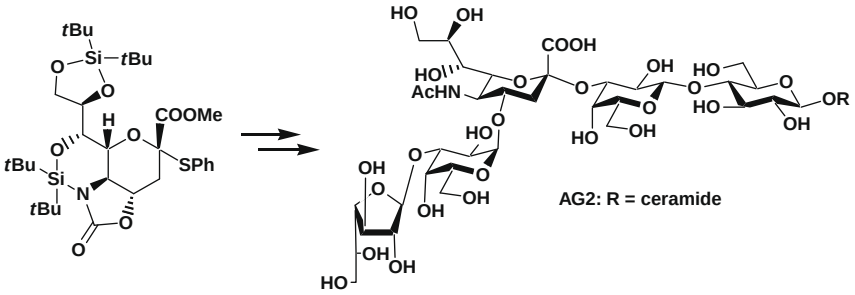
A mild, convenient, efficient, and rapid protocol for the synthesis of 1-aryl-1*H*-1,2,3,4-tetrazoles via the condensation of amines, triethyl orthoformate, and sodium azide at ambient temperature in excellent isolated yields (85–90%) by the combined use of DMSO and an ionic liquid as a solvent has been reported.

Total synthesis of macrocyclic glycosides, clemochinenosides A and B, and berchemolide, by fluorous mixture synthesis **pp 6143–6149**
Masaru Kojima, Yutaka Nakamura, Shun Ito, Seiji Takeuchi *



	R_1	R_2
Berchemolide	H	H
Clemochinenoside A	OMe	OMe
Clemochinenoside B	OMe	H

Synthesis of the starfish ganglioside AG2 pentasaccharide **pp 6150–6153**
Shinya Hanashima *, Yoshiki Yamaguchi, Yukishige Ito, Ken-ichi Sato



First synthesis of the AG2 pentasaccharide, using the silylene-oxazolidinone double-locked sialic acid building block was successfully conducted.

DDQ-mediated oxidative cross-coupling between propargylic sp^3 and indoles sp^2 carbons **pp 6154–6158**
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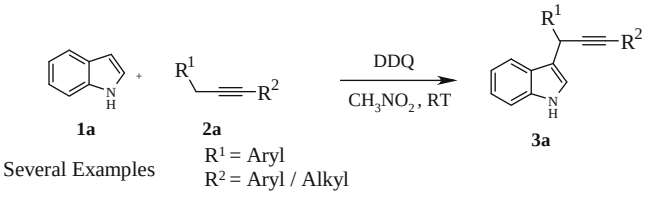
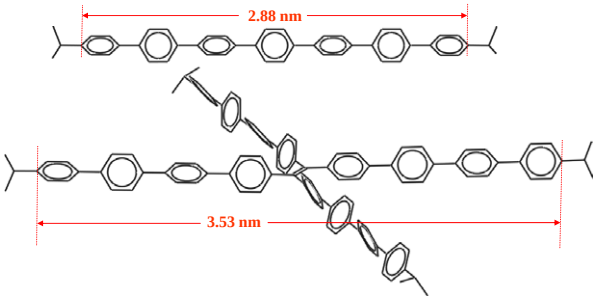
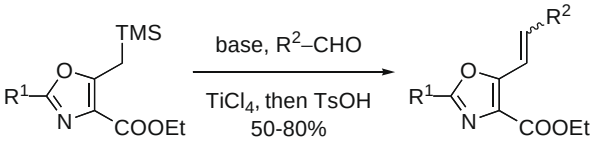


Synthesis of propargyl indoles has been accomplished by oxidative cross-coupling between propargylic sp^3 and indole sp^2 carbons using DDQ.

Synthesis and electronic properties of nanometer-size symmetrical *tetrakis*(poly-*p*-phenylene)ethylenes **pp 6159–6162**
Vijay S. Vyas, Moloy Banerjee, Rajendra Rathore *



A Peterson avenue to 5-alkenyloxazoles **pp 6163–6165**
Jaclyn Chau, Jianmin Zhang, Marco A. Ciufolini *



The $TiCl_4$-promoted Peterson olefination of aldehydes with readily available 5-(trimethylsilyl) methyloxazoles furnishes 5-alkenyloxazoles (mostly *E*-isomers).

An efficient synthesis of (*R*)- and (*S*)-baclofen via desymmetrization **pp 6166–6168**
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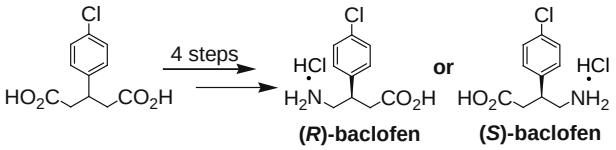

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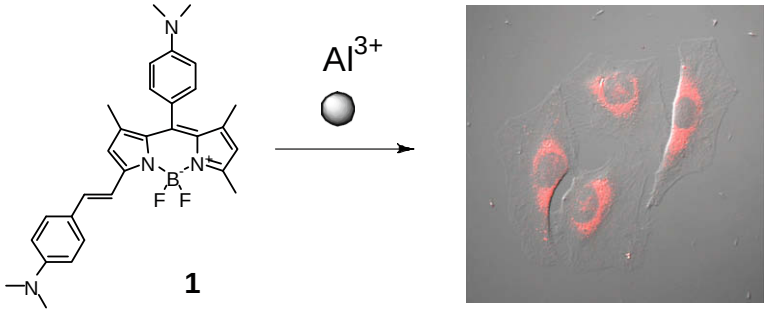
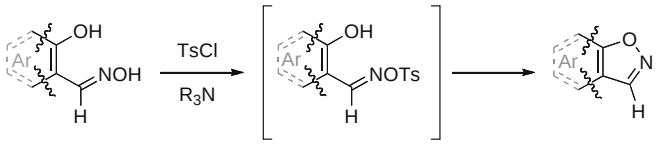
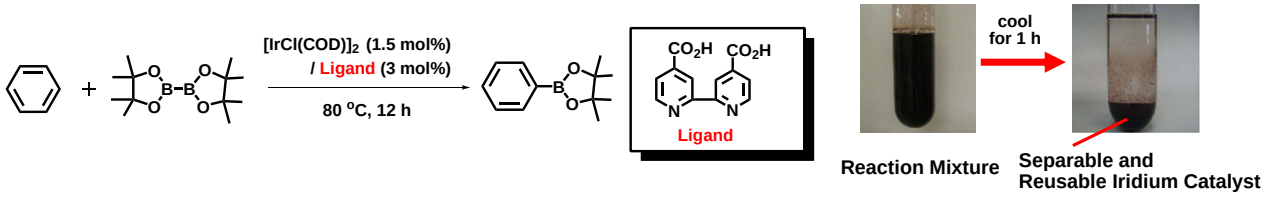


Synthesis of novel aryl-1,2-oxazoles from *ortho*-hydroxyaryloximes **pp 6173–6175**
Trevor J. Dale, Aaron C. Sather, Julius Rebek Jr. *



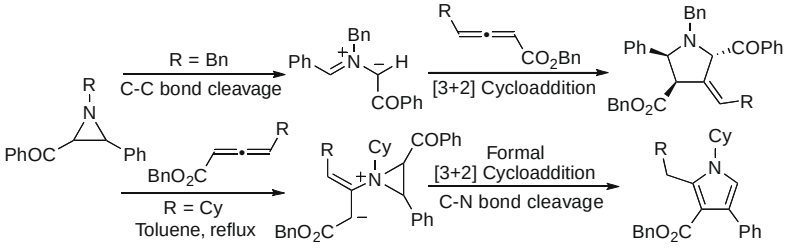
The reaction of *ortho*-hydroxyaryloximes with *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride in the presence of an amine base efficiently generates the corresponding aryl-1,2-oxazole, and the synthesis of four novel aryl-1,2-oxazoles is presented.

Development of recyclable iridium catalyst for C–H borylation **pp 6176–6179**
Tsuyoshi Tagata, Mayumi Nishida, Atsushi Nishida *



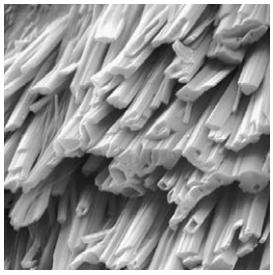
A new heterogeneous and reusable iridium catalyst for C–H borylation was developed by the reaction of $[IrCl(COD)]_2$ and bis(pinacolato)diboron in the presence of 2,2′-bipyridinedicarboxylic acids.

Reactivity of allenoates toward aziridines: [3+2] and formal [3+2] cycloadditions **pp 6180–6182**
Fernanda M. Ribeiro Laia, Teresa M. V. D. Pinho e Melo *



Microscopic and macroscopic anisotropy in supramolecular hydrogels of histidine-based surfactants **pp 6183–6186**
Andreea Pasc *, Patrick Gizzi, Nicolas Dupuy, Stéphane Parant, Jaafar Ghanbaja, Christine Gérardin

The synthesis of novel histidine-based surfactants and their self-assembling properties into anisotropic microscopic and macroscopic spaces are reported. Below pH 8, surfactant molecules self-assemble into micelles whereas hydrogelation occurs above pH 8 even at very low concentrations (0.3%w/v). Structure, size, and morphology of the fiber-like lamellar aggregates were determined by SAXS and WAXS measurements, polarized optical microscopy, transmission and scanning electron microscopy, and linear and circular dichroism.



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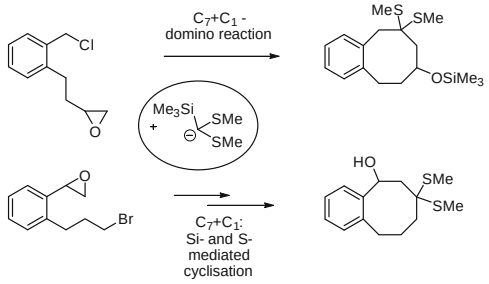
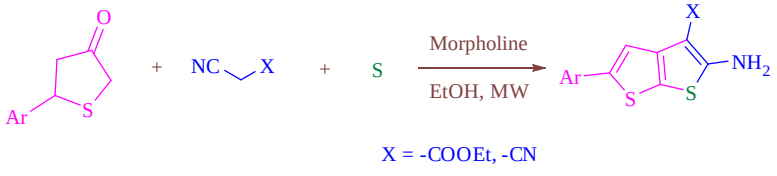


The reaction of a silyl-substituted thioacetal with *ortho*-difunctionalized benzenes as biselectrophiles allows access to multifunctional cyclooctanols.

A facile domino protocol for the regioselective synthesis and discovery of novel 2-amino-5-arylthieno-[2,3-*b*]thiophenes as antimycobacterial agents **pp 6191–6195**
Kamaraj Balamurugan, Subbu Perumal *, Aaramadaka Sunil Kumar Reddy, Perumal Yogeeswari, Dharmarajan Sriram



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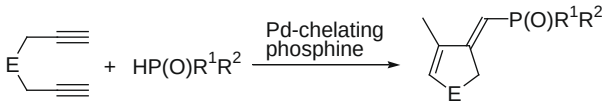
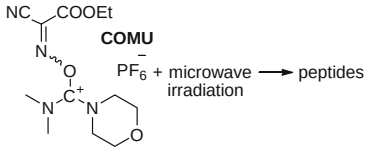


Microwave irradiation and COMU: a potent combination for solid-phase peptide synthesis **pp 6200–6202**
Ramon Subiros-Funosas, Gerardo A. Acosta, Ayman El-Faham, Fernando Albericio *



Oxyma-based uronium-type coupling reagent COMU has shown perfect compatibility with microwave-assisted peptide synthesizers. Consistent with previous reports, COMU displayed higher efficiency than benzotriazole classical immonium salts HATU/HBTU in the demanding synthesis of the Aib derivative of Leu-Enkephalin pentapeptide, giving rise to no Oxyma-based byproducts. The combination of microwave irradiation and COMU, therefore, resulted in a similar performance to that observed by manual synthesis in considerably shorter time.

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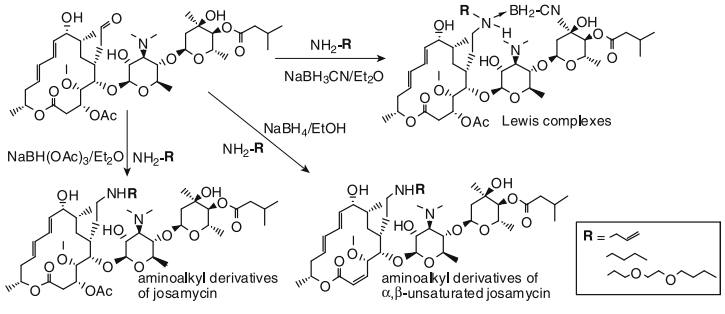

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