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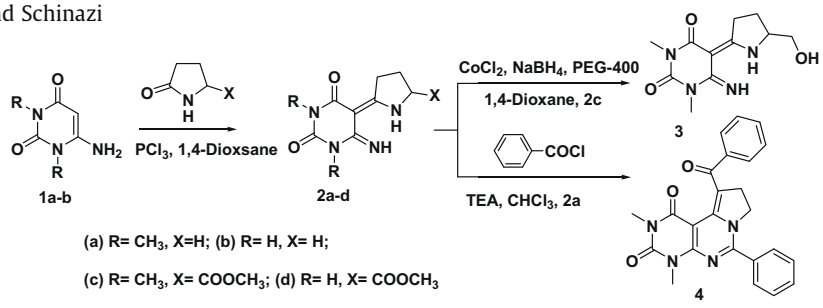

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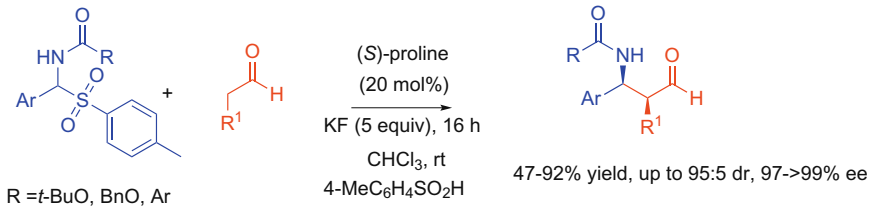

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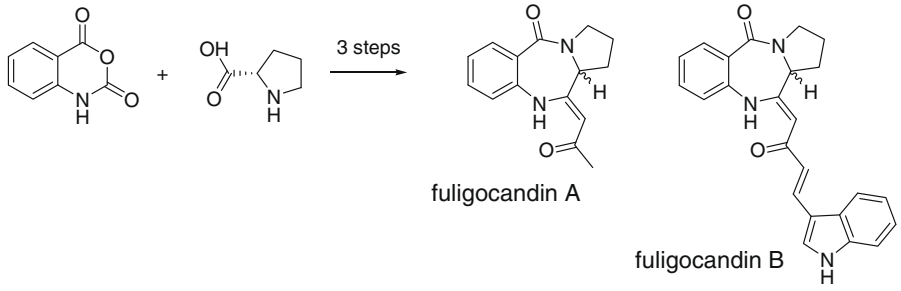

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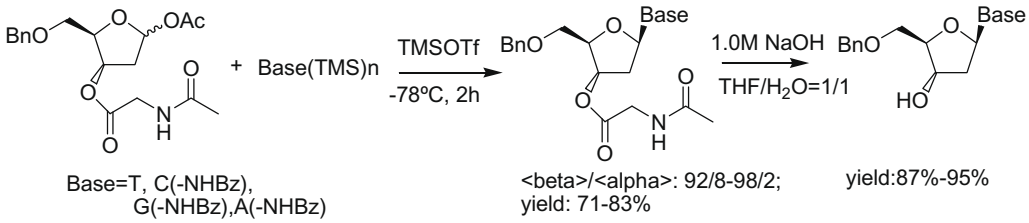

A facile synthesis of 2′-deoxy-β-ribonucleosides from 3′-*O*-(*N*-acetyl)-glycyl-protected 2′-deoxyribofuranose has been developed. The coupling reactions between the protected 2′-deoxyribose and silylated bases exhibited β-selectivity up to 98% presumably via a 1′,3′-participation mechanism. The 3′-directing group can be introduced and removed easily under mild conditions. This approach provides an efficient and highly stereoselective entry for the synthesis of 2′-deoxy-ribonucleosides.

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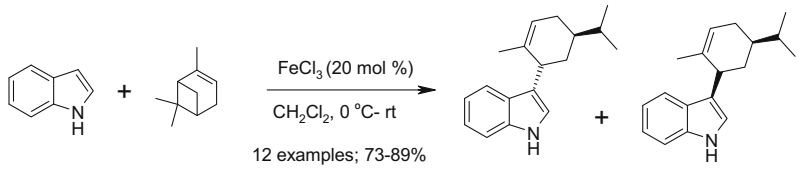

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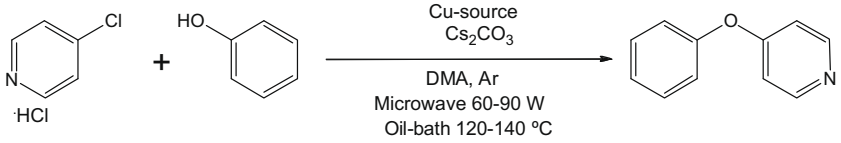

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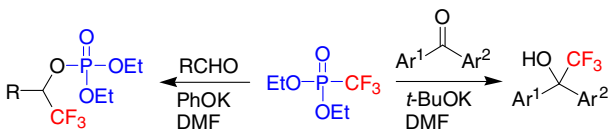

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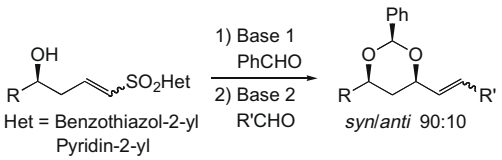

A two-step process for the synthesis of allylic *syn* 1,3-diols is developed. An intramolecular oxa-Michael reaction onto vinyl heteroaromatic sulfones allows the diastereoselective formation of 1-sulfonyl 2,4-diols protected as benzylidene acetals. These sulfones are then engaged in a modified Julia olefination to furnish the olefins contiguous to the benzylidene acetal ring with good *E*/*Z* selectivity.

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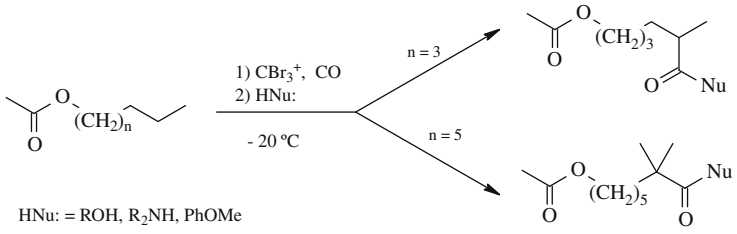

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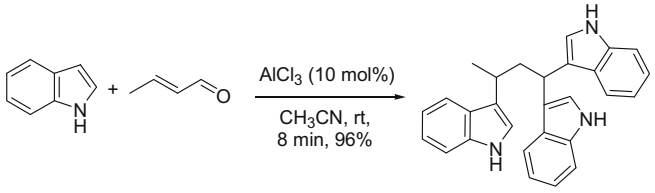

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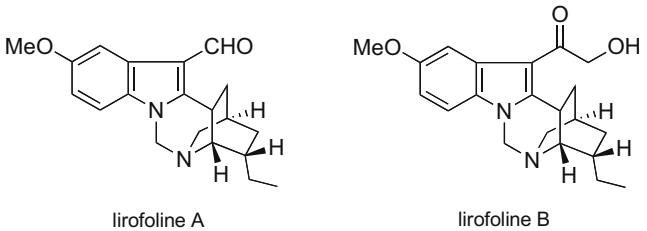

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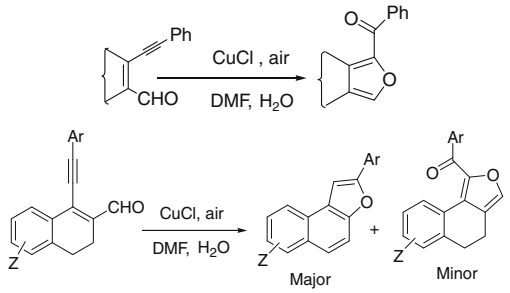

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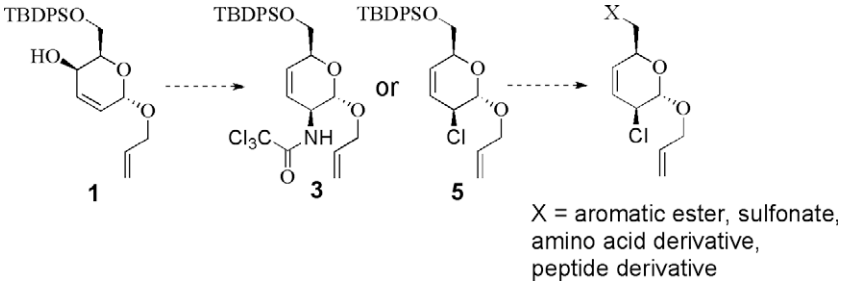

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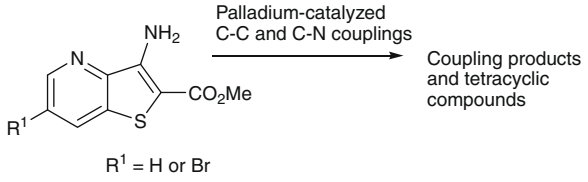

Two precursors in the thieno[3,2-*b*]pyridine series were prepared and used as components in C–C and C–N Pd-catalyzed couplings. The reaction with 2-bromopyridine gave tetracyclic compounds.

Microwave-assisted organic synthesis of 3-substituted-imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridines **pp 284–286**
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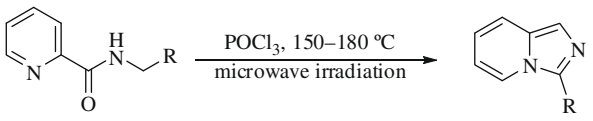

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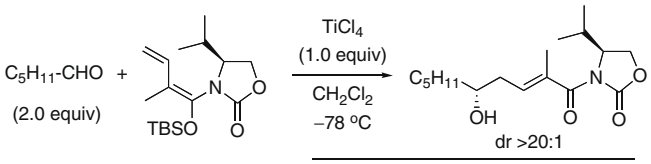

H_2O (mol%)	time (h)	yield (%)
–	7	96
10	1.5	98

Double Michael addition of dithiols to acetylenic carbonyl compounds under the influence of molecular sieve and dimethyl sulfoxide **pp 290–292**
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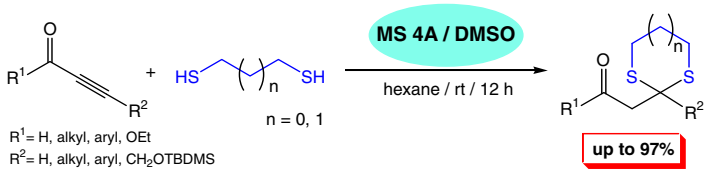
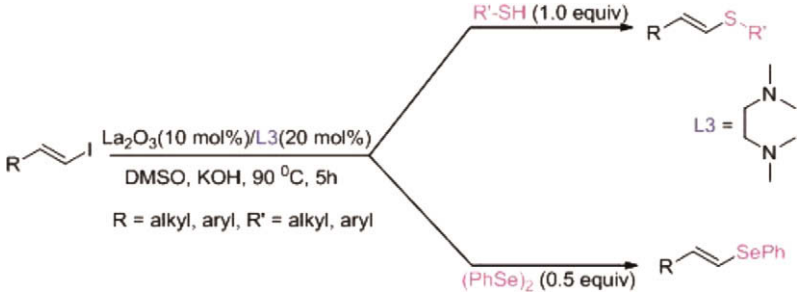


Double Michael addition of 1,3-propanedithiol to α,β-acetylenic carbonyl compounds in the presence of molecular sieve and dimethyl sulfoxide proceeds very smoothly to afford the corresponding β-keto 1,3-dithianes in high yields.

Lanthanum-catalyzed stereoselective synthesis of vinyl sulfides and selenides **pp 293–296**
V. Prakash Reddy, K. Swapna, A. Vijay Kumar, K. Rama Rao *



A novel access to bisformylated pyrroles via decarboxylation of *N*-aryl-γ-lactam-carboxylic acids under Vilsmeier reaction conditions **pp 297–300**
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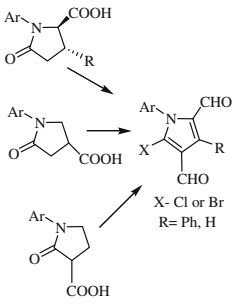
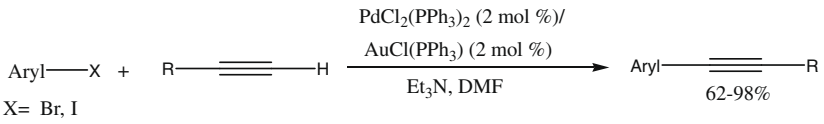
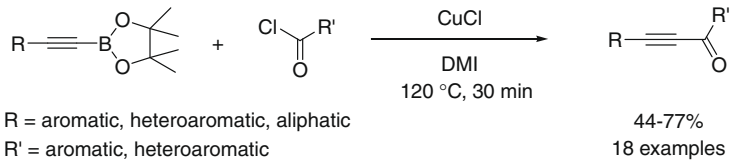


On the catalytic duo $PdCl_2(PPh_3)_2$/$AuCl(PPh_3)$ that cannot effect a Sonogashira-type reaction: a correction **pp 301–305**
Biswajit Panda, Tarun K. Sarkar *

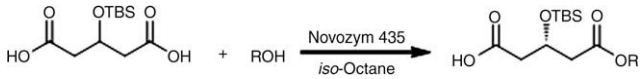


In contrast to the observation made by the Laguna group, we report that the combination of $PdCl_2(PPh_3)_2$ and $AuCl(PPh_3)$ makes a unique catalytic system that allows Sonogashira-type cross-coupling of both aryl and alkyl alkynes with aryl halides in excellent yields.

Palladium- and base-free synthesis of conjugated ynones by cross-coupling reactions of alkynylboronates with acid chlorides mediated by CuCl **pp 306–308**
Yasushi Nishihara *, Daisuke Saito, Eiji Inoue, Yoshiaki Okada, Mikihiro Miyazaki, Yoshiaki Inoue, Kentaro Takagi

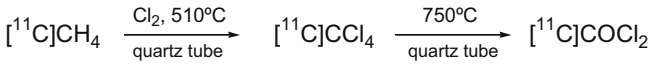


Enzymatic synthesis of (*S*)-glutaric acid monoesters aided by molecular docking **pp 309–312**
Bo Wang, Ji Liu, Xiaoling Tang, Cheng Cheng, Jiali Gu, Liyan Dai *, Hongwei Yu *



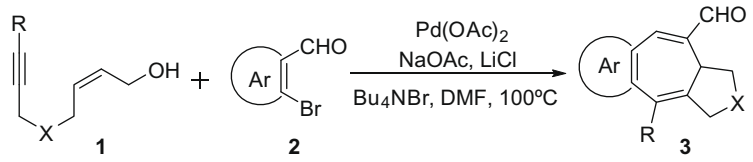
An efficient enzymatic method for the synthesis of (*S*)-3-substituted glutaric acid monoesters which was aided by molecular docking has been described. The reaction was proceeded under mild conditions, and the desired products were afforded with up to 98% ee in the yield of 93%. The results demonstrate that molecular docking is efficient to facilitate selection of substrates in enzymatic reaction.

A simplified [^{11}C]phosgene synthesis **pp 313–316**
Yann Bramoullé, Dirk Roeda *, Frédéric Dollé

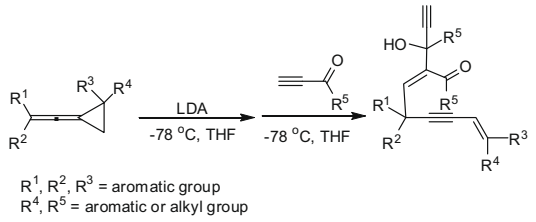


A simplified [^{11}C]phosgene synthesis method is proposed. [^{11}C]Phosgene is obtained in 30–35% yield relative to [^{11}C]methane, in a process taking 12–13 min from the end of carbon-11 production.

Palladium-catalyzed cyclization of 1,6-enyne with 2-bromoarylaldehyde: domino sequence to [5-7-6] tricyclic ring systems **pp 317–320**
Xianjie Fang, Xiaofeng Tong *

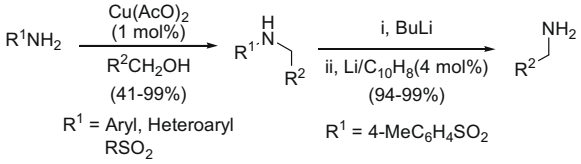


LDA-mediated domino carbolithiation reactions of vinylidenecyclopropanes with but-3-yn-2-one and 1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one **pp 321–324**
Bei-Li Lu, Jian-Mei Lu, Min Shi *



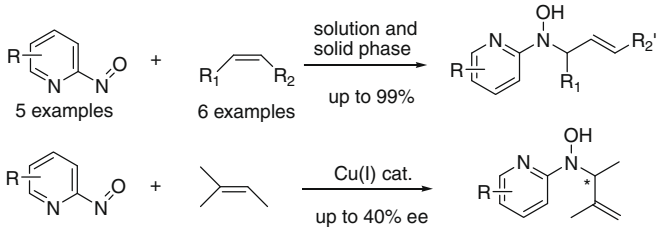
A novel domino carbolithiation reaction of vinylidenecyclopropanes with but-3-yn-2-one and 1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one by treating with LDA in THF has been disclosed in this Letter, providing the corresponding domino adducts in moderate to good yields.

N-Alkylation of poor nucleophilic amine and sulfonamide derivatives with alcohols by a hydrogen autotransfer process catalyzed by copper(II) acetate **pp 325–327**
Ana Martínez-Asencio, Diego J. Ramón *, Miguel Yus *

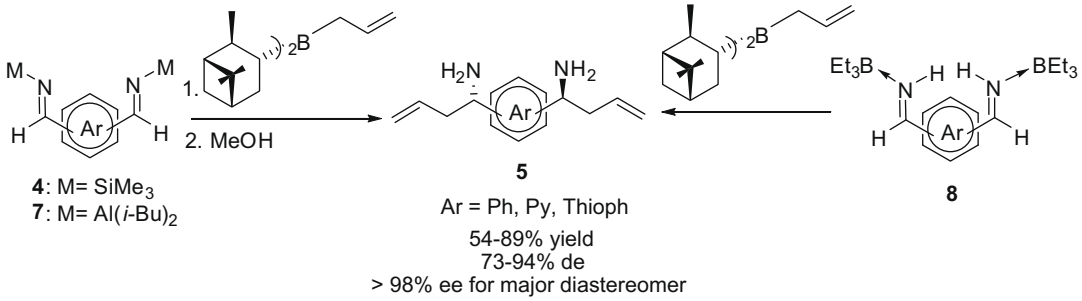


A practical and cheap procedure for the monoalkylation of amines and sulfonamides is presented. The further deprotection of alkylated sulfonamides gave the corresponding primary amines with excellent yields.

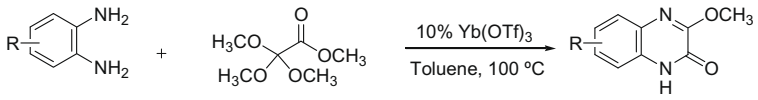
Iminonitroso ene reactions: experimental studies on reactivity, regioselectivity, and enantioselectivity **pp 328–331**
Baiyuan Yang, Marvin J. Miller *



Efficient synthesis of chiral C_2-symmetric diamines via allylboration of bis-*N*,*N*′-metallodiimines **pp 332–336**
P. Veeraraghavan Ramachandran *, Debanjan Biswas, Marek P. Krzeminski, Guang-Ming Chen

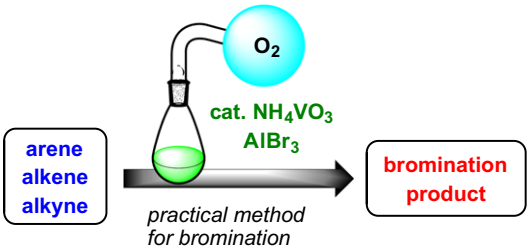


Synthesis of 3-methoxy-quinoxalin-2-ones from methyl trimethoxyacetate and phenylenediamines **pp 337–339**
Jennifer D. Venable *, David E. Kindrachuk, Matthew L. Peterson, James P. Edwards



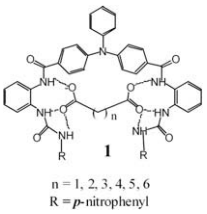
Treatment of phenylenediamines with methyl trimethoxyacetate led to the formation of 3-methoxy-quinoxalin-2-ones with the assistance of lanthanide-based Lewis acids.

Oxidative bromination reaction using vanadium catalyst and aluminum halide under molecular oxygen **pp 340–342**
Kotaro Kikushima, Toshiyuki Moriuchi *, Toshikazu Hirao *



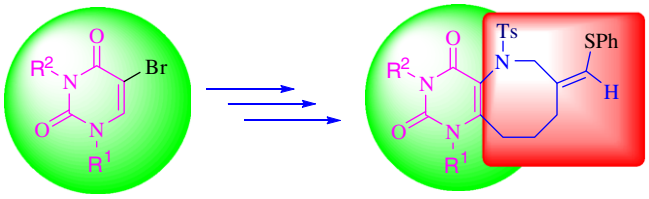
Vanadium-catalyzed bromination reaction of various arenes, alkenes, and alkynes under molecular oxygen was performed in the presence of $AlBr_3$ to give the bromination products selectively in high yields.

Triphenylamine-based receptor for selective recognition of dicarboxylates **pp 343–347**
Kumaresh Ghosh *, Indrajit Saha, Goutam Masanta, Evan B. Wang, Carol A. Parish *

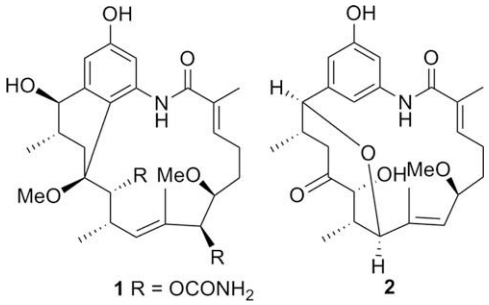


A new triphenylamine-based receptor **1** has been designed and synthesized for the recognition of aliphatic dicarboxylates of various chain lengths. The receptor **1** is found to bind the dicarboxylates with moderate binding strength under a semi rigid, propeller-shaped, fluorescent triphenylamine spacer. The binding behavior was studied in CH_3CN using ^1H NMR, fluorescence, and UV–vis spectroscopic methods. The conformational behavior of **1** and its complexation modes have been investigated using classical and quantum mechanical theoretical methods. The receptor is found to be selective for long chain suberate.

An easy access to pyrimidine-fused azocine derivatives by thiophenol-mediated radical cyclization via 8-*endo*-trig mode **pp 348–350**
K. C. Majumdar *, Shovan Mondal, Debankan Ghosh

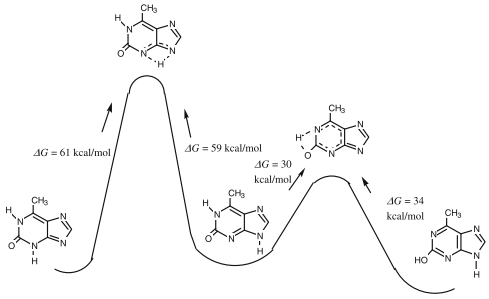


New tricyclic geldanamycin analogues from an engineered strain of *Streptomyces hygroscopicus* JCM4427 **pp 351–353**
Seong Su Hong, Xing Fu Cai, Bang Yeon Hwang, Hong Sub Lee, Bao-Ning Su, Young-Soo Hong *, Dongho Lee *

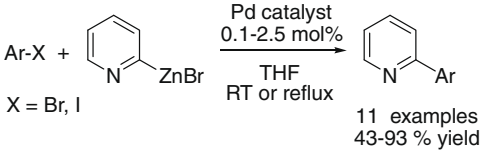


Two novel tricyclic geldanamycin analogues, DHQ5 (**1**) and DHQ6 (**2**), were isolated from an engineered strain of *Streptomyces hygroscopicus*.

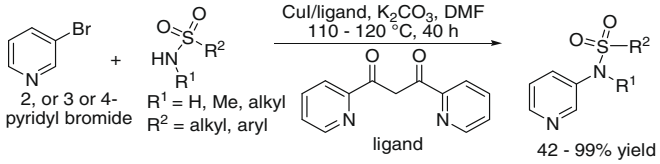
Theoretical study of three predominant tautomers of 2-oxo-6-methylpurine and their two transition state structures **pp 354–356**
Jong Hwa Kim



Negishi coupling of 2-pyridylzinc bromide—paradigm shift in cross-coupling chemistry? **pp 357–359**
Brian M. Coleridge, Charles S. Bello, David H. Ellenberger, Andreas Leitner *

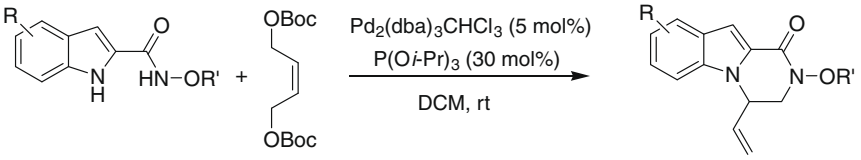


Cross coupling of 3-bromopyridine and sulfonamides ($R^1NHSO_2R^2$·R^1 = H, Me, alkyl; R^2 = alkyl and aryl) catalyzed by CuI/1,3-di(pyridin-2-yl)propane-1,3-dione **pp 360–362**
Xiaojun Han



N-(3-Pyridinyl)-substituted secondary and tertiary sulfonamides have been synthesized in good to excellent yields by the reaction of 3-bromopyridine with primary and secondary alkyl and aryl sulfonamides ($MeSO_2NH_2$, $MeSO_2NHMe$, $TolSO_2NH_2$, $TolSO_2NHMe$, 1,3-propanesultam, and 1,4-butanesultam), catalyzed by CuI /1,3-di(pyridin-2-yl)propane-1,3-dione with K_2CO_3 in DMF at 110–120 °C over 36–40 h. 2-Bromopyridine, 4-bromopyridine, and a wide variety of substituted phenyl bromides can also be successfully coupled with sulfonamides under these reaction conditions.

Palladium-catalyzed double allylic alkylation of indole-2-hydroxamates: easy access to pyrazino[1,2-*a*]indole derivatives **pp 363–366**
Sébastien Laliberté *, Peter K. Dornan, Austin Chen



Norcholanic acids as substrates for recombinant 3β-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase and progesterone 5β-reductase, enzymes of the 5β-cardenolide biosynthesis **pp 367–370**
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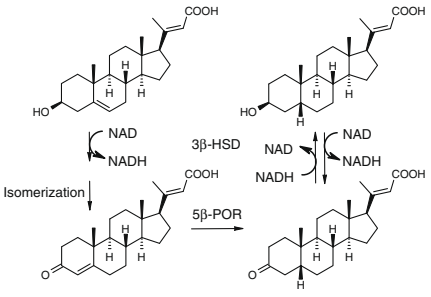

Norcholanic acids are substrates of two enzymes supposed to be involved in cardenolide biosynthesis.

One-pot amide synthesis from allyl or benzyl halides and amines by Pd-catalysed carbonylation **pp 371–373**
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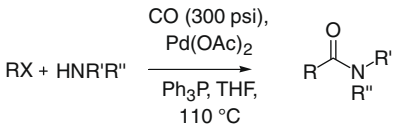
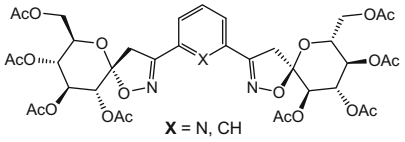


R = allyl, benzyl; X = Cl, Br;
R' = alkyl, aryl; R'' = H, alkyl, aryl.

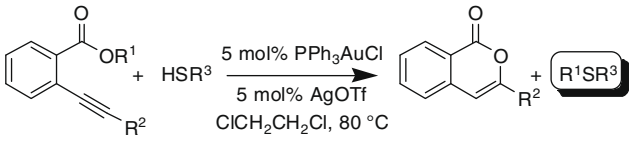
Amides can be prepared from allyl or benzyl halides and primary or secondary amines, using Pd(0) catalyst under CO pressure, in a one-pot synthesis.

Carbohydrate-based spiro bis(isoxazolines): synthesis and evaluation in asymmetric catalysis **pp 374–377**
David Goyard, Susanne M. Telligmann, Catherine Goux-Henry, Mike M. K. Boysen, Eric Framery, David Gueyrard, Sébastien Vidal *

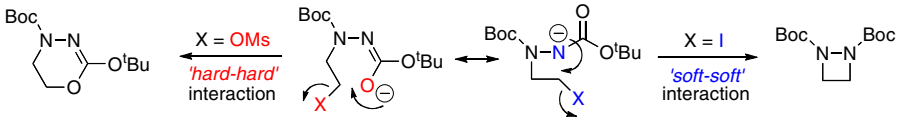


Two carbohydrate-based spiro bis(isoxazolines) were synthesized and evaluated as ligands for enantioselective reactions in Pd-catalyzed Tsuji–Trost allylic alkylation and Cu(I)-catalyzed alkynylation of imine. While the presence of the palladium caused the rearrangement of the ligand, the Cu(I)-catalysis afforded the desired product in good yield and with modest enantioselectivity.

Gold-catalyzed C–S bond formation from thiols **pp 378–381**
Mickaël Jean, Jacques Renault, Pierre van de Weghe *, Naoki Asao

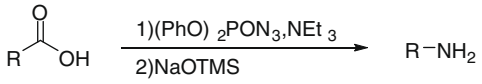


Critical importance of leaving group 'softness' in nucleophilic ring closure reactions of ambident anions to 1,2-diazetidines **pp 382–384**
Michael J. Brown, Guy J. Clarkson, David J. Fox, Graham G. Inglis, Michael Shipman *



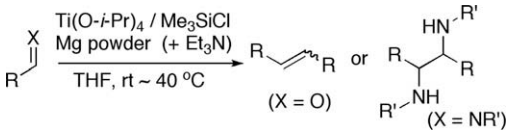
Normal kinetic preference for six-membered ring formation can be overcome in difficult ring closures to 1,2-diazetidines by consideration of Hard Soft Acids and Bases principle.

A modified Curtius reaction: an efficient and simple method for direct isolation of free amine **pp 385–386**
Bin Ma *, Wen-Cherng Lee *



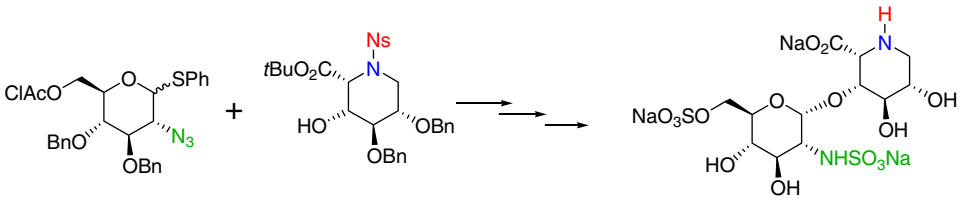
The Curtius reaction was modified with a NaOTMS-mediated hydrolysis of the isocyanate intermediate. The free amine can be isolated directly by this simple method.

McMurry coupling of aryl aldehydes and imino pinacol coupling mediated by Ti(O-*i*-Pr)$_4$/Me$_3$SiCl/Mg reagent **pp 387–390**
Sentaro Okamoto *, Jing-Qian He, Chihaya Ohno, Yuhji Oh-iwa, Yuhki Kawaguchi



Ti(O-*i*-Pr)$_4$/Me$_3$SiCl/Mg reagent mediated McMurry coupling of aryl aldehydes to biaryl olefins at near room temperature and the reagent also coupled aldimines to 1,2-diamines (imino pinacol coupling).

The 4-nitrobenzenesulfonyl group as a convenient N-protecting group for iminosugars—synthesis of oligosaccharide inhibitors of heparanase **pp 391–395**
Zsuzsánna Csíki, Péter Fügedi *



The 4-nitrobenzenesulfonyl group can be used advantageously for the protection of the ring nitrogen atom of iminosugars. This is demonstrated by the synthesis of oligosaccharide inhibitors of heparanase.

Diastereoselective synthesis of spiro-functionalized tetraalkyl benzoisoquinopyrrolonaphthyridine-tetracarboxylates from isoquinoline, dialkyl acetylenedicarboxylates, and indane-1,3-dione **pp 396–398**
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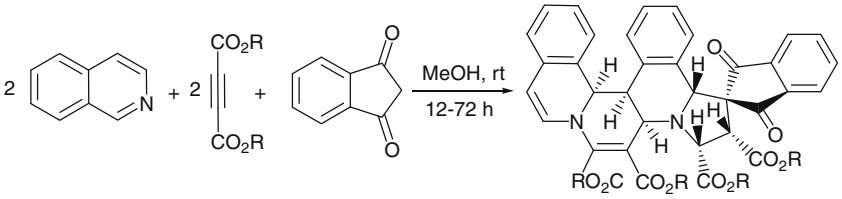
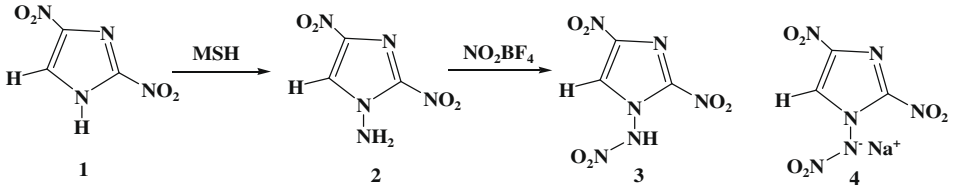
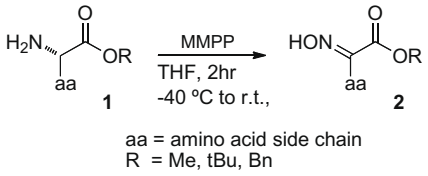


Synthesis of *N*-amino- and *N*-nitramino-nitroimidazoles **pp 399–401**
Raja Duddu *, Paritosh R. Dave, Reddy Damavarapu, Nathaniel Gelber, Damon Parrish



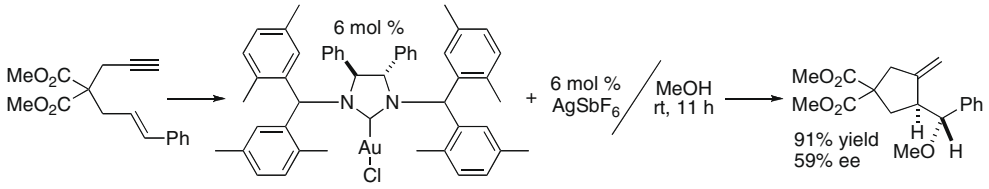
Synthesis of a new nitro group- possessing 1-amino and 1-nitraminoimidazoles is described.

A simple method for the oxidation of α-amino acid esters to α-oximino esters **pp 402–403**
Lisa Y. Wu, Joseph K. Choi, Krit Y. Hatton, Clifford E. Berkman *



Magnesium bis(monoperoxyphthalate) (MMPP) was found to be an effective reagent for the oxidation of various α-amino acid esters to the corresponding α-oximino acid esters.

Chiral carbene approach to gold-catalyzed asymmetric cyclization of 1,6-enynes **pp 404–406**
Yasumasa Matsumoto, Khalid B. Selim, Hirotsugu Nakanishi, Ken-ichi Yamada, Yasutomo Yamamoto, Kiyoshi Tomioka *



High-pressure-promoted Fmoc-aminoacylation of *N*-ethylcysteine: preparation of key devices for the solid-phase synthesis of peptide thioesters **pp 407–410**
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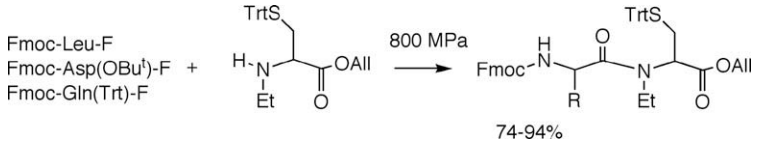
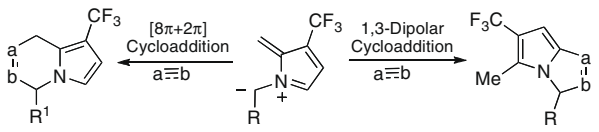
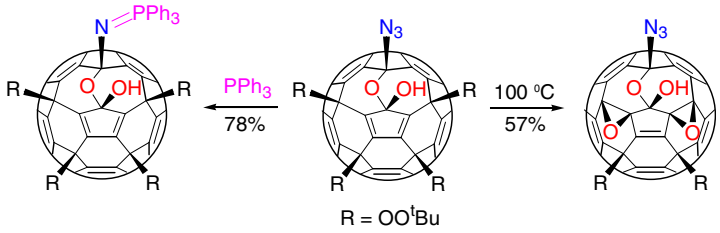


We efficiently synthesized an Fmoc-aminoacyl NAC device for solid-phase synthesis of peptide thioesters by a high-pressure reaction, achieving an improvement in the overall yield.

Cycloaddition of trifluoromethyl azafulvenium methides: synthesis of new trifluoromethylpyrrole-annulated derivatives **pp 411–414**
Cláudio M. Nunes, Manuela Ramos Silva, Ana Matos Beja, Rui Fausto, Teresa M. V. D. Pinho e Melo *

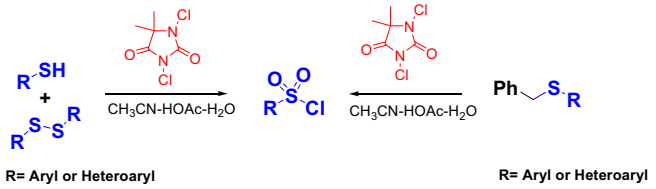


Fullerenyl azide: synthesis and reactivity **pp 415–417**
Zhongping Jiang, Zuo Xiao, Gaihong Zhang, Liangbing Gan *, Dian Wang, Wenxiong Zhang *



Trimethylsilyl azide adds to the carbonyl carbon in a cage-opened fullerene derivative to form the first fullerenyl azide compound. The fullerene-bound azido group exhibits reactivities different from those of other organic azido compounds.

A simple and highly effective oxidative chlorination protocol for the preparation of arenesulfonyl chlorides **pp 418–421**
Yu-Ming Pu *, Alan Christesen, Yi-Yin Ku



A short route to the synthesis of pyrroloacridines via Ullmann–Goldberg condensation **pp 422–424**
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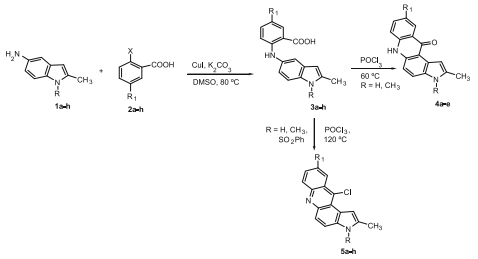
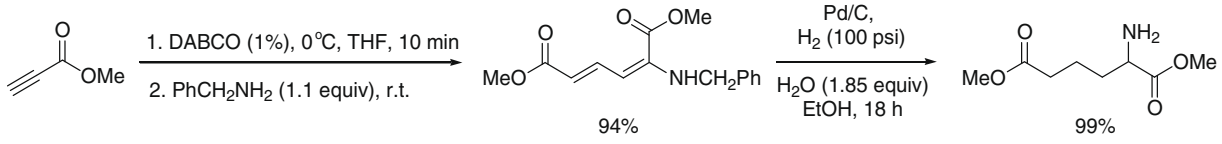


A simple method was developed for the preparation of pyrroloacridones and pyrroloacridines via Ullmann–Goldberg condensation of 5-amino-2-methylindoles and 2-halobenzoic acids followed by cyclization with $POCl_3$.

Reactivity of a propiolate dimer with nucleophiles and an efficient synthesis of dimethyl α-aminoadipate **pp 425–427**
Li-Hong Zhou, Xiao-Qi Yu *, Lin Pu *



The first example of the cascade assembly of a spirocyclopropane structure: direct transformation of benzylidenemalononitriles and *N,N′*-dialkylbarbituric acids into substituted 2-aryl-4,6,8-trioxo-5,7-diazaspiro[2.5]octane-1,1-dicarbonitriles **pp 428–431**

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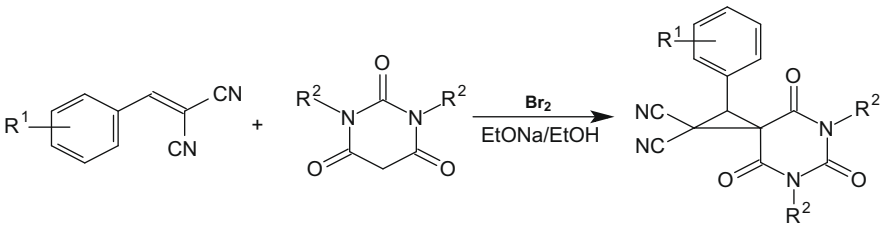
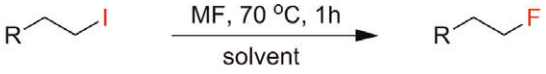


Facile nucleophilic fluorination of primary alkyl halides using tetrabutylammonium fluoride in a *tert*-alcohol medium **pp 432–434**

Dong Wook Kim *, Hwan-Jeong Jeong, Seok Tae Lim, Myung-Hee Sohn

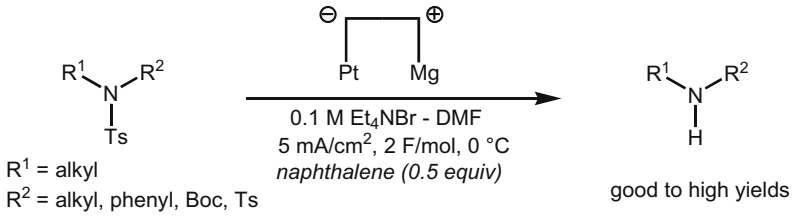


MF	solvent	yield (%)
TBAF	CH_3CN	37% TM, 57% olefin
CsF	*t*-amyl alcohol	5% TM, 93% SM
TBAF	*t*-amyl alcohol	76% TM, 19% olefin

Nonpolar protic reaction media such as *t*-amyl alcohol allow the aliphatic, nucleophilic fluorination reaction of primary haloalkane systems to fluoroalkanes, using tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF), to proceed chemo-selectively at a reasonable reaction rate under mild conditions to afford the fluoro-product in high yield. As an example, the nucleophilic fluorination of 2-(3-iodopropoxy)naphthalene (**1a**) as the primary haloalkane model compound, with TBAF in acetonitrile as a polar aprotic solvent, CsF in *t*-amyl alcohol as a nonpolar protic solvent, and TBAF in *t*-amyl alcohol for 1 h provided 2-(3-fluoropropoxy)naphthalene (**2a**) in 38, 5, and 76% yields, respectively.

Hg cathode-free electrochemical detosylation of *N,N*-disubstituted *p*-toluenesulfonamides: mild, efficient, and selective removal of *N*-tosyl group **pp 435–438**

Hisanori Senboku *, Kazuo Nakahara, Tsuyoshi Fukuhara, Shoji Hara



A convenient methodology for the chemoselective reduction of a wide variety of functionalized alkenes **pp 439–441**

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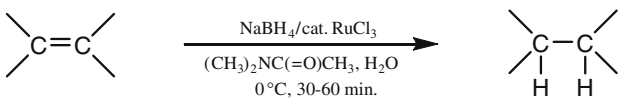
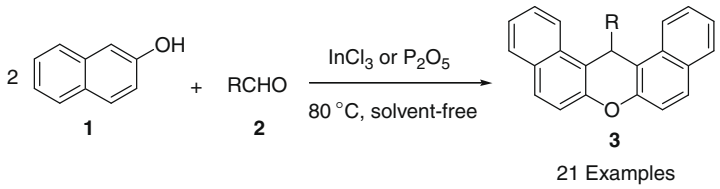
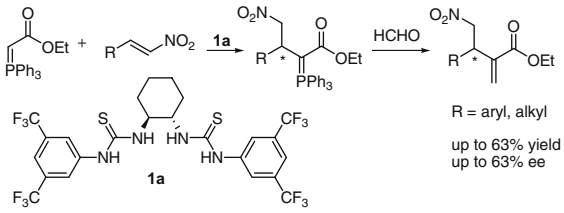


The above conditions represent an efficient method for chemoselective reduction of alkenes (including trisubstituted olefins) possessing various sensitive and/or reducible groups.

A facile approach for the synthesis of 14-aryl- or alkyl-14*H*-dibenzo[*a*,*j*]xanthenes under solvent-free condition **pp 442–445**
Ram Kumar, Ganesh Chandra Nandi, Rajiv Kumar Verma, M. S. Singh *



Asymmetric organocatalytic Michael-type reaction of phosphorus ylides to nitroolefins: synthesis of γ-nitro-β-aryl-α-methylene carboxylic esters **pp 446–448**
Suresh Allu, Sermadurai Selvakumar, Vinod K. Singh *



We report, for the first time, asymmetric organocatalytic Michael-type addition of stabilized phosphorus ylides to nitroolefins mediated by bisthiourea catalyst. Its subsequent reaction with formaldehyde provides γ-nitro-α-methylene carboxylic esters in moderate to good yields and enantioselectivities (up to 63% ee).

Synthesis, crystal structures and photochromic properties of novel chiral Schiff base macrocycles **pp 449–452**
Koichi Tanaka *, Ryota Shimoura, Mino R. Caira *

PhIO/Bu_4NI mediated oxidative cyclization of amidoalkylation adducts for the synthesis of *N*-benzoyl aziridines and oxazolines **pp 453–456**
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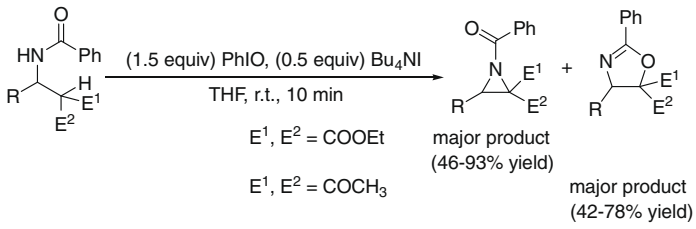

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