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Treatment of the bis(pyrone) alcohol **3** with an acid did not give the desired cytotoxic product, auripyrone A, **1**, but rather an acyl transfer to give **8**. Model studies show this to be a general process and therefore such a cyclization is very difficult.

Allylation of cyclohexanones in aqueous media and influence of facial amphiphilic fructopyranosides Ana Bellomo, Richard Daniellou*, Daniel Plusquellec*

 $R \xrightarrow{O} \xrightarrow{\ln(0)} R \xrightarrow{OH} + R \xrightarrow{OH} OH$

The indium-catalyzed allylation reaction was performed in good yields and short reaction times with various cyclohexanones in water. Aqueous facial amphiphilic carbohydrates solutions were also screened for their potency to modify the stereochemical outcome of the reaction.

Stereoselective synthesis of 2-O-MEM-2,3-unsaturated-β-O-glycosides and elaboration to useful synthetic tools Valeria Di Bussolo^{*}, Annalisa Fiasella, Ileana Frau, Lucilla Favero, Paolo Crotti^{*}





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A new strategy for the synthesis of 4,6-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2-dipentyl-2,3-dihydro-5-benzofuranol (BO-653), a potent pp 4950–4952 antiatherogenic antioxidant

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Efficient synthesis of a titled compound has been developed by the use of Grignard reagent with MgBr₂ followed by the base-promoted dienone-phenol rearrangement reaction.

Oryzamutaic acids H–J, new alkaloids from an Oryza sativa mutant with yellow endosperm

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Three new nitrogen-containing heterocyclic alkaloids, oryzamutaic acids H–J (**1-3**), were isolated from the endosperm (polished rice) of an *Oryza sativa* mutant. The structures and relative stereochemistries of **1–3** were elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic analyses.

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 $\begin{array}{c} R^{3} & \left[\begin{matrix} N' & CO \\ Rh \\ N' & CO \end{matrix} \right]^{2} \\ \downarrow \\ R^{1} & 5 \mod \% \\ NH_{2} & 100 \ ^{\circ}C \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{R^{1}} R^{3} & R^{1} \\ \hline R^{1} & R^{2} + \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{R^{1}} R^{3} \\ \hline R^{1} & R^{2} + \end{matrix}$

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The tetraenic macrolide antibiotic natamycin and the pentaenic macrolide flavofungin gave monoadducts on Diels-Alder reaction with 4-phenyl-1,2,4-triazoline-3,5-dione. The regioselectivity of the reaction as well as the conformation of the products was studied using theoretical calculations.

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We described herein a facile and diastereoselective method to 3,4-substituted 1,8-naphthyridines from Morita-Baylis-Hillman adducts.

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Selective sensing of Zn(II) ion by a simple anthracene-based tripodal chemosensor Kumaresh Ghosh*, Indrajit Saha



An easy-to-make simple tripodal shaped chemosensor 1, comprising an anthracene moiety as a fluorophore and amide, alcohol functionalities as ligating groups has been designed and synthesized for Zn(II). In CH₃CN containing 0.1% DMSO, upon excitation at 370 nm, the chemosensor 1 exhibited an emission at 412 nm, which increased to a large extent upon complexation of Zn(II). Among the other metal ions examined in the study, Cd^{2+} moderately perturbed the emission of 1 under similar conditions.

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New synthetic route for selectively substituted 1,*n*-diamines. Synthesis of *N*-aryl tetra- and pentamethylenediamines pp 5000–5002 María A. Ramirez, María V. Corona, Maria M. Blanco, Isabel A. Perillo, Williams Porcal, Alejandra Salerno*



A new procedure for the synthesis of N-aryl tetra- and pentamethylenediamines 1 by acid hydrolysis of N-aryl-N-arylalkylenediamines 2 under microwave irradiation is described.

Traceless solid-phase synthesis of N-substituted 3,5-bis(substituted-idene)piperidin-4-one derivatives Zhang Liu, Jose L. Medina-Franco, Richard A. Houghten, Marc A. Giulianotti*



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An efficient copper(II)-catalyzed synthesis of benzothiazoles through intramolecular coupling-cyclization of N-(2-chlorophenyl)benzothioamides

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A wide range of 2-aryl or 2-alkyl-substituted benzothiazoles are synthesized through intramolecular C(aryl)-S bond forming-cyclization using copper(II)-BINAM-catalyzed coupling of less reactive N-(2-chlorophenyl)benzo or alkylthioamide under mild reaction conditions (82 °C).

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Synthesis of CJ-15,208, a novel κ-opioid receptor antagonist

Nicolette C. Ross, Santosh S. Kulkarni, Jay P. McLaughlin, Jane V. Aldrich*

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A strategy to select linear precursor peptides favoring cyclization was developed and cyclization conditions were optimized.

Highly enantioselective addition of linear alkyl alkynes to linear aldehydes

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Rearrangements of the [2+2]-cycloadducts of DDQ and 2-ethynylpyrroles

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Conjugation of an oligonucleotide to Tat, a cell-penetrating peptide, via click chemistry

Sarah D. Brown, Duncan Graham*



Tat peptide has been shown to have excellent cell-penetrating properties. Here, we provide the first report on the modification of Tat peptide and oligonucleotides to form an oligonucleotide-peptide conjugate using copper-catalysed azide-alkyne cycloaddition. Highly denaturing conditions were used to ensure that the biomolecules were tethered covalently as opposed to electrostatically.

The design of efficient and selective routes to pyridyl analogues of 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,4-(benzothiazine or pp 5035-5037 benzoxazine)-6-carbaldehydes



This Letter describes the synthesis of six challenging aldehydes that were unknown in the literature at the time of this work. Six different routes are discussed that are high yielding, contain no major purification issues and have been used to give gram quantities of each aldehyde.

The design of efficient and selective routes to pyridyl analogues of 2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-carbaldehyde

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Christopher W. Barfoot, Pamela Brown, Steven Dabbs, David T. Davies, Alan J. Hennessy, Timothy J. Miles*, Neil D. Pearson

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This Letter describes the synthetic routes to challenging pyridyl analogues of 2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-carbaldehyde starting from kojic acid (8), and have been used to give gram quantities of each aldehyde.

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Expeditious synthesis of N'-substituted *N*-mesitylimidazolium salts as NHC precursors

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Microwave irradiation provides rapid and convenient access to unsymmetrical N'-substituted N-mesitylimidazolium salts, which are important precursors for NHC ligands.

Synthetic studies towards oxygenated and unsaturated furanocembranoid macrocycles. Precursors to plumarellide, rameswaralide and mandapamates

Gerald Pattenden^{*}, Johan M. Winne



Application of a process friendly morpholine synthesis to (*S*,*S*)-Reboxetine

Georges Assaf*, Gemma Cansell, Doug Critcher, Stuart Field, Stewart Hayes, Suju Mathew, Alan Pettman



We report our results on the construction of a morpholine ring system from the corresponding epoxide and amino alcohol. From this study, we were able to convert a previous four-step synthesis into a more efficient two-step process.

Copper(II) fluoride-catalyzed N-arylation of heterocycles with halothiophenes

Pavel Arsenyan*, Edgars Paegle, Alla Petrenko, Sergey Belyakov



Copper(II) fluoride-mediated N-arylation of heterocycles with halothiophenes is described. The yield of the pyrazolylthiophene depends strongly on the nature of the initial thiophene.

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Dual mechanisms of an organocatalytic homodimerization reaction

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An organocatalytic homodimerization reaction is shown to proceed via a cascade mechanism involving enamine-iminium ion intermediates in competition with a concerted Diels-Alder pathway.

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Naturally occurring L-783277 turned out to be a potent kinase inhibitor against MEK (MAP kinase kinase). An efficient and enantioselective total synthesis of L-783277 was successfully accomplished. Three key steps composed of olefin cross metathesis, addition of acetylene derivative to aldehyde and Yamaguchi macrolactonization were subsequently employed to construct the framework of L-783277. *Tetrahedron Letters* **2010**, 51, 4942-4946.

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