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**Recent advances in organotrifluoroborates chemistry**

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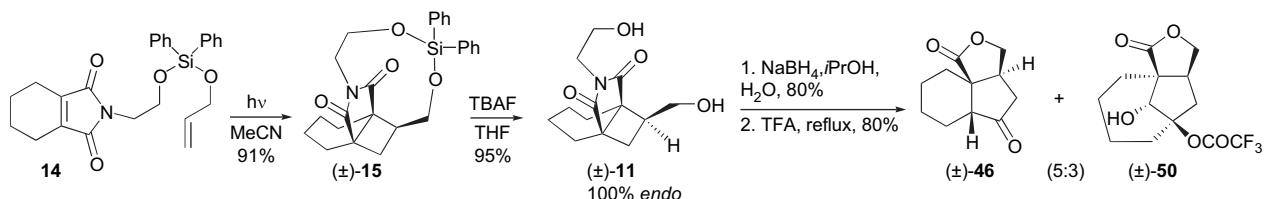
In the recent years, the organotrifluoroborates chemistry has received special attention mainly by the organic chemistry community. The interest in organotrifluoroborate compounds is due to their great versatility in some reactions, i.e., metal-catalyzed reactions. This review describes developments since the organotrifluoroborates synthesis until their applications in organic chemistry and covers the literature published in 1995–2006.

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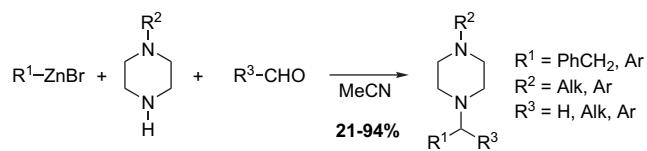
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Stéphane Sengmany, Erwan Le Gall,\* Cédric Le Jean, Michel Troupel and Jean-Yves Nédélec

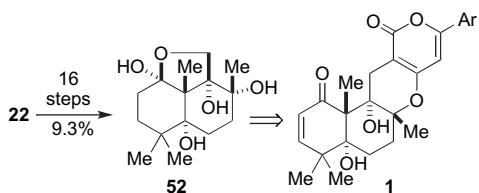
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Michael E. Jung\* and Sun-Joon Min

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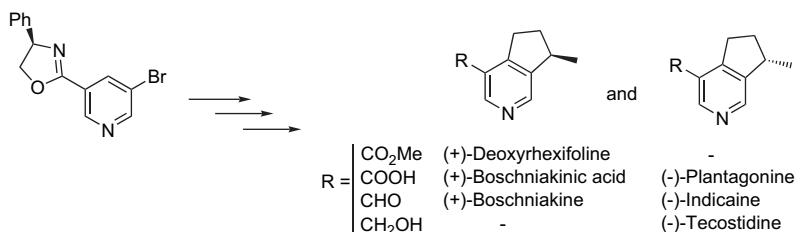
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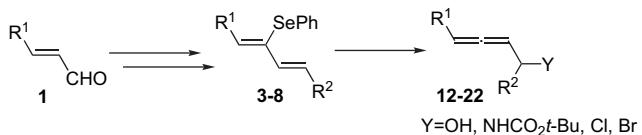
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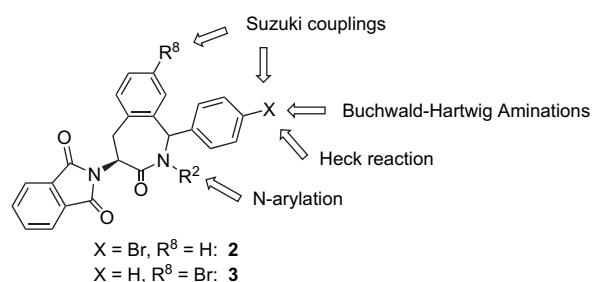
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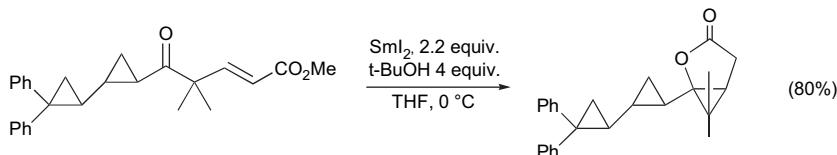
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Chama Cammoun, Riadh Zriba, Sophie Bezzanine-Lafollée\* and François Guibé\*

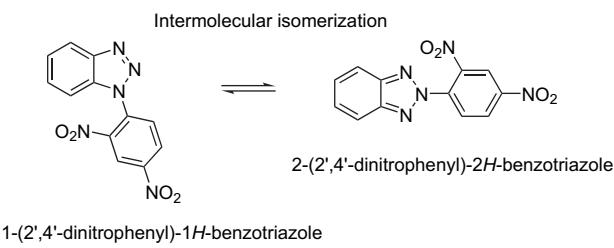


Cyclisation takes place without competitive ring opening of the 2',2'-diphenyl-bicyclopropyl radical probe.

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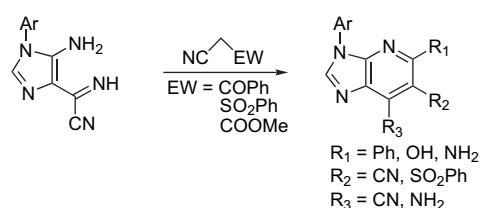
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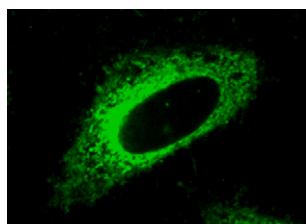
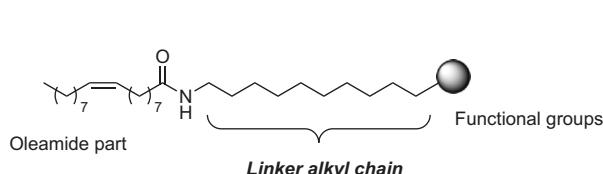
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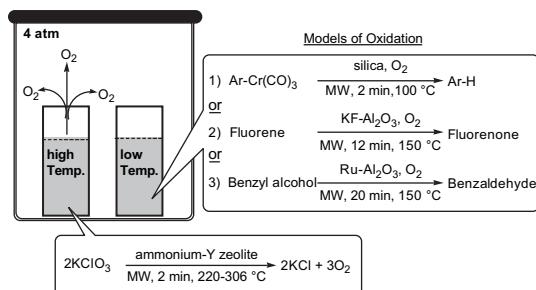
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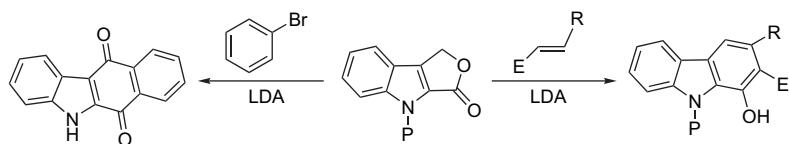
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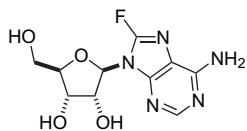


P = Protecting group, E = Electron withdrawing group

**The elusive 8-fluoroadenosine: a simple non-enzymatic synthesis and characterization**

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Gabor Butora,\* Christoph Schmitt, Dorothy A. Levorse, Eric Streckfuss, George A. Doss and Malcolm MacCoss

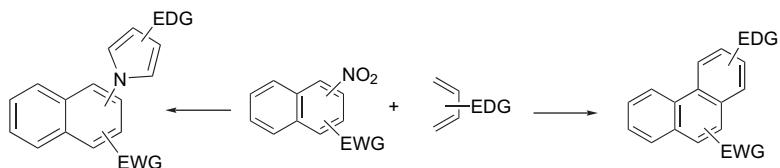


The first non-enzymatic synthesis of 8-fluoroadenosine is described. Its physicochemical properties including pH-dependent hydrolytic stability were examined in detail.



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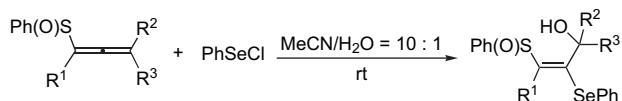
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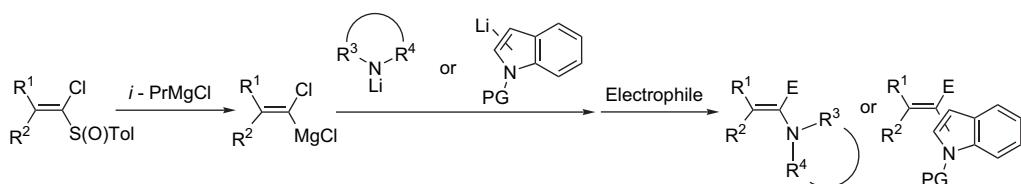
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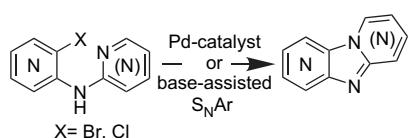
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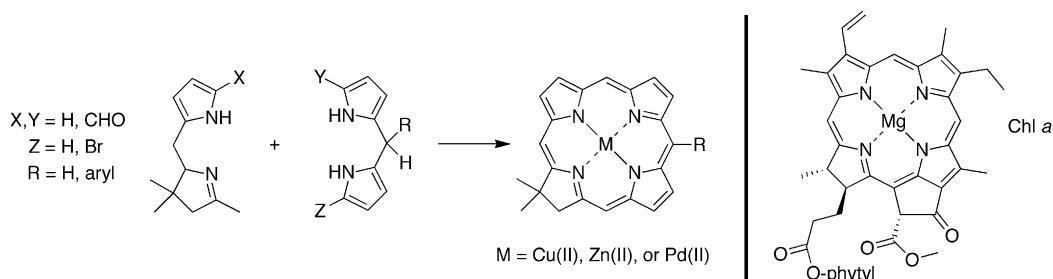
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Marcin Ptaszek, Brian E. McDowell, Masahiko Taniguchi, Han-Je Kim and Jonathan S. Lindsey\*

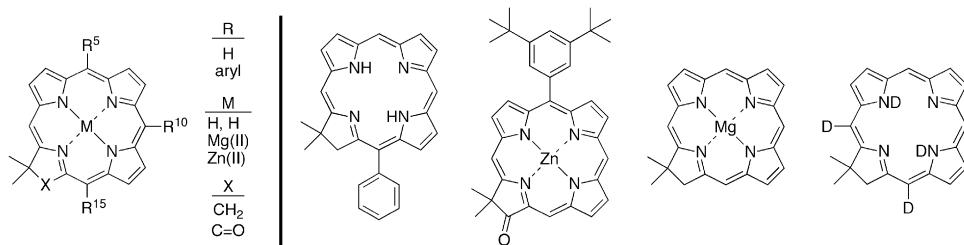


New synthetic routes provide access to metallochlorins bearing 0 or 1 meso-aryl substituents.

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Masahiko Taniguchi, Marcin Ptaszek, Brian E. McDowell and Jonathan S. Lindsey\*

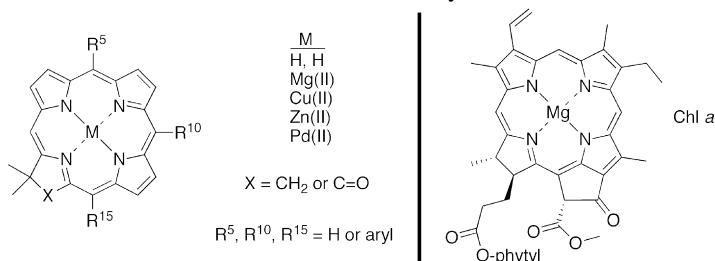


Chlorins bearing few or no meso substituents have been derivatized in six ways (demetalation, metalation, oxidation, deuteration, bromination, and arylation).

**Sparsely substituted chlorins as core constructs in chlorophyll analogue chemistry. Part 3: Spectral and structural properties**

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Masahiko Taniguchi, Marcin Ptaszek, Brian E. McDowell, Paul D. Boyle and Jonathan S. Lindsey\*

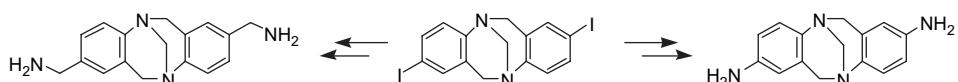


The spectral and structural properties of chlorins bearing 0, 1, 2, or 3 *meso*-aryl substituents have been examined.

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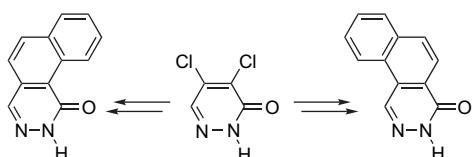
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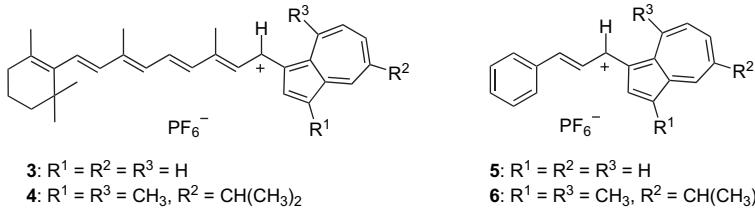
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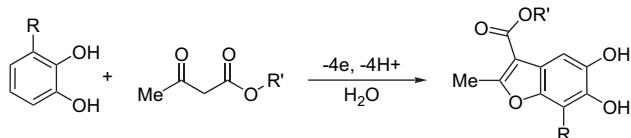
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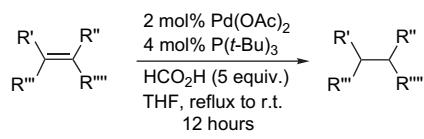
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