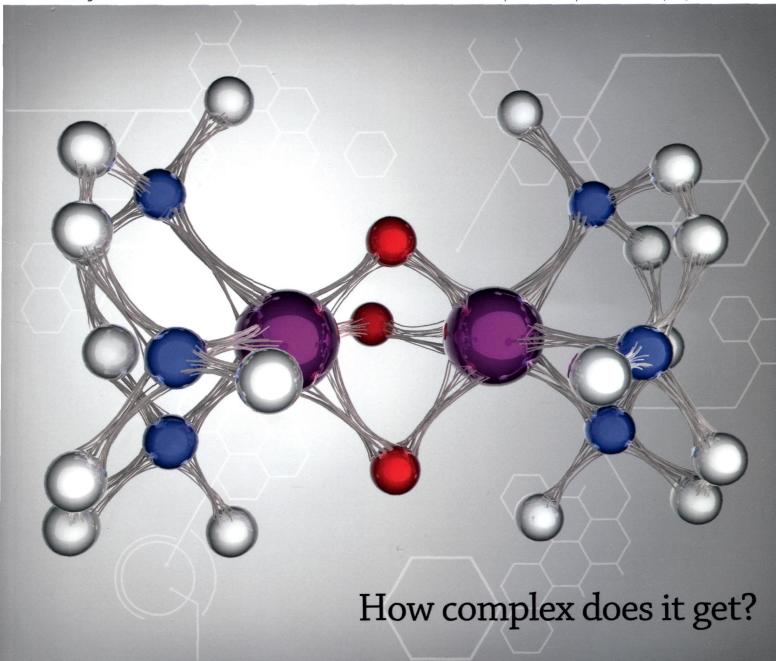
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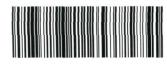


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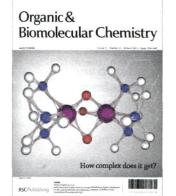
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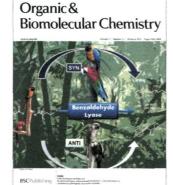
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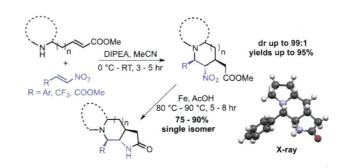
#### COMMUNICATIONS

#### 1917

#### Stereoselective synthesis of N-heterocycles through amine addition to nitroalkenes

Lekh Nath Gautam, Qiaoyi Wang, Novruz G. Akhmedov, Jeffrey L. Petersen and Xiaodong Shi\*

An efficient route for the preparation of substituted N-heterocycles was developed through the amine addition to nitroalkenes. The reaction tolerated a large substrate scope with good to excellent yields (up to 95%) and excellent stereoselectivities (up to 99: 1 dr).



#### 1921

#### Asymmetric catalytic aza-Morita-Baylis-Hillman reaction for the synthesis of 3-substituted-3-aminooxindoles with chiral quaternary carbon centers

Fang-Le Hu, Yin Wei, Min Shi,\* Suresh Pindi and Guigen Li\*

Amine and phosphine catalysts were found to be efficient for the asymmetric aza-MBH reaction of isatin-derived N-Boc ketimines with MVK to give 3-amino-2-oxindoles bearing quaternary stereogenic centers.

#### Copper-catalysed oxidative C-H/N-H crosscoupling between formamides and amides through chelation-assisted N-H activation

Xiaoyu Li, Bijin Li, Jingsong You and Jingbo Lan\*

A copper-catalysed oxidative C-H/N-H cross-coupling between formamides and amides through chelationassisted N-H activation has been developed for the preparation of multi-substituted ureas.

#### 1929

#### Constructions of tetrahydro-γ-carboline skeletons via intramolecular oxidative carbon-carbon bond formation of enamines

Jinglei Lv, Ji Li, Daisy Zhang-Negrerie, Siyun Shang, Qingzhi Gao, Yunfei Du\* and Kang Zhao\*

Two synthetically and biologically important tetrahydroγ-carboline compounds were synthesized from an aryl amine and a 5-amino-3-oxopentanoate derivative through a series of reactions of enamination, oxidative annulation, deprotection/lactamization and reduction.

#### 1933

#### Asymmetric α-alkylation of aldehydes with 3-hydroxy-3-indolylox-indoles in aqueous media

Ying Zhang, Shun-Yi Wang,\* Xiao-Ping Xu, Ran Jiang and Shun-Jun Ji\*

Organocatalyzed asymmetric  $\alpha$ -alkylation of aldehydes with 3-hydroxy-3-indolylox-indoles in aqueous media has been developed.

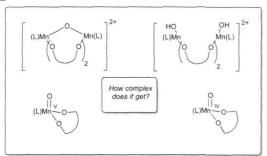
#### 1938

#### Construction of a near-infrared fluorescence turn-on and ratiometric probe for imaging palladium in living cells

Hua Chen, Weiying Lin\* and Lin Yuan

A new near-infrared fluorescence turn-on and ratiometric palladium probe was constructed for fluorescence imaging in living cells.



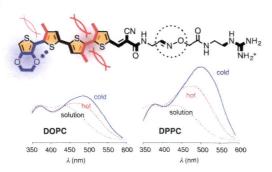


Initial rate kinetic studies show an unexpected influence of *para*-substituents on the catalytic behaviour of manganese complexes of TMTACN in the epoxidation of styrenes with  $H_2O_2$ 

Gennadiy Ilyashenko, Giorgio De Faveri, Shirin Masoudi, Rawan Al-Safadi and Michael Watkinson\*

Initial rate kinetic studies of the epoxidation of styrenes by manganese complexes of TMTACN indicate that different catalytically active species may be present.

1952

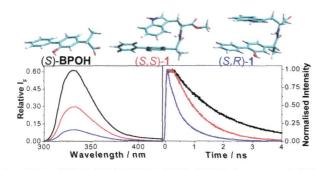


## 3,4-Ethylenedioxythiophene in planarizable push-pull oligothiophenes

Marta Dal Molin and Stefan Matile\*

Conceptually innovative membrane probes: amphiphilic push–pull quaterthiophenes with one 3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene as a thermochromic donor in a highly twisted scaffold are reported.

1958

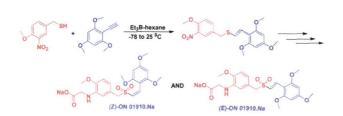


# Stereodifferentiation in the intramolecular singlet excited state quenching of hydroxybiphenyl-tryptophan dyads

Paula Bonancía, Ignacio Vayá, Dimitra Markovitsi, Thomas Gustavsson, M. Consuelo Jiménez\* and Miguel A. Miranda\*

The BPOH chromophore dominates the fluorescence behaviour of (S,S)-1 and (S,R)-1, which reveals intramolecular charge transfer with remarkable stereodifferentiation.

1964



Hydrothiolation of benzyl mercaptan to arylacetylene: application to the synthesis of (E) and (Z)-isomers of ON 01910·Na (Rigosertib\*), a phase III clinical stage anti-cancer agent

Venkat R. Pallela, Muralidhar R. Mallireddigari, Stephen C. Cosenza, Balaiah Akula, D. R. C. Venkata Subbaiah, E. Premkumar Reddy and M. V. Ramana Reddy\*

An efficient method for the synthesis of (Z) and (E)-isomers of ON 01910·Na has been described and all the E-isomers exhibited superior biological activity compared to the Z-isomers.

# lodine-catalyzed disproportionation of aryl-substituted ethers under solvent-free reaction conditions

Marjan Jereb\* and Dejan Vražič

Highly efficient,  $I_2$ -catalyzed disproportionation of aryl-substituted ethers into the corresponding carbonyl and alkane derivatives under solvent-free reaction conditions is described.

$$R_1$$
  $R_2$   $R_2$   $R_3$   $R_4$   $R_2$   $R_4$   $R_5$   $R_6$   $R_7$   $R_8$ 

#### 2000

# Benzaldehyde lyase-catalyzed diastereoselective C-C bond formation by simultaneous carboligation and kinetic resolution

Christoph R. Müller, María Pérez-Sánchez and Pablo Domínguez de María\*

Enzymes create chiral microenvironments that may simultaneously generate several stereogenic centers in the same catalytic cycle, broadening the possibilities of biocatalysis.

#### 2005

## Chemo-enzymatic synthesis and glycosidase inhibitory properties of DAB and LAB derivatives

Alda Lisa Concia, Livia Gómez, Jordi Bujons, Teodor Parella, Cristina Vilaplana, Pere Joan Cardona, Jesús Joglar and Pere Clapés\*

A chemo-enzymatic strategy for the preparation of aromatic, aminoalcohol and 2-oxopiperazine DAB and LAB derivatives and their glycosidase and *M. tuberculosis* growth inhibitory properties.

#### 2022

#### Fluoride-catalyzed nucleophilic addition of PhSCF<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub> to anhydrides: synthesis of γ-difluoromethylated γ-lactams

Vannapha Pharikronburee, Teerachai Punirun, Darunee Soorukram, Chutima Kuhakarn, Patoomratana Tuchinda, Vichai Reutrakul and Manat Pohmakotr\*

Fluoride-catalyzed nucleophilic addition of PhSCF<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub> to anhydrides provided  $\gamma$ -lactols, which were used for the synthesis of  $\gamma$ -difluoromethylated  $\gamma$ -lactams.

### One-step synthesis of 5,6-diaryl pyridine-2(1*H*)-thiones from isoflavones

Juanjuan Wang, Zunting Zhang,\* Wenli Wang and Fangfang Liu

The one-step cyclocondensation of substituted isoflavones with cyanothioacetamide in the presence of sodium hydroxide gave an array of 3-cyano-5,6-diaryl pyridine-2(1*H*)-thiones in good yields.

#### 2039

#### Highly enantioselective synthesis of 5-phenyl-2alkylprolines using phase-transfer catalytic alkylation

Myungmo Lee, Young-Ju Lee, Eunyoung Park, Yohan Park, Min Woo Ha, Suckchang Hong, Yeon-Ju Lee, Taek-Soo Kim, Mi-hyun Kim and Hyeung-geun Park\*

An efficient enantioselective synthetic method for the synthesis of (2R)-5-phenyl-2-alkylproline *tert*-butyl esters was reported.