

**Benzoyl 2-Methylindoles as Selective PPAR $\gamma$  Modulators.** — Synthetic modifications of 2-methylindoles (I), which are identified as selective sub-micromolar hPPAR $\gamma$  agonists by routine screening, lead to a series of potent substituted 3-benzoyl-2-methylindoles (II). The (*S*)-enantiomer of derivative (II*d*) displays robust antidiabetic activity. — (ACTON\*, J. J. I.; BLACK, R. M.; JONES, A. B.; MOLLER, D. E.; COLWELL, L.; DOEBBER, T. W.; MACNAUL, K. L.; BERGER, J.; WOOD, H. B.; Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett. 15 (2005) 2, 357-362; Dep. Med. Chem., Merck Res. Lab., Rahway, NJ 07065, USA; Eng.) — R. Staver

