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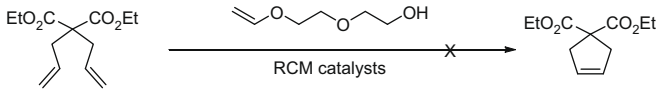

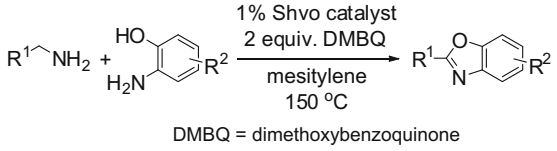

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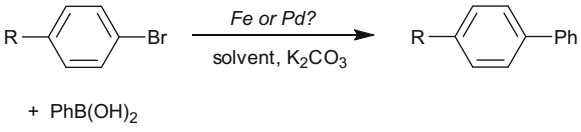

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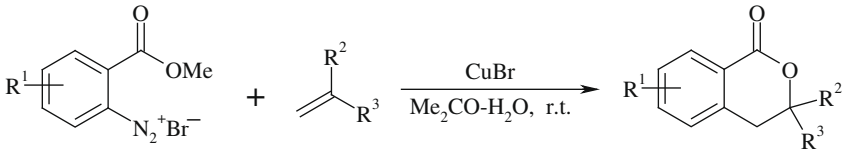
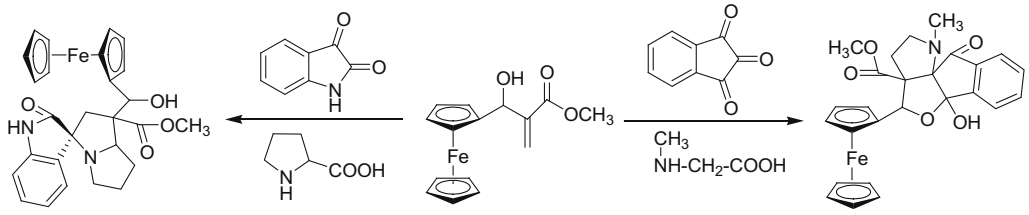
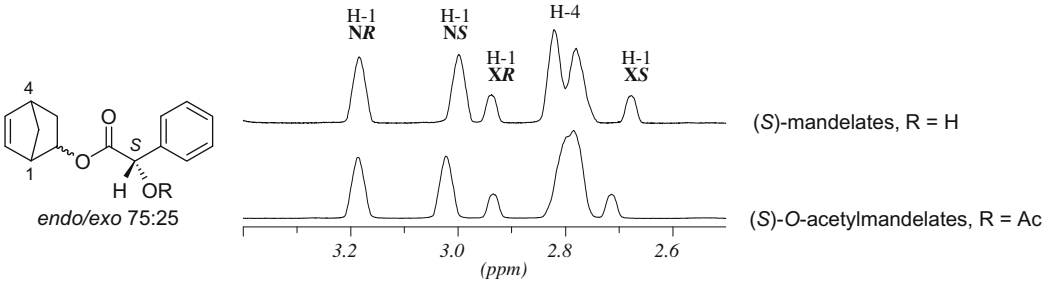
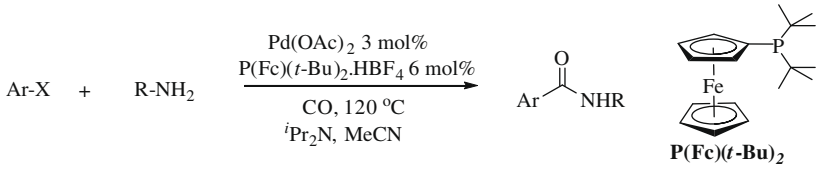


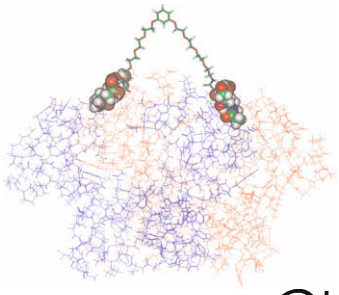




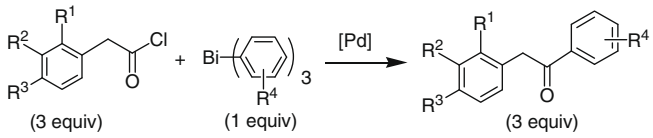


Recognition between a divalent sialyl molecule and wheat germ agglutinin **pp 6130–6132**
Yi-Ping Yu, An-Tai Wu, Wei Zou, Chien-Sheng Chen *, Shih-Hsiung Wu *

A sialyl divalency between designed sialic acid-containing ligand and wheat germ agglutinin is demonstrated. Compared to the weak association constant between monovalent oligosialic acid and wheat germ agglutinin in the isothermal titration calorimetry experiment, the divalent recognition between divalent/trivalent ligand and lectin is estimated with the same magnitude association constant (10^7) in the surface plasmon resonance experiment.

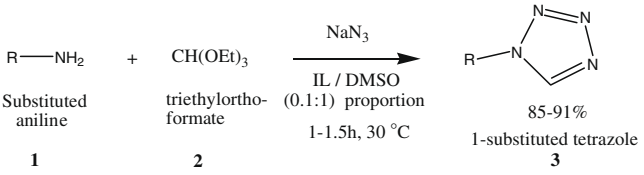


Pd-catalyzed synthesis of α-aryl ketones through couplings of α-arylacetyl chlorides with triarylbismuths as multi-coupling nucleophiles **pp 6133–6138**
Maddali L. N. Rao *, Somnath Giri, Deepak N. Jadhav



R^1 = Me, Cl, H ; R^2 = Cl, H ; R^3 = Cl, Me, OMe, H;
R^4 = H, Me, OMe, Cl, F, O^{i}Pr, CF_3

A novel synthesis of 1-aryl tetrazoles promoted by employing the synergy of the combined use of DMSO and an ionic liquid as the solvent system at ambient temperature **pp 6139–6142**
Satish N. Dighe, Kishor S. Jain, Kumar V. Srinivasan *



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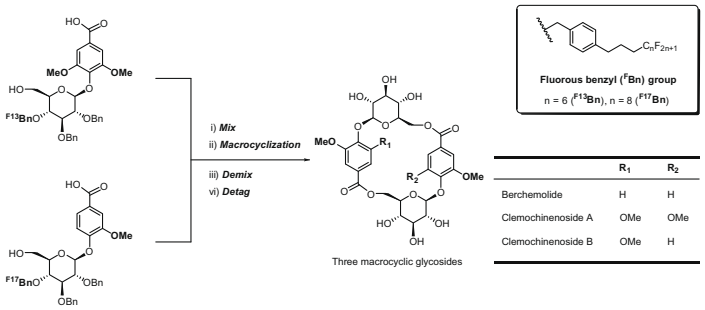
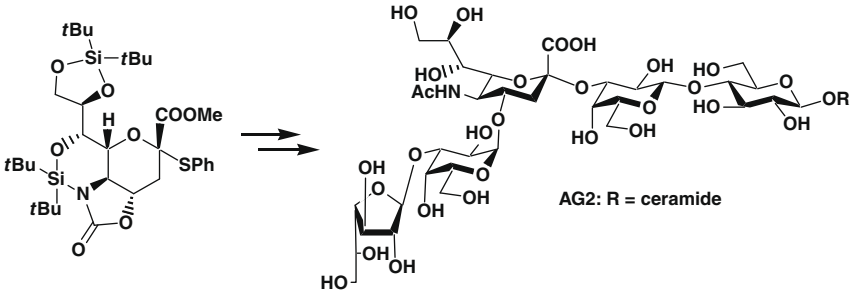
A mild, convenient, efficient, and rapid protocol for the synthesis of 1-aryl-1*H*-1,2,3,4-tetrazoles via the condensation of amines, triethyl orthoformate, and sodium azide at ambient temperature in excellent isolated yields (85–90%) by the combined use of DMSO and an ionic liquid as a solvent has been reported.

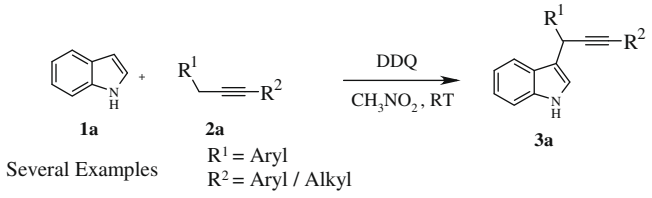
Total synthesis of macrocyclic glycosides, clemochinenosides A and B, and berchemolide, by fluorous mixture synthesis **pp 6143–6149**
Masaru Kojima, Yutaka Nakamura, Shun Ito, Seiji Takeuchi *



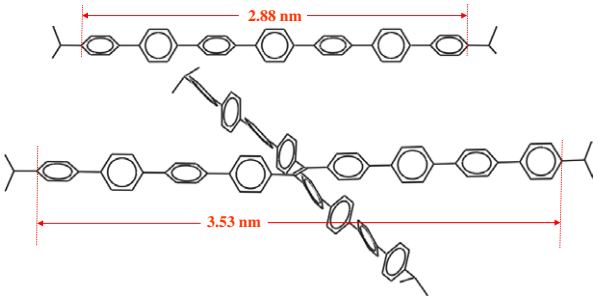
	R_1	R_2
Berchemolide	H	H
Clemochinenoside A	OMe	OMe
Clemochinenoside B	OMe	H

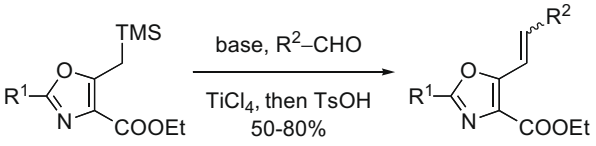


First synthesis of the AG2 pentasaccharide, using the silylene-oxazolidinone double-locked sialic acid building block was successfully conducted.

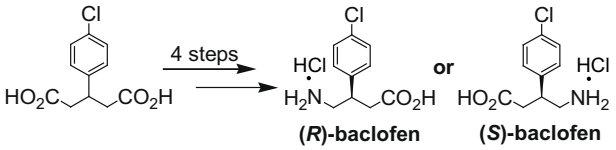


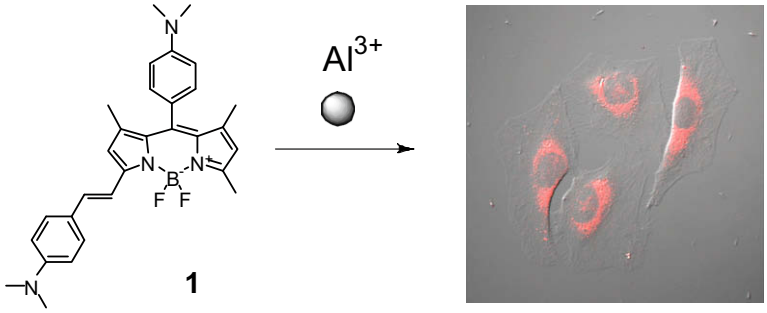
Synthesis of propargyl indoles has been accomplished by oxidative cross-coupling between propargylic sp^3 and indole sp^2 carbons using DDQ.

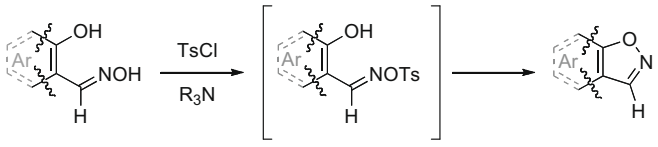




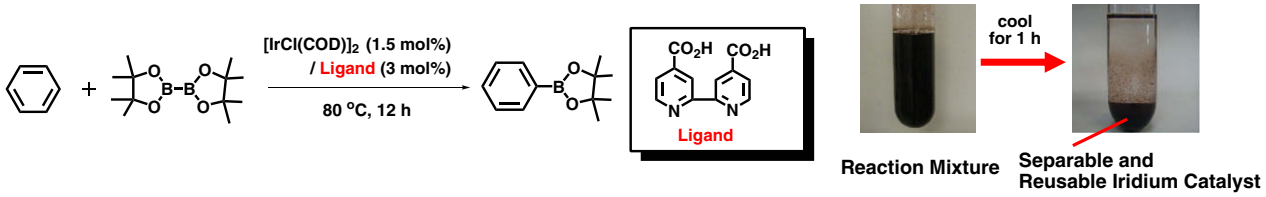
The $TiCl_4$-promoted Peterson olefination of aldehydes with readily available 5-(trimethylsilyl) methyloxazoles furnishes 5-alkenyloxazoles (mostly *E*-isomers).



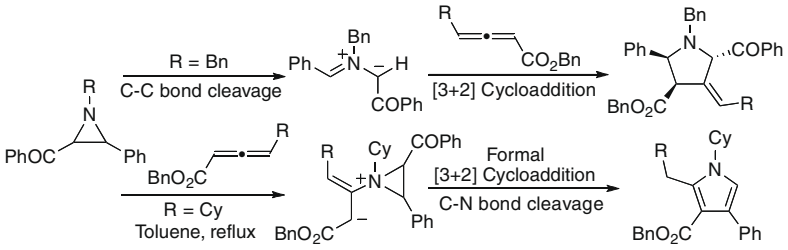




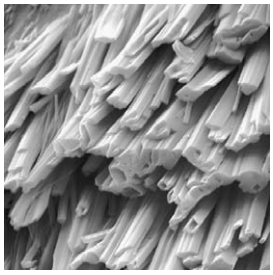
The reaction of *ortho*-hydroxyaryloximes with *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride in the presence of an amine base efficiently generates the corresponding aryl-1,2-oxazole, and the synthesis of four novel aryl-1,2-oxazoles is presented.

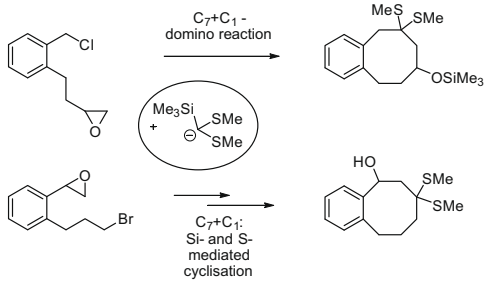


A new heterogeneous and reusable iridium catalyst for C–H borylation was developed by the reaction of $[IrCl(COD)]_2$ and bis(pinacolato)diboron in the presence of 2,2′-bipyridinedicarboxylic acids.

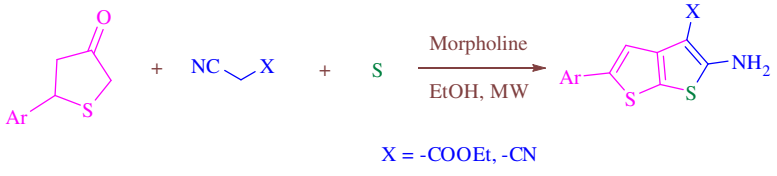


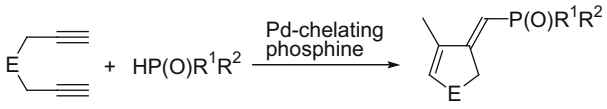
The synthesis of novel histidine-based surfactants and their self-assembling properties into anisotropic microscopic and macroscopic spaces are reported. Below pH 8, surfactant molecules self-assemble into micelles whereas hydrogelation occurs above pH 8 even at very low concentrations (0.3%w/v). Structure, size, and morphology of the fiber-like lamellar aggregates were determined by SAXS and WAXS measurements, polarized optical microscopy, transmission and scanning electron microscopy, and linear and circular dichroism.

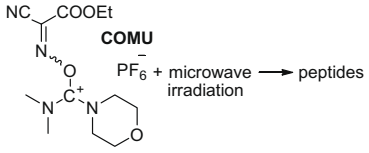




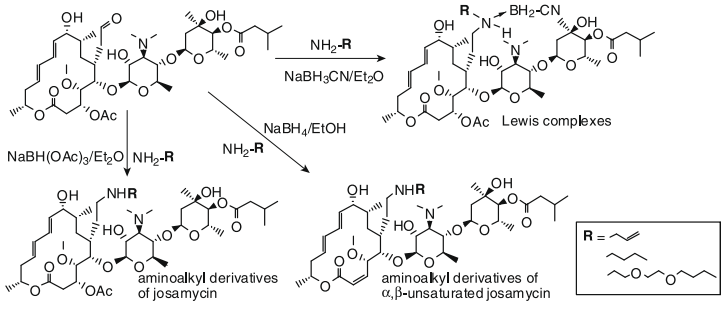
The reaction of a silyl-substituted thioacetal with *ortho*-difunctionalized benzenes as biselectrophiles allows access to multifunctional cyclooctanols.







Oxyma-based uronium-type coupling reagent COMU has shown perfect compatibility with microwave-assisted peptide synthesizers. Consistent with previous reports, COMU displayed higher efficiency than benzotriazole classical immonium salts HATU/HBTU in the demanding synthesis of the Aib derivative of Leu-Enkephalin pentapeptide, giving rise to no Oxyma-based byproducts. The combination of microwave irradiation and COMU, therefore, resulted in a similar performance to that observed by manual synthesis in considerably shorter time.



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