

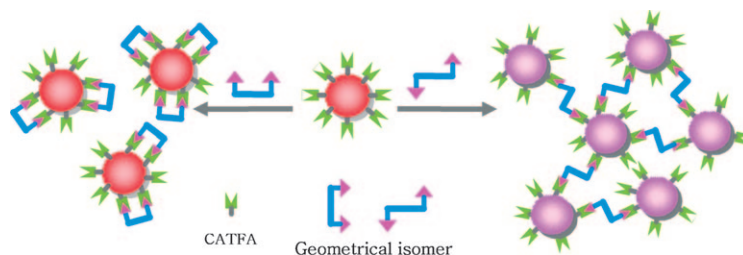
Colorimetric Sensing

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Selective Colorimetric Sensing of
Geometrical Isomers of Dicarboxylates in
Water by Using Functionalized Gold
Nanoparticles

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The color of gold: There now exists a colorimetric sensing system based on Au nanoparticles functionalized with a water-soluble anion-recognition motif. This system discriminates specific geo-

metrical isomers of dicarboxylates in water through a recognition-induced aggregation process. CATFA = *o*-(carbox-amido)trifluoroacetophenone.

Antimicrobials

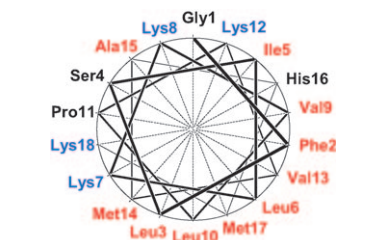
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Melectin: A Novel Antimicrobial Peptide
from the Venom of the Cleptoparasitic
Bee *Melecta albifrons*

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Melectin makes a buzz: In an α -helical wheel projection, melectin has a well-defined hydrophobic sector with large aliphatic residues (red), and a hydrophilic sector (black), dominated by cationic Lys residues (blue). Its ability to adopt such a structure within the bacterial cell membrane is essential for its antimicrobial activity.



Hydrogen Storage

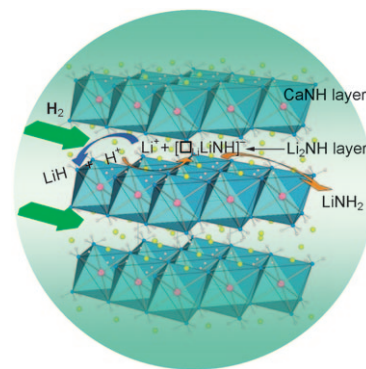
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Strategies for the Improvement of the
Hydrogen Storage Properties of Metal
Hydride Materials

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Ions on the move: Layered crystals of $\text{Li}_2\text{Ca}(\text{NH})_2$ promote Li^+ ions in 2D channels defined by slabs of $\text{Ca}[\text{NH}]_6$ octahedra (see picture). This facilitates hydrogenation, which results in a significantly lowered hydrogen-absorption temperature compared to pure Li_2NH . The enhanced ion mobility improves the dehydrogenation performance of this system, thus leading to lowered desorption temperatures and accelerated kinetics.



Antiviral Agents

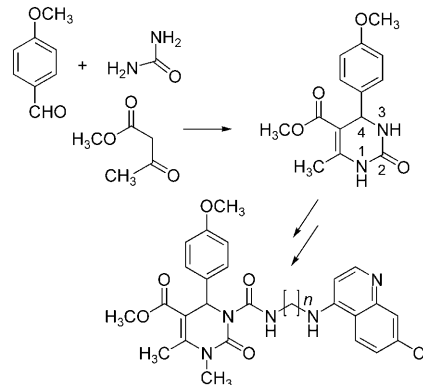
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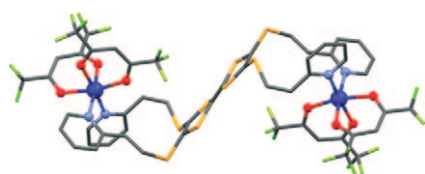
Reversed Chloroquinones Based on the
3,4-Dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one Scaffold:
Synthesis and Evaluation for Anti-
malarial, β -Haematin Inhibition, and
Cytotoxic Activity

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The synthesis, cytotoxicity, and antimalarial activity of resistance-reversing bifunctional dihydropyrimidinone-chloroquinoline conjugates are reported herein. In vitro assay results indicate this class of compounds is highly active against both chloroquine-resistant and chloroquine-sensitive strains of *P. falciparum*.





A new series of tetrapyrroline- and tetrapyrroline-substituted TTF donors were prepared. The synthesis of a new dinuclear Co^{II}-coordination complex with the tetrapyrroline TTF donor acting as a bridging ligand demonstrates their potential use in preparing polynuclear complexes and higher hierarchy structures.

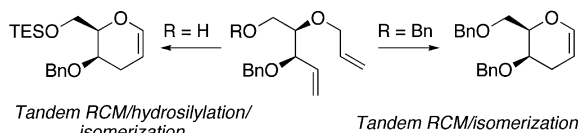
Bimetallic Cobalt Complexes

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Tetrapyrroline and Tetrapyrroline TTF Derivatives: Synthesis, Characterization and Preparation of a Bimetallic Co^{II} Complex

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3-Deoxygalactal was synthesized by using the tandem RCM/isomerization method. The tandem sequence can also be extended by a dehydrogenative silyla-

tion step, resulting in the formation of a 3-deoxy glycal bearing two orthogonally protected alcohol groups.

3-Deoxy Glycals

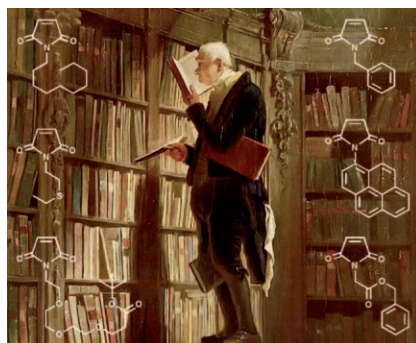
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Synthesis of 3-Deoxy Glycals via Tandem Metathesis Sequences and Their Use in an Intermolecular Heck Arylation

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Sequence-controlled polymers: Well-defined polymer chains with local functional groups were synthesized by atom transfer radical copolymerization of an excess of styrene with discrete amounts of *N*-substituted maleimides. This kinetically-controlled approach is wide in scope and can be applied to a broad library of functional maleimides (see scheme).



Polymerization

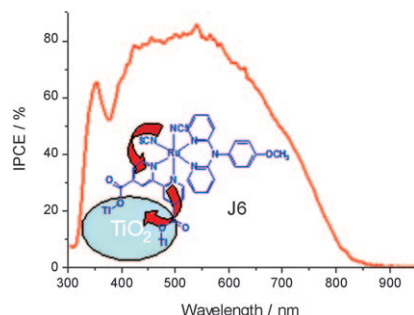
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Development of a Library of *N*-Substituted Maleimides for the Local Functionalization of Linear Polymer Chains

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Super sensitizers: Solar cells sensitized by triarylamine-functionalized ruthenium dyes (e.g. J6) display a high power conversion efficiency. Density functional theory calculations suggest that absorption in the visible region originates from metal-to-ligand charge-transfer transitions from Ru(NCS) to the anchoring bipyridyl ligand, leading to efficient electron transfer from the excited dye to the TiO₂ conduction band.



Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells

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Triarylamine-Functionalized Ruthenium Dyes for Efficient Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells

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