

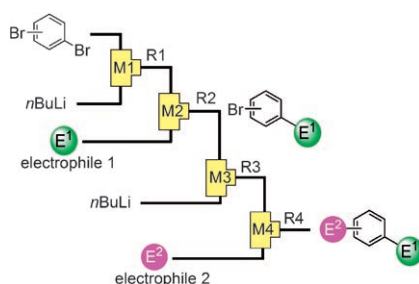
Micro Flow Synthesis

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Integrated Micro Flow Synthesis Based
on Sequential Br–Li Exchange Reactions
of *p*-, *m*-, and *o*-Dibromobenzenes

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On... and on... and on... A variety of *p*-, *m*-, and *o*-disubstituted benzenes can be synthesized based on the Br–Li exchange reaction of the corresponding dibromo-benzene by using a micro flow system. This method allows the use of much higher temperatures than are required for conventional macro batch systems.

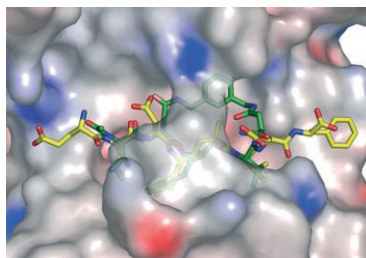
Inhibitors

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Macrocyclic Statine-Based Inhibitors of
BACE-1

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Hitting BACE. A 23-membered macrocyclic inhibitor of BACE-1 containing statine as a transition state analogue in the ring structure (green) was found to bind with the peptide backbone in an extended conformation to the active-site cleft, in a manner almost identical to that of a substrate-derived linear hydroxy-ethylene-octapeptide (yellow), without steric clashes with the flap domain.

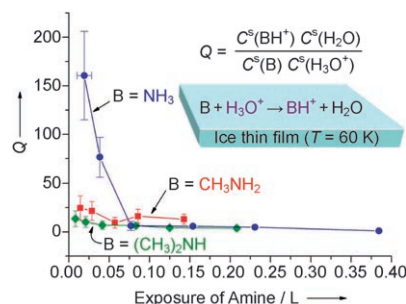
Acid/Base Chemistry

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Acid–Base Chemistry at the Ice Surface:
Reverse Correlation Between Intrinsic
Basicity and Proton-Transfer Efficiency to
Ammonia and Methyl Amines

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On thin ice: A surface-sensitive mass spectrometric method quantifies the efficiency of proton transfer from the hydronium ion to amine molecules (B) at the ice surface. The proton-transfer efficiency defined by reaction quotient Q (see figure), exhibits the order $\text{NH}_3 > (\text{CH}_3)\text{NH}_2 = (\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NH}$, which opposes the trend of amine basicity in the gas phase or aqueous solution.

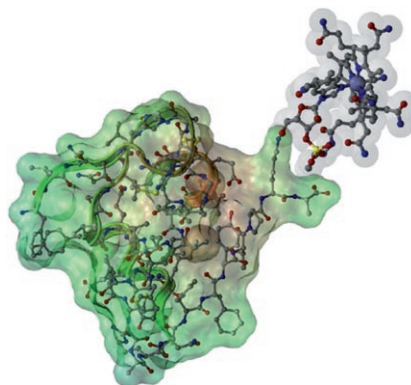
Bioconjugates

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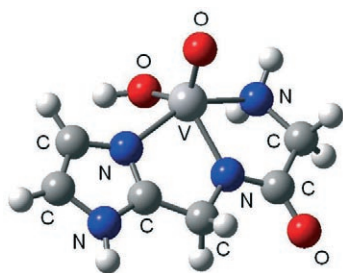
Vitamin B₁₂ as a Carrier for the Oral
Delivery of Insulin

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The noninvasive delivery of insulin continues to be a major goal for the treatment of diabetes mellitus. Oral–enteric administration would make insulin delivery easier and more effective, as higher patient compliance and improved glycemic control are likely; yet the oral–enteric pathway has been unfeasible owing to insulin's susceptibility to proteolytic degradation and inefficient enteric uptake. Herein we show that a noninvasive oral delivery route for insulin is possible through the vitamin B₁₂ uptake pathway. In diabetic rat models, insulin–B₁₂ conjugates can significantly lower blood glucose levels when administered orally.



Simple bis(imidazol-2-yl) derivatives form mono- and bis-chelate complexes under acidic and neutral conditions with the $V^{IV}O$ ion. The bis-chelates show *cis-trans* isomerism. With bis(imidazol-2-yl) amino acid derivatives the complexation process takes place also in the basic pH range with the deprotonation and coordination of the amide nitrogen to give $VOLH_{-1}$ and $VOLH_{-2}$.

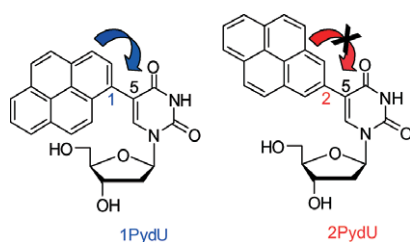
Vanadium Coordination Chemistry

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$V^{IV}O$ Complexes of Bis(imidazol-2-yl) Derivatives: A Potentiometric, Spectroscopic and DFT Study

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Electronically coupled or not? The position of the chromophore attachment in pyrene-modified uridines is critical for the optical properties of this nucleoside label.

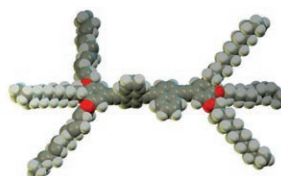
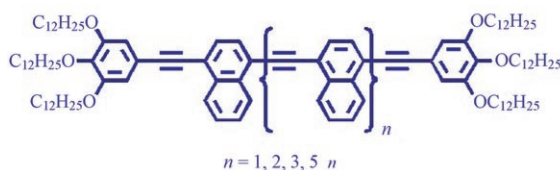
DNA

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Synthesis of 5-(2-Pyrenyl)-2'-deoxyuridine as a DNA Modification for Electron-Transfer Studies: The Critical Role of the Position of the Chromophore Attachment

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Spare the rod but don't spoil the triplet!

Increasing the length of supposedly highly conjugated molecular rods does not necessarily lead to a lowering of their

spectroscopic triplet energies. The synthesis and characterization of molecular rods, such as depicted, is also described.

Conducting Polymers

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On the Conjugation Length for Oligo(ethynynaphthalene)-Based Molecular Rods

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