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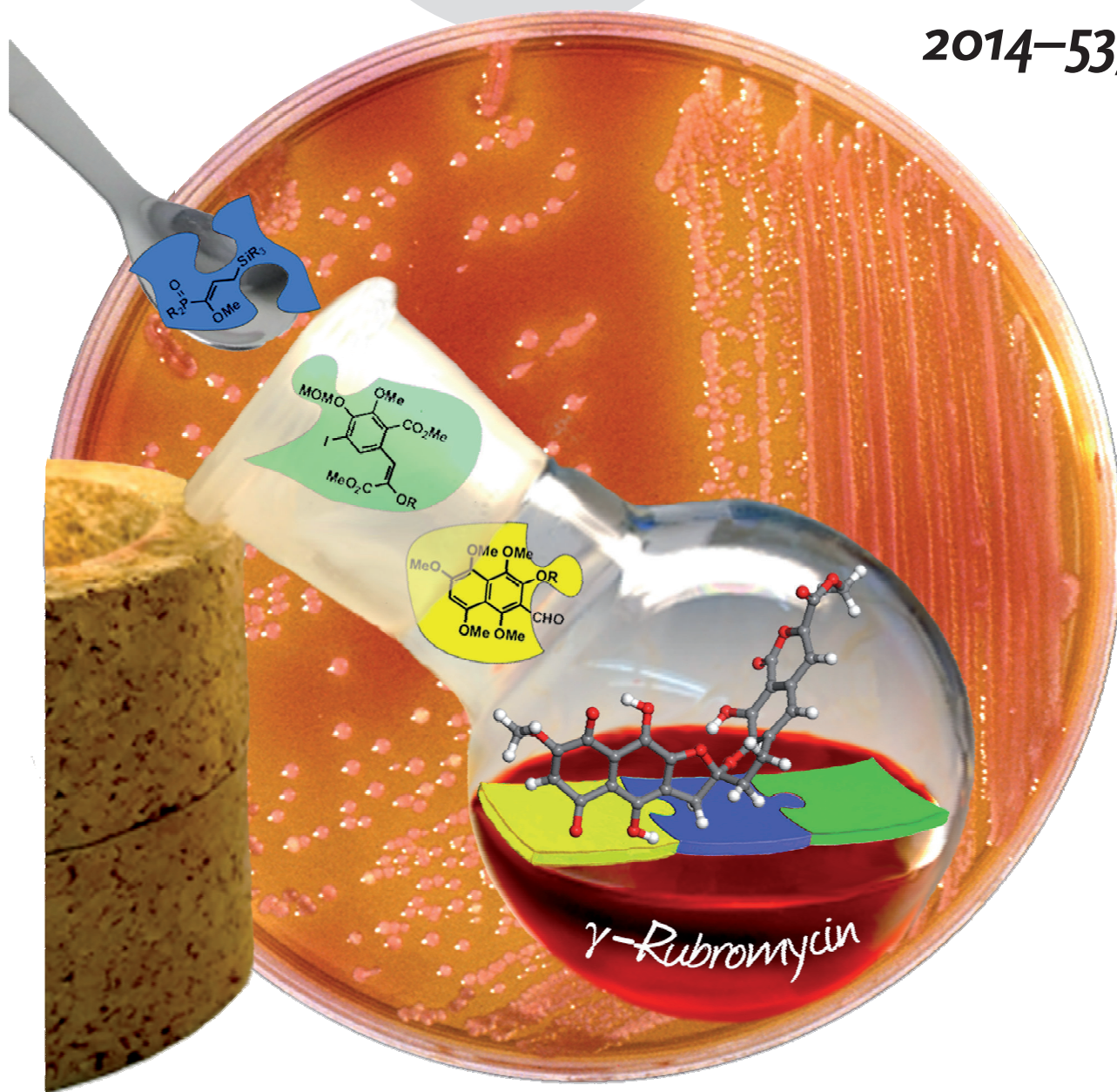
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Silicon in, silicon out ...

... could be the caption for the convergent total synthesis of the telomerase inhibitor (\pm)- γ -rubromycin reported by M. Wilsdorf and H.-U. Reissig in their Communication on page 4332 ff. They combine three highly functionalized building blocks through selective organometallic chemistry and a silyl-substituted C_3 building block plays a key role. Three acid-promoted reactions serve to generate the sensitive spiroketal natural product under desilylation. Graphic courtesy of Dr. Daniel Trawney.

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