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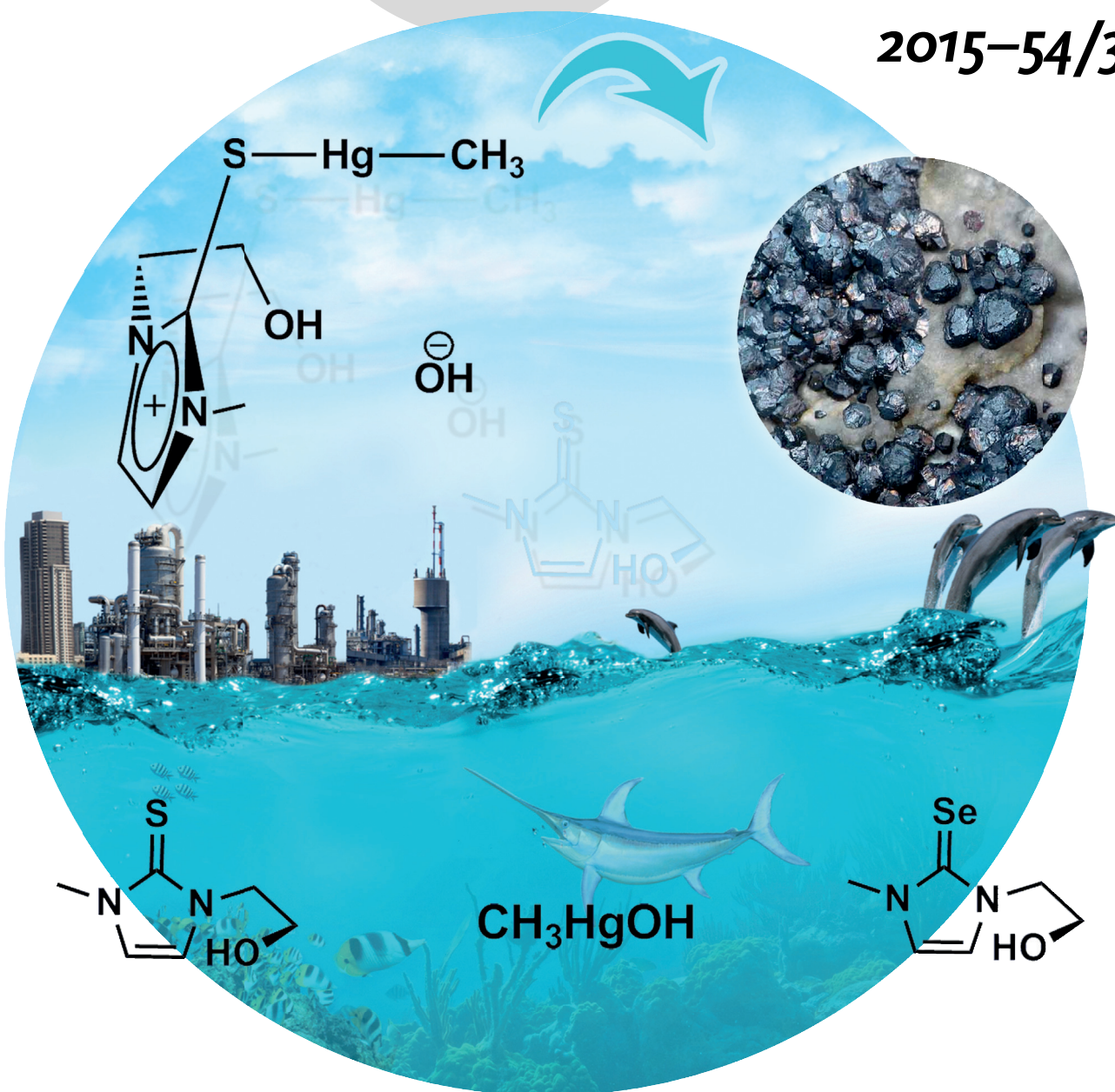
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## Organomercurials ...

... including methylmercury are highly toxic to humans. In their Communication on page 9323 ff., G. Roy and co-workers describe a novel pathway to detoxify various organomercurials using *N*-methylimidazole-based thiones/selones. Less-toxic insoluble  $\text{HgS}$  and  $\text{HgSe}$  nanoparticles are formed under physiologically relevant conditions when organomercurials are treated with *N*-methylimidazole-based thiones/selones having an  $N\text{-CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  substituent.

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