

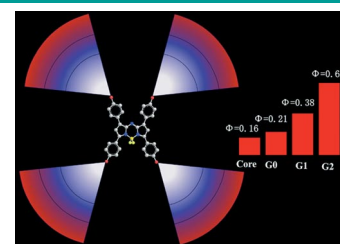


### Light Harvesting

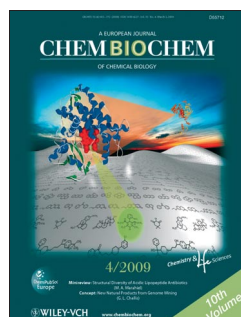
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#### Light Harvesting and Efficient Energy Transfer in Dendritic Systems: New Strategy for Functionalized Near-Infrared BF<sub>2</sub>-Azadipyrrromethenes

**Bright funnels:** A series of dendritic systems, which are capable of funneling energy from the periphery to the core, have been synthesized. The photophysical properties of dendrimers have been determined. Selective excitation of the donor leads to an efficient energy transfer (> 90 %) to the acceptor. The approach provides a facile synthesis for the modification of near-infrared BF<sub>2</sub>-Azadipyrrromethenes.



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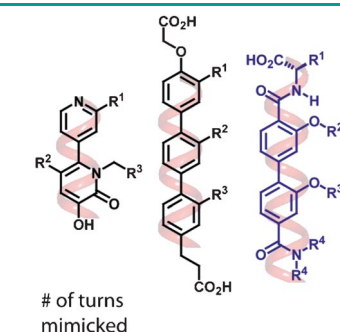


### Peptidomimetics

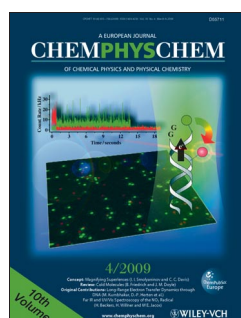
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#### Synthetic Inhibitors of Extended Helix–Protein Interactions Based on a Biphenyl 4,4'-Dicarboxamide Scaffold

**Turn Bak:** We present rationally designed scaffolds that mimic the spatial projection of the *i*, *i*+4, *i*+7, and *i*+11 residues of an  $\alpha$ -helix. A library of biphenyl derivatives was shown by competition fluorescence polarization and ITC to mimic Bak and disrupt the Bak/Bcl-x<sub>L</sub> protein–protein interaction. <sup>15</sup>N HSQC experiments confirmed that the surface of Bcl-x<sub>L</sub> normally occupied by Bak was the target area of our new synthetic inhibitors.



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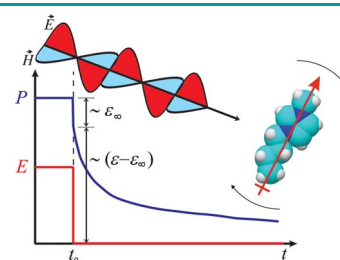


### Ionic Liquids

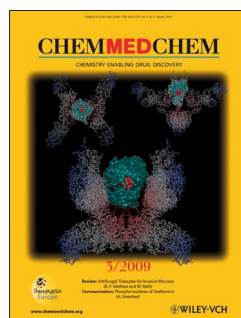
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#### Temperature Dependence of the Dielectric Properties and Dynamics of Ionic Liquids

**No solo dancers:** The temperature dependence of dielectric spectra suggests that the lower-frequency relaxation dominating the dynamics of imidazolium-based room temperature ionic liquids cannot be solely due to independent rotational diffusion of the cations (see picture), but must also include cooperative motions of the surrounding particles.



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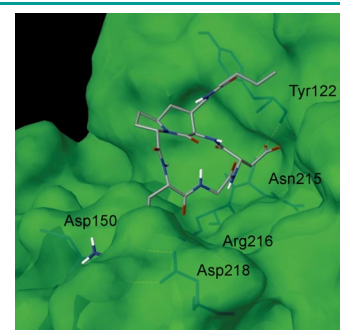


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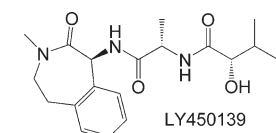
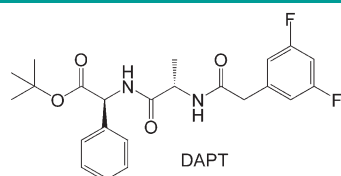
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#### Cyclic RGD-Containing Functionalized Azabicycloalkane Peptides as Potent Integrin Antagonists for Tumor Targeting

**Vitronectin receptors  $\alpha_v\beta_3$  and  $\alpha_v\beta_5$**  have emerged as potential therapeutic targets for the treatment of osteoporosis, restenosis, ocular disease, tumor-induced angiogenesis, metastasis, and sickle-cell anemia. Among a collection of compounds, a new potent integrin antagonist was synthesized, and its binding toward the  $\alpha_v\beta_3$  and  $\alpha_v\beta_5$  receptors was evaluated. This molecule is a suitable candidate as a vector for therapeutics and diagnostics.



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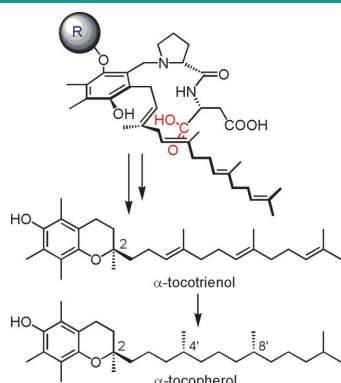
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## Medicinal Chemistry

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### Alzheimer's Disease: From Pathology to Therapeutic Approaches

**Mind how you go:** The current strategies for the development of therapies for Alzheimer's disease are very diverse. Particular attention is given to the search for inhibitors (see picture for two examples) of the proteolytic enzyme  $\beta$ - and  $\gamma$ -secretase, which inhibits the cleavage of the amyloid precursor proteins into amyloid  $\beta$  peptides, from which the disease-defining deposits of plaque in the brains of Alzheimer's patients originates.



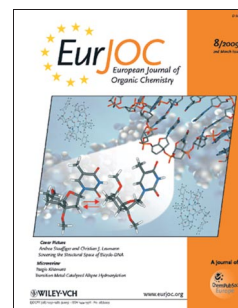
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## Vitamin E

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### Biomimetic Chromanol Cyclisation: A Common Route to $\alpha$ -Tocotrienol and $\alpha$ -Tocopherol

A common synthetic route to  $\alpha$ -tocotrienol and  $\alpha$ -tocopherol has been achieved by a biomimetic cyclisation that yields the chromanol ring, the  $\alpha$ -tocopherol being formed by diastereoselective hydrogenation of the  $\alpha$ -tocotrienol. The chirality at C2 of the chromanol was induced by a covalently attached chiral dipeptide.



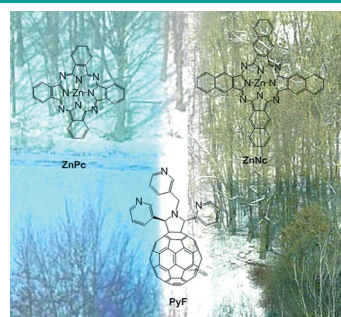
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## Powder X-ray Diffraction

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### Design of a Full-Profile-Matching Solution for High-Throughput Analysis of Multiphase Samples Through Powder X-ray Diffraction

**Finding a clear route to new structures:** The design of an adaptable time warping (ATW) methodology (see figure) for automatically, quickly, and reliably deciphering X-ray diffraction patterns is described.



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## Solar Cells

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### Organic Solar Cells with Semitransparent Metal Back Contacts for Power Window Applications

**A window to the world:** Metal-organic complexes such as zinc-phthalocyanines and -naphthalocyanines show broad transmission windows in the visible spectral range and can be used together with fullerenes in semitransparent organic solar cells. By achieving a high transmission of visible light through silver electrodes, this property is exploited to construct organic solar cells that one can see through.



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