

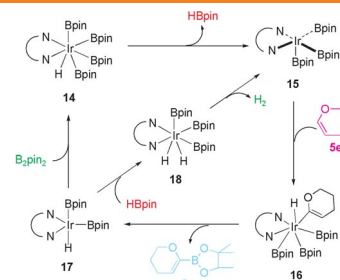


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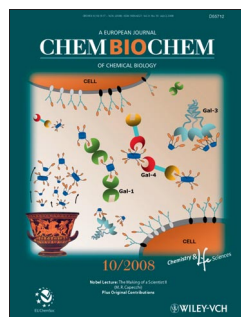
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Vinyl C–H Borylation of Cyclic Vinyl Ethers with Bis(pinacolato)diboron Catalyzed by an Iridium(I)-dtpbp Complex

A simple cycle: Vinyl C–H borylation of cyclic vinyl ethers by bis(pinacolato)diboron or pinacolborane was effectively catalyzed by iridium complexes comprised of $1/2[\text{Ir}(\text{OMe})(\text{cod})]_2$ and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine in hexane or octane to give the corresponding vinylboron compounds in good yields.



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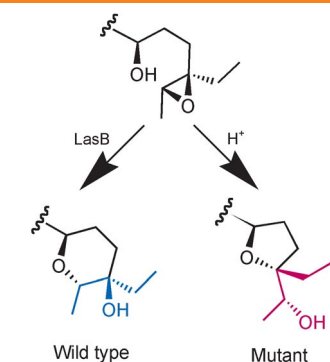


Biosynthesis

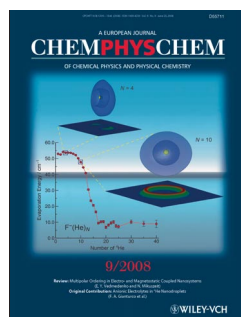
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Analysis of Specific Mutants in the Lasalocid Gene Cluster: Evidence for Enzymatic Catalysis of a Disfavoured Polyether Ring Closure

Baldwin's rules bent: The biosynthesis of the polyether ionophore lasalocid in *Streptomyces lasaliensis* involves a kinetically disfavoured ring closure to form a six-membered tetrahydropyran. In a mutant lacking the novel epoxide hydrolase LasB, the intermediate instead forms the five-membered ring product predicted by Baldwin's rules; this shows the key role of LasB in stereocontrol.



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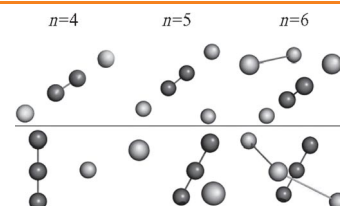


Helium Clusters

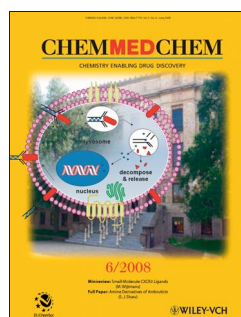
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Energetics and Structures of Charged Helium Clusters: Comparing Stabilities of Dimer and Trimer Cationic Cores

Three in a row: The ionization of small cationic helium clusters is analyzed by investigating the equilibrated cluster structural energy obtained after their optimization in the presence of two competing cores (see picture). The results show that upon equilibration of the ionized clusters, the trimeric ionic core should be the more abundant residual species.



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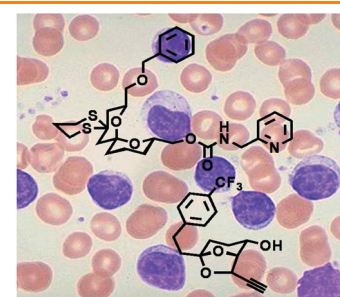


Drug Design

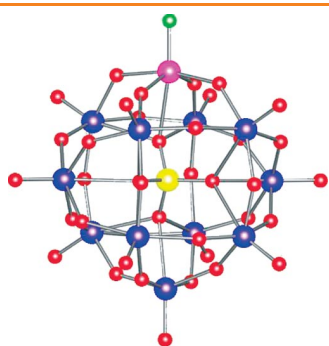
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Natural-Product-Like Spiroketal and Fused Bicyclic Acetals as Potential Therapeutic Agents for B-Cell Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia

The guiding principle of natural products is applied with success to the rapid identification of a new series of small molecules with activity against chronic lymphocytic leukaemia. These compounds are shown to induce apoptosis via a classical intrinsic drug-induced pathway with superior activity to market leader chemotherapeutics in similar screens.



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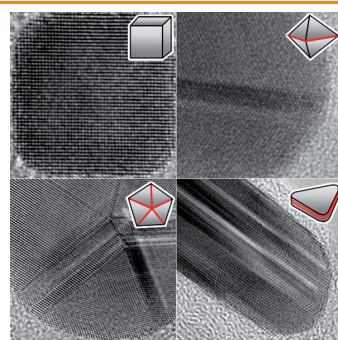
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(Nitrido)chromium Derivatives

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A (Nitrido)chromium(V) Function Incorporated in a Keggin-Type Polyoxometalate: $[PW_{11}O_{39}CrN]^{5-}$ – Synthesis, Characterization and Elements of Reactivity

The synthesis of a (nitrido)chromium derivative of a Keggin-type POM is reported. Its characterization is illustrated by various spectroscopic methods and nucleophilic reactivity towards tri-fluoroacetic anhydride has been established.



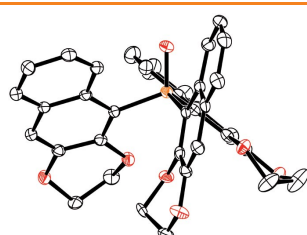
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Nanostructures

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Shape-Controlled Synthesis of Metal Nanocrystals: Simple Chemistry Meets Complex Physics?

Function follows form: Controlling the shape of nanocrystals may initially seem like a scientific curiosity, but its goal goes far beyond aesthetic appeal. For metal nanocrystals, shape not only determines their intrinsic physical and chemical properties but also their relevance for electronic, magnetic, optical, catalytic, and sensing applications.



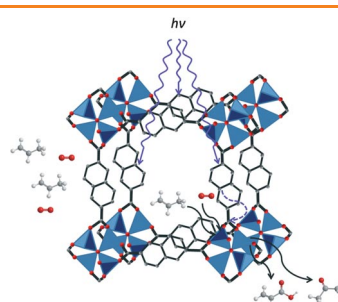
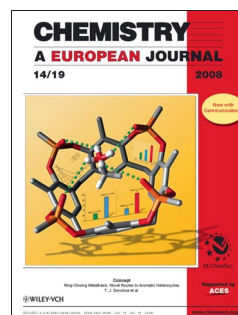
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Chirality

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Chirality in the Absence of Rigid Stereogenic Elements: The Absolute Configuration of Residual Enantiomers of C_3 -Symmetric Propellers

Which enantiomer? The enantiopure residual antipodes of phosphane oxide shown here were obtained by quartz-induced crystallisation of the racemate and their absolute configuration was determined by anomalous X-ray diffraction scattering measurements. Configurational descriptors are suggested for propeller-shaped residual enantiomers.



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Metal-Organic Frameworks

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Isorecticular MOFs as Efficient Photocatalysts with Tunable Band Gap: An Operando FTIR Study of the Photoinduced Oxidation of Propylene

Photo frame(work): The first spectroscopic evidence of metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) acting as photocatalysts has been obtained. Isorecticular MOFs act as efficient photocatalysts in the photooxidation of propylene. The band gap energy can be tuned by changing the organic linker. Among the MOFs tested, the 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid based IRMOF was the most active, showing a higher activity than ZnO.

