### Chemo- and stereoselective epoxidation of 12,13-desoxyepothilone B using 2,2'-dimethyldioxirane

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Epoxidation of 12,13-desoxyepothilone B (dEpoB) to epothilone B (EpoB), using DMDO, reproducibly gives excellent stereoselectivity with high confidence and yield.

12,13-Desoxyepothilone B

pothilone B

### Remarkable stereoselectivity in the alkylation of a hydroazulenone: progress towards the total synthesis of guanacastepene

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The C8 quaternary center of guanacastepene is installed in cycloheptenone 8 from hydroazulene 4 via *exo*-methylene ketone 6.

### Diastereoselective formation of a quaternary center in a pyroglutamate derivative. Formal synthesis of Monatin

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In this communication we describe a highly diastereoselective formation of a quaternary center present in the structure of Monatin, a potent sweetening agent isolated from natural sources. The total synthesis of a Monatin derivative is also described.

# Novel and convenient method for the syntheses of 2,6-dideoxypyranoses, 3,6-dideoxypyranoses, and azido (amino) analogs of 3,6-dideoxypyranoses

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6797

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#### Stereoselective synthesis of epoxides by reaction of donor/acceptorsubstituted carbenoids with $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes

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$$R^{1}$$
  $CO_{2}Me$  +  $R^{2}$   $Rh_{2}(OAc)_{4}$   $R^{2}$   $R^{2}$   $CO_{2}Me$ 

R<sup>1</sup>,R<sup>2</sup> =vinyl, aryl or heteroaryl

## An efficient synthesis of a key intermediate for the preparation of the rhinovirus protease inhibitor AG7088 via asymmetric dianionic cyanomethylation of N-Boc-L-(+)-glutamic acid dimethyl ester

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6807

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## A highly efficient synthesis of 2-[3-aminopropyl]-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthyridine via a double Suzuki reaction and a Chichibabin cyclization

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Michael Palucki,\* David L. Hughes, Nobuyoshi Yasuda, Chunhua Yang and Paul J. Reider *Department of Process Research, Merck Research Laboratories, PO Box 2000 Rahway, NJ 07065-0900, USA* Synthesis of 2-[3-aminopropyl]-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthyridine was accomplished via a one-pot double Suzuki reaction and a highly regioselective intramolecular Chichibabin cyclization.

$$\frac{\text{Double Suzuki-Miyaura}}{\text{Br}} \xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{N}} \frac{\text{Chichibabin}}{\text{NH}_2} \xrightarrow{\text{N}} \frac{\text{Chichibabin}}{\text{N}} \xrightarrow{\text{N}} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{N}} \xrightarrow{\text{N}} \frac{\text{N}} \xrightarrow{\text{N}} \frac{\text{N}} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{N}} \xrightarrow{\text{N}} \frac{\text{N}} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{N}} \xrightarrow{\text{N}} \frac{\text{N}} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{N}} \xrightarrow{\text{N}} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{N}} \xrightarrow{\text{N}} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{N}} \xrightarrow{\text{N}} \frac{\text{N}} \frac{\text{N}} \xrightarrow{\text{N}} \frac{\text{N}} \xrightarrow{\text{N}} \frac{\text{N}} \xrightarrow{\text{N}} \frac{\text{N}$$

#### Practical routes toward the synthesis of 2-halo- and 2-alkylamino-4-pyridinecarboxaldehydes

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6815

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Department of Process Research, Merck Research Laboratories, Merck & Co. Inc., PO Box 2000, Rahway, NJ 07065, USA We recently required an efficient synthesis of 2-halo- and 2-alkylamino-4-pyridinecarboxaldehydes. Three independent routes to these compounds were investigated and will be discussed.

CHO
$$X = Br, Cl, H_2N$$

### A new method for the preparation of 1,3-dilithiopropyne: an efficient synthesis of homopropargyl alcohols

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Controlled dilithiation of propargyl bromide with n-BuLi, in the presence of TMEDA, produces the operational equivalent of the dianion 1,3-dilithiopropyne. The latter reacts efficiently with aldehydes and ketones to produce homopropargyl alcohols in a single step route in high yields.

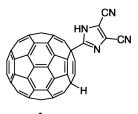
#### The reaction of [60]fullerene with 2-diazo-4,5-dicyanoimidazole

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<sup>b</sup>Department of Chemistry, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, USA

The reaction of [60]fullerene with 2-diazo-4,5-dicyanoimidazole affords new compound **4** which contains an electron-poor aromatic heterocycle attached to the fullerene sphere.



### Kinetic study of microwave-assisted Wittig reaction of stabilised ylides with aromatic aldehydes

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6827

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#### Alternative methods for the MnO<sub>2</sub> oxidation of codeine methyl ether to thebaine utilizing ionic liquids

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Extraction of MnO<sub>2</sub> with an ionic liquid facilitates isolation of thebaine in high yields in the allylic oxidation of codeine methyl ether.

### Rhodium-catalyzed decomposition of indole-substituted $\alpha$ -diazo- $\beta$ -keto esters: three different reactions based on indole oxidation state

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Treatment of the  $\alpha$ -diazo- $\beta$ -keto esters **8abc** with Rh(II) afforded three different reaction products depending on the oxidation state of the indole, with the indole **8a** giving **13** and **14**, the oxindole giving **15** and **16**, and the indoline giving the indole- $\beta$ -keto ester **17**.

### Enantiopure 2,3-dihydro-4-pyridones as synthetic intermediates: asymmetric synthesis of 1-deoxynojirimycin

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6839

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### On the mechanism of directed, TiCl<sub>4</sub>-mediated aldol addition—an easy access to substituted 2.4-furandiols

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6843

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## New functionalized alkenylmagnesium reagents bearing an oxygen function in the $\beta$ -position. Preparation and reaction of 5-magnesiated-

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#### 1,3-dioxin-4-one derivatives

Viet Anh Vu, Laurent Bérillon and Paul Knochel\*

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Institut für Organische Chemie, Butenandtstraße 5-13, Haus F, 81377 München, Germany Alkenylmagnesium reagents bearing an alkoxy function in the β-position have been prepared by performing a low temperature iodinemagnesium exchange reaction.

#### A novel family of amphilic $\alpha$ -oxo aldehydes for the sitespecific modification of peptides by two palmitoyl groups in solution or in liposome suspensions

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Two amphiphilic  $\alpha$ -oxo aldehydes were synthesized using solid-phase methodologies and evaluated for their ability to ligate with  $\alpha$ -hydrazino acetyl peptides both in solution and when inserted into the lipidic bilayer of liposomes.

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### Synthesis of troponoid analogues of calix[4]arene by the reaction of dichlorocarbene with calix[4]arene

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$$p$$
-tert-Butylcalix[4]arene  $CCl_2$   $Cl_2$   $CH_2$ -R-R  $CH_2$ -R  $CH_2$ -R-R  $CH_2$ -R  $CH_2$ 

### Heterogeneous acid-catalyzed (2,5) oxonium-ene reaction for eight-membered ring formation

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6859

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### Scavenging of the radical species formed in the sonochemical excitation of styrenes

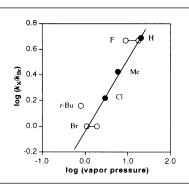
Takashi Ando, a.\* Takahide Kimura, a Mitsue Fujita, a Jean-Marc Levêque and Jean-Louis Luche

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The rate-limiting vaporization step, evidenced by the linear free energy relationship (LFER) between the excitation and the vapor pressure of the styrenes, is a characteristic of the sonochemical reactivity in a homologous series of substrates.

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#### [6.6](1,8)Naphthalenophane containing 2,2'-bithienyl-5,5'-ylene bridges

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Masahiko Iyoda,\* Kazumi Nakao, Terumasa Kondo,

Yoshiyuki Kuwatani, Masato Yoshida, Haruo Matsuyama, Kentaro Fukami and Shigeru Nagase

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#### Aminoxyl radicals bearing a mesogenic core

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6873

Hiroshi Ikemoto, Hiroki Akutsu, Jun-ichi Yamada and Shin'ichi Nakatsuji\*

Department of Material Science, Faculty of Science, Himeji Institute of Technology, Kamigori, Hyogo 678-1297, Japan A series of aminoxyl radicals bearing biphenylcarbonitrile as a mesogenic core was prepared. Among them, unusual magnetic transition from the Curie–Weiss phase to another magnetic phase well expressed by a singlet–triplet model was found in the 4'-undecyloxy-4-biphenylcarbonitrile derivative with oxocarbonyl-TEMPO through the thermal transition.

#### Synthesis and photophysical properties of [60]fullereneoligo(thienvlene-ethynylene) dyads

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6877

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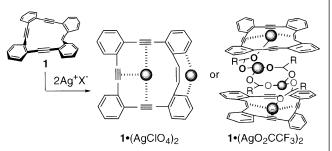
Distinct intramolecular interactions between the oligomers and  $C_{60}$  are induced by photoexitation in a through-space fashion for the 2,3-thienylene–ethynylene system and in a through-bond fashion for the 2,5-thienylene–ethynylene system.

### Synthesis and complexation properties of a synthetic receptor, Z-tetrabenzohexadehydro[16]annulene

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### A complex of perseitol and K<sup>+</sup> ion from *Scurrula fusca* (Loranthaceae)

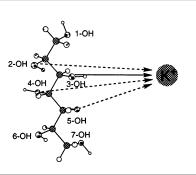
Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6887

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A complex of perseitol (D-glycero-D-galacto-heptitol) and  $K^+$  ions in a molar ratio of 20:1 was isolated from the leaves of *Scurrula fusca* (Loranthaceae). The stereochemical structure of the complex was determined using several kinds of NMR techniques. The figure shows an interaction of perseitol with  $K^+$  ions in the complex.



### Effect of fluorine substituents on catalytic functionalizations of alkyl halides with organostannanes

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6891

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Introduction of fluorine atom(s) at the  $\gamma$ - and  $\delta$ -positions of alkyl iodides increased the selectivities toward palladium-catalyzed functionalizations with organostannanes.

### A convenient synthesis of 1H-2,3-benzoxazines by an acid-catalyzed intramolecular Mitsunobu reaction

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6895

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### Novel and efficient synthesis of *p*-quinones in water via oxidative demethylation of phenol ethers using hypervalent iodine(III) reagents

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OMe PhI(OCOCF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (PIFA) or O 
$$I(OCOCF_3)_2$$
 (PBTIS)  $I(OCOCF_3)_2$  (PBTIS)  $I(OCOCF_3)_2$  (PBTIS)  $I(OCOCF_3)_2$   $I(OCOCF$ 

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#### Determination of absolute configuration of trans-2-aryleyclohexanols using remarkable aryl-induced <sup>1</sup>H NMR shifts in diastereomeric derivatives

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shielding effect 
$$CO_2$$
. Ar  $CO_3$ . Ar  $CO_4$ . Ar  $CO_$ 

#### Facile synthesis of conjugated exo-glycals

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 $R = CO_2Et$ ,  $PO(OMe)_2$ ,  $SO_2(OEt)$ , C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>.

R = CN, COMe, CHO,  $CO_2Et$ 

two methods develpoed to synthesize these conjugated exo-glycals

#### Cationic Co(III)(salen)-catalyzed enantioselective Baeyer-Villiger oxidation of 3-arylcyclobutanones using hydrogen peroxide as a terminal oxidant

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A cationic Co(III)(salen) complex was found to catalyze the asymmetric Baeyer-Villiger reaction of 3-substituted cyclobutanone using hydrogen peroxide as a terminal oxidant.

# Co(III)-Salen5 (5mol %), H2O2

 $R = C_6H_5$ : 72%, 77% ee

EtOH, 24 h

 $R = p - CIC_6H_4: 76\%, 75\%$  ee R = p-MeOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>: 75%, 78% ee

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#### W-shape nucleic acid (WNA) for selective formation of non-natural anti-parallel triplex including a TA interrupting site

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Purine-rich triplex forming oligodeoxynucleotide (TFO) incorporating the new analog, WNA-7BG, formed a stable triplex with selectivity to the TA site.

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### Asymmetric epoxidation of $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketones catalyzed by chiral ytterbium complexes

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# A novel and efficient synthesis of maleic anhydrides by palladium-catalyzed dicarbonylation of terminal acetylenes in H<sub>2</sub>O/dioxane

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R=Ph, 
$$p$$
-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>,  $p$ -FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>, C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>

R=Ph,  $p$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>,  $p$ -FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>, C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>

## Highly efficient and enantioselective synthesis of L-arylglycines and D-arylglycine amides from biotransformations of nitriles

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6925

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### Facile synthesis of (+)-α-allokainic acid via Pd-catalyzed hydrogenolysis of allyl acetate derived from *trans*-4-hydroxy-L-proline

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HO 
$$CO_2H$$
  $CO_2H$   $C$ 

### Stereoselective synthesis of *gem*-dimethyl-5,5-pyrrolidine-*trans*-lactam (5-oxo-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyrrole)

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6933

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The *gem*-dimethyl-*trans*-lactam **6** could be prepared by alkylation of the  $\beta$ -methyl isomer **7** but not by alkylation of the  $\alpha$ -isomer **5**.

#### Identification of a precursor to naturally occurring β-damascenone

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Dienyne alcohol 8a has been synthesised and shown to produce β-damascenone 1 under acidic hydrolysis conditions.

# An efficient chemo and regioselective oxidative nuclear bromination of activated aromatic compounds using lithium bromide and ceric ammonium nitrate

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6941

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### A short and efficient synthesis of *N*-substituted indol-2-ones (oxindoles)

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6943

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A short and high yielding process has been developed for the synthesis of N-(4-piperidinyl)-indol-2-ones 3. This strategy also constitutes a general route to N-substituted indol-2-ones 11.

### Boron trifluoride-tetrahydrofuran complex: a superior trigger for the Yamaguchi-Hirao alkylation of lithio-acetylides by epoxides

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### Gas phase versus solution chemistry: on the reversal of regiochemistry of methylation of $sp^2$ - and $sp^3$ -nitrogens

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#### Solid-phase synthesis of oxygen-bridged tetrahydropyridones

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### Rhodium-catalysed aryl transfer to aldehydes: counterion effects with nitrogen containing ligands

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6957

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Cationic Rh(I) complexes partnered with weakly coordinating anions function as active catalysts in the addition of boronic acids to aldehydes.

#### 1,3-Thiazino[6,5-b]indol-4-one derivatives. The first synthesis of indole phytoalexin cyclobrassinon

Mojmír Suchý, a.\* Peter Kutschy, Milan Dzurilla, Vladimír Kováčik, Aldo Andreanic and Juraj Alföldib

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#### S-4-Methoxytrityl mercapto acids: synthesis and application

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6965

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S-Protected mercapto acids were obtained in high yield by the reaction of halo acids or esters with 4-methoxytrityl thiol.

Mmt = 4-methoxytrityl; X = Br, Cl; R = H, CH<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>; n = 0-4

#### Efficient reduction of aromatic nitro/azido groups on solid support employing indium: synthesis of pyrrolo[2,1-c][1,4]benzodiazepine-5,11-diones

Tetrahedron Letters 42 (2001) 6969

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#### Total syntheses of justicidin B and retrojusticidin B using a tandem Horner-Emmons-Claisen condensation sequence

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