### A new reagent for the efficient synthesis of disulfides from alkyl halides

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$$(NH_4)_6 Mo_7 O_{24} + H_2 S \xrightarrow{-60^0 C} \longrightarrow (NH_4)_6 Mo_7 S_{24} \xrightarrow{C_6 H_5 CH_2 N(Et)_3 CI} \longrightarrow (C_6 H_5 CH_2 N(Et)_3)_6 Mo_7 S_{24}$$
 (I) 
$$(C_6 H_5 CH_2 N(Et)_3)_6 Mo_7 S_{24} + R-X \xrightarrow{CHCI_3} ROOM TEMP.$$
 R-S-S-R

# Copper triflate $[Cu(OTf)_2]$ is an efficient and mild catalyst for the silylation of $\alpha$ -hydroxyphosphonates to $\alpha$ -trimethylsilyloxyphosphonates with HMDS at room temperature

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A broad, adaptable, high yielding and convenient procedure for the fast conversion of various  $\alpha$ -hydroxyphosphonates to  $\alpha$ -trimethylsilyloxyphosphonates with HMDS catalyzed by copper triflate is described.

#### A facile Lewis acid-promoted allylation of azetidin-2-ones

Tetrahedron Letters 44 (2003) 895

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Department of Chemistry & Centre of Advanced Studies in Chemistry, Panjab University, Chandigarh 160014, India The Lewis acid-catalyzed C-3 allylation of 3-phenylthio-azetidin-2-ones proceeds stereoselectively and in high yield.

#### Synthesis of oligoenynes and oligomeric conjugated diacetylenes

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$$R^{1}$$
  $R^{2}$   $R^{2}$   $R^{1}$ ,  $R^{2}$   $R^{2}$ 

### Electronic effects in the regioselectivity of the singlet oxygen and 4-methyl-1,2,4-triazoline-3,5-dione ene reactions with isobutenylarenes

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Z = electron donating or electron withdrawing groups



### An efficient one step dihydroxylation of 1,2-glycals with oxone in acetone

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A variety of glycals react with oxone in acetone to yield the corresponding 1,2-diols in fair to good yields.

# Indium-mediated allylation of carbonyl compounds with an allylic bromide in aqueous media: anomalous *syn*-diastereoselectivity regardless of allylic bromide geometry

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#### Stereoselective synthesis of L-733,060

Tetrahedron Letters 44 (2003) 915

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Enantioselective synthesis of L-733,060 was achieved using ring-closing metathesis.

L-733,060

#### Nickel(II) chloride as an efficient and useful catalyst for chemoselective thioacetalization of aldehydes

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$$R^{1} C = O \qquad \underbrace{EtSH \text{ or PhSH or HS}(CH_{2})_{n}SH}_{NiCl_{2} \text{ (cat), CH}_{2}Cl_{2}\text{-MeOH, rt}} \qquad R^{1} C SR^{2}$$

### Rh(I)-catalyzed addition of alkenylzirconocene chlorides to aldimine derivatives

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$$R \xrightarrow{\text{CI}} R^{1} \xrightarrow{\text{H}} H \xrightarrow{\text{[RhCl(cod)]}_{2}} R^{1} \xrightarrow{\text{HN}} R^{1}$$

 $R^1$  = aliphatic

excellent yields

and/or aromatic

## Diphenylboron perchlorate as an efficient catalyst for self- and cross-condensation reactions of aldehydes having $\alpha$ -active hydrogens

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## Cycloadditions of chiral anthracenes: effect of the trifluoromethyl group

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### An easy and stereoselective synthesis of N-Boc-dolaproine via the Baylis-Hillman reaction

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A simple and stereoselective approach for the total synthesis of *N*-Boc-dolaproine is described. The synthesis is based on the utilization of a Baylis–Hillman reaction and was accomplished in four steps with an overall yield of 27%.

Baylis-Hillman adduct

N-Boc-Dolaproine  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  - 60.2°

#### Absolute configuration of bioactive expansolides A and B from Aspergillus fumigatus Fresenius

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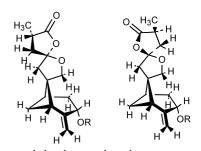
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In addition to antafumicins A and B, and cytochalasin, the bioactive compounds expansolides
A and B have been isolated from *Aspergillus fumigatus* Fresenius. Their absolute configuration
has been established by using the modified Mosher's method. The bioactivity of all isolated compounds has been evaluated.

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### Synthesis of tetrahydroxy- $\pi$ -extended tetrathiafulvalenes as new supramolecular redox building blocks

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## Stereoselective aldol coupling of $\alpha,\beta$ -acetylenic ketones promoted by $MgI_2$

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A highly stereoselective synthesis of (Z)- $\beta$ -iodovinyl ketone has been achieved with the tandem formation of C–C and C–I bonds in a three-component reaction.  $\alpha,\beta$ -Acetylenic ketone is initially converted to an active  $\beta$ -iodo allenoate intermediate and then can be attacked by a variety of aldehydes to afford Z-selective Baylis–Hillman adducts in excellent yields.

RCHO + Mgl<sub>2</sub> 
$$\frac{}{\text{r.t. 20 min.}}$$
 [ RCHO... $\text{Mgl}$ ] |  $\frac{}{0^{0}\text{C 1 hr}}$  |  $\frac{}{0^{0}\text{C 2/E}}$  |  $\frac{}{}$  (  $\frac{}{}$  Z/E > 96/4 )

## Asymmetric hydrogenation of aromatic olefins catalyzed by iridium complexes of proline derived phosphine—oxazoline ligands

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#### Synthesis of soluble oligocarbazole derivatives

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#### Convenient synthesis of 3-aminomethylenedihydrofuran-2-ones

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### Benzylsulfonyl: a valuable protecting and deactivating group in phenol chemistry

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The benzylsulfonyl (Bns) group used to protect phenols proved to be stable under many reaction conditions. The deprotection proceeds quantitatively using catalytic hydrogenolysis.

### $\beta$ -Fluorinated proline derivatives: potential transition state inhibitors for proline selective serine dipeptidases

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Three new types of  $\beta$ -fluorinated proline derivatives were synthesized as potential transition state inhibitors for proline selective serine dipeptidases. The fluorophosponate derived from protected proline was tested as a Wadsworth–Horner–Emmons reagent for the synthesis of fluoro-olefin-containing pseudodipeptides.

## Convenient syntheses of (3S,5S)-carbapenam-3-carboxylates and their biosynthetic relevance

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Facile syntheses of (3S,5S)-carbapenam-3-carboxylates  $3\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{d}$  are described and their biosynthetic relevance to the natural antibiotic carbapen-2-em-3-carboxylic acid  $\mathbf{1}$  is discussed.

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$$\begin{array}{c} H \\ \hline 1 \\ CO_2H \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} H \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline 1 \\ CO_2R \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 3a R = H \\ 3b R = Bn \\ 3c R = Me \\ 3d R = PNB \end{array}$$

## Novel and practical asymmetric synthesis of an azetidine alkaloid, penaresidin $\boldsymbol{B}$

Tetrahedron Letters 44 (2003) 977

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## Selective alkylation of phenol with *tert*-butyl alcohol catalyzed by [bmim]PF<sub>6</sub>

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Ionic liquid [bmim]PF<sub>6</sub> was used as a solvent for the alkylation of phenol with *tert*-butyl alcohol (TBA) and was found to catalyze this reaction with high conversion and good selectivity.

#### Addition of hydrogen halides to alkylidenecyclopropanes: a highly efficient and stereoselective method for the preparation of homoallylic halides

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## $N ext{-Bromoamides}$ as versatile catalysts for aziridination of olefins using chloramine-T

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### Complexation chemistry. Double- and multi-1,3-alternate-calixcrowns

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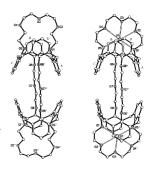
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Metal ion complexation behavior in calix[4]crown multimers (mono, di, trimer) have been investigated through X-ray crystallography, two-phase extraction, and <sup>1</sup>H NMR measurement.



## Novel octulosonic acid derivatives in the composite *Smallanthus sonchifolius*

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Two novel octulosonic acid derivatives with a 6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane skeleton that are major water-soluble phenolic compounds were found in the roots of yacon (*Smallanthus sonchifolius*).

R<sub>1</sub>=H, R<sub>2</sub>=caffeoyl R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=caffeoyl

## Simple and efficient method for the synthesis of 2',3'-didehydro-3'-deoxythymidine (d4T)

Tetrahedron Letters 44 (2003) 1003

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## Regioselective allylation reactions using crotyl Grignard reagent— $CeCl_3$ systems

Tetrahedron Letters 44 (2003) 1007

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#### The allomorphism of a photochromic diarylethene

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The title compound was synthesized by the following steps: Firstly, compound 3 was prepared in 95% yield by hydrolyzing compound 2. Then, a Knoevenagel condensation was used to transform compound 3 into the Symmetric compound 1a in 89% yield by employing malonodinitrile.

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## Lewis acid-mediated addition of silylated methylenecyclopropane to aldehydes—synthesis of tetrahydrofuran derivatives

Tetrahedron Letters 44 (2003) 1015

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#### Synthesis of aryl $\alpha$ -keto esters via the rearrangement of aryl cyanohydrin carbonate esters

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#### Sequential Pd/Ru-catalysed allenylation/olefin metathesis/1,3-dipolar cycloaddition route to novel heterocycles

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A four-component Pd(0)-catalysed cascade followed by ring-closing metathesis and subsequent 1,3-dipolar

cycloaddition affords novel fused heterocycles in good overall yield.

#### Total synthesis of $(\pm)$ -1,13-herbertenediol, $(\pm)$ - $\alpha$ -herbertenol and (±)-β-herbertenol

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Tetrahedron Letters 44 (2003) 1031

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Enantiospecific first total synthesis of (+)-cis,anti,cis-3-hydroxy-1,8,12,12-tetramethyl-4-oxatricyclo[6.4.0.0<sup>2,6</sup>]dodecan-9-yl senecioate, the optical antipode of a natural thapsane isolated from Thapsia villosa

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## Enantioselective synthesis of D-ribo-(2S,3S,4R)- $C_{18}$ -phytosphingosine using double stereodifferentiation

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#### Selective N-debenzylation of amides with p-TsOH

Tetrahedron Letters 44 (2003) 1039

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A new efficient method for the N-debenzylation of N-benzylamides is described using 4 equiv. of p-TsOH in refluxing toluene.

### Design and synthesis of an affinity probe that targets caspases in proteomic experiments

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A fluorescently-labeled affinity probe containing chemical reactivity specific towards caspases was developed. This probe, consisting of a reactive unit, a linker unit and a fluorescent unit, was synthesized in eight steps with an overall yield of  $\sim 10\%$ . Preliminary assays showed that the probe exhibits strong preferential reactivity towards caspases over other enzymes.

## [Bmim]BF $_{4}$ ionic liquid: a novel reaction medium for the synthesis of $\beta\text{-amino}$ alcohols

Tetrahedron Letters 44 (2003) 1047

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### A convenient synthesis of 1-aminophosphonates from 1-hydroxyphosphonates

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$$\begin{array}{c} H & O \\ R-C-P & O \\ O C H_2 C H_3 \end{array} \xrightarrow{R'NH_2/AI_2O_3(a)} \begin{array}{c} R'NH_2/AI_2O_3(a) \\ MW/3-7 & min \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} R-C-P & O \\ NH & O C H_2 C H_3 \\ NH & O C H_2 C H_3 \\ R' \end{array}$$

#### Trifluoroacetophenone as nucleophilic trifluoromethylating reagent

Tetrahedron Letters 44 (2003) 1055

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Trifluoroacetophenone can be used as nucleophilic trifluoromethylating reagent towards non-enolizable ketones by action of potassium *tert*-butoxide.

# New building blocks for peptide and depsipeptide synthesis: hexafluoroacetone protected L-homoisoserine and D,L-homoisocysteine derivatives

Tetrahedron Letters 44 (2003) 1059

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### Efficient, practical synthesis of symmetrically $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ -disubstituted $\alpha$ -amino acids

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Ni(II)-complex derived from glycine Schiff base with 2-[N-( $\alpha$ -picolyl)amino]benzophen-one (PABP) was found to be an ideal equivalent of nucleophilic glycine in the reactions with various alkyl halides affording an efficient, generalized and practically useful method for preparing symmetrically  $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ -disubstituted  $\alpha$ -amino acids.

#### Solid-phase synthesis of traceless 1,3-diketones

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A traceless synthesis of 1,3-diketones has been achieved through enamine methodology from solid-phase organic synthesis. Thus, piperazine served as a linker for this traceless cleavage of  $\beta$ -diketones from solid support.

#### Nitrile oxide cycloadditions to olefinated sugars

Tetrahedron Letters 44 (2003) 1071

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Carbohydrate derivatives with a spiro-isoxazoline moiety were prepared in good yields and excellent regio- and diastereoselectivity by a route involving Wittig olefination and 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition as key steps.

## General entries to C-aryl glycosides. Formal synthesis of galtamycinone

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Galtamycinone

# Titanocene-catalysed, selective reduction of ketones in aqueous media. A safe, mild, inexpensive procedure for the synthesis of secondary alcohols via radical chemistry

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Hypothetical catalytic cycle.

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HO H  $_{R}$  + 2 base + H $_{2}$ O

Cp $_{2}$ (Cl)TiO H  $_{R}$  + Cp $_{2}$ Ti(OH)Cl 2 Cp $_{2}$ TiCl $_{2}$   $_{2}$ Ti(Cl)Cp $_{2}$   $_{3}$ Ti(Cl)Cp $_{2}$   $_{4}$ Ti(Cl)Cp $_{2}$   $_{5}$ Ti(Cl) $_{2}$ ZnCl $_{2}$   $_{5}$ Ti(Cl) $_{2}$ ZnCl $_{2}$ 

## Hydrogen generation from ethanol in supercritical water without catalyst

Tetrahedron Letters 44 (2003) 1083

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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_{3}\text{CH}_{2}\text{OH} & \text{CH}_{4} \\ \text{CH}_{3}\text{CH}_{2}\text{OH} & \text{CO}_{2} \\ \text{CO} & \text{CO}_{2} \\ \text{H}_{2}\text{O} & \text{H}_{2} \\ \text{CH}_{2}=\text{CH}_{2} & \text{E}_{3}\text{CH}_{3} \end{array}$$

#### Directed Pd(0)-catalyzed hydrostannations of internal alkynes

Tetrahedron Letters 44 (2003) 1087

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OR 
$$Bu_3SnH, THF$$
 OR  $C_5H_{11}$  OR

### Specific oxidation of C-14 oxygenated 4(20),11-taxadienes by microbial transformation

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## Diastereoselective reductive aldol reactions of Boc-protected electron deficient pyrroles

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An *anti*-selective reductive aldol reaction of a Boc-protected, 2-substituted pyrrole is reported. Reduction with LiDBB generates an exocyclic lithium enolate, but optimal stereoselectivity is obtained by transmetallation to magnesium with MgBr<sub>2</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. The corresponding *syn*-aldols can easily be obtained (protected as carbamates) by subsequent inversion.

## Ab initio studies of the allylic hydroxylation: DFT calculation on the reaction of 2-methyl-2-butene with selenium dioxide

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The transition states for two major steps (an ene reaction and a [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement) of the title reaction have been investigated by B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) methods.

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  $\frac{\text{SeO}_2}{\text{ene}}$  R  $\frac{\beta}{\beta}$   $\frac{[2,3]}{(OH)}$   $\frac{\beta}{\alpha}$   $\frac{(2,3]}{(OH)}$ 

# Synthesis of bifunctional P-chiral hydroxy phosphinates; lipase-catalyzed stereoselective acylation of ethyl (1-hydroxyalkyl)phenylphosphinates

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