#### $\pi$ -Face-selective hetero Diels-Alder reactions of 3,4-di-tertbutylthiophene 1-oxide. An excellent trapping reagent for thioaldehydes and thioketones

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the Seo bond 
$$syn-\pi$$
-face-selective Diels-Alder reaction  $t$  Bu  $t$  Bu

#### Soluble precursors convertible to tetrabenzoporphyrins below room temperature

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NaH DMF 0°C or

on Boehmite at rt

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OH Soluble precursors were quantitatively converted to TBPs below rt.

#### Preparation of a new receptor for anions, macrocyclic polythiolactam—structure and high anion-binding ability

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Thiocarbonylation of a macrocyclic tetralactam gave a new macrocyclic tetrathiolactam. The chemical transformation enhances hydrogen-bonding ability of the N-H protons in the cavity of the macrocycle, and provides strong affinity toward anions. The association properties of the polythiolactam with anions was examined, and molecular structures of the macrocycle and its Cl<sup>-</sup> complex were determined.

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### Nakiterpiosin, a novel cytotoxic C-nor-D-homosteroid from the Okinawan sponge Terpios hoshinota

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### Novel strategic lipase-catalyzed asymmetrization of 1,3-propanediacetate in supercritical carbon dioxide

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No enantioselectivity was observed in conventional organic solvent, whereas in  $scCO_2$  enantioselectivities were observed up to 50% ee, which probably arose from a conformational changing of lipase.

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### Synthesis and two-photon absorption property of phenylacetylene macrocycles

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$$Bu_{2}N$$

$$OBu$$

$$BuO$$

$$OBu$$

$$BuO$$

$$OBu$$

$$NBu_{2}$$

$$NBu_{2}$$

$$NBu_{2}$$

$$\delta_{max} = 125 \text{ GM}, \Phi = 0.25$$

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#### Carbohydrate-based synthesis of crocacin: stereoselective Heck reaction of carbohydrate 5,6-ene- and 5,6-yne-derivatives with aromatic halides

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## The Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction in the synthesis of macrocyclic peptides: the Trp-His-Gly-Arg derived macrocycle of moroidin

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The Trp-His-Gly-Arg derived macrocycle **4** of moroidin containing the unusual tryptophan C-2 histidine N-1 link has been synthesised in protected form.

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## Remote stereochemical control in asymmetric Diels-Alder reactions: synthesis of the angucycline antibiotics, (-)-tetrangomycin and MM 47755

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i. (S)-3,3'-diphenyl-1,1'-binaphthalene-2,2'-diol, BH<sub>3</sub>.THF, HOAc,

R = Me (-)-MM 47755 70% ee

### Syntheses of new water-soluble dicobalt complexes having two cobalt-carbon bonds and their ability for DNA cleavage

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$$R = -CH_2 - 1 (55\%)$$
 $H_3C O CH_3 - CH_2CH_2 - 2 (64\%)$ 

### Enantioselective synthesis of $\alpha$ -methylene- $\gamma$ -butyrolactones using chiral Pd(II)-SPRIX catalyst

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### Copper(I) *tert*-butoxide-promoted stereospecific alkylation of β-hydroxymethylvinylsilanes with alkyl halides

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Stereospecific alkylation of (Z)- $\beta$ -hydroxymethylvinylsilanes 1 proceeded by treatment with copper(I) *tert*-butoxide 2 and alkyl halides 3 to give the tri- and tetra-substituted olefins 4.

Me<sub>3</sub>Si OH 1) 
$$^{t}$$
BuOCu 2  $^{t}$   $^{t}$  OSiMe

### Highly stereoselective ring expansion of enantiopure $\alpha$ -hydroxyalkyl azetidines

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$$R^{1}$$
 $R^{2}$ 
 $R^{3}$ 
 $R^{4}$ 
 $R^{4$ 

### Mild reduction of chlorophosphine boranes to secondary phosphine boranes

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A number of hydride reagents were assessed in the transformation of chlorophosphine boranes to secondary phosphine boranes.

**a**:  $R^1 = R^2 = Ph$  **b**:  $R^1 = tert$ -butyl,  $R^2 = Ph$ **c**:  $R^1 = o$ -anisyl,  $R^2 = Ph$ 

### Solid-phase approach to the synthesis of cyclen scaffolds from cyclotetrapeptides

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A cyclen derivative was synthesized by on-resin reduction of a side-chain anchored head-to-tail cyclotetrapeptide.

## Efficient one-step synthesis of 2-hydroxy and 2-aminoglycals from selenoglycosides

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ROWN SePh 
$$Ti(OiPr)_4$$
,  $^tBuOOH$  ROWN  $OR/NR_2$   $OR/NR_2$   $OOR/NR_2$   $OOR/N$   $OOR/N$ 

### Synthesis of 4,4-bis(2-hydroperoxyalkyl)pyrazolidine-3,5-diones using manganese(III)-catalyzed autoxidation

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#### A concise route to the right wing of ciguatoxin

Tetrahedron Letters 44 (2003) 5229

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### The first synthesis of $(\pm)$ -brevione B, an allelopathic agent isolated from *Penicillium* sp.

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### Highly efficient synthesis of buflavine: a unique Amaryllidaceae alkaloid

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### The first total synthesis of the novel triquinane natural products pleurotellol and pleurotellic acid

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$$H_3C$$
  $CH_3$   $OH$ 

### 1-Fluoropyridinium triflates: versatile reagents for transformation of thioglycoside into *O*-glycoside, glycosyl azide and sulfoxide

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POOP SEt P=Bn, Bz Nucleophile: ROH, TMSN<sub>3</sub> or H<sub>2</sub>O 
$$X = R^4 = R^6 = Me$$
 POOP  $X = R^6 =$ 

## Utility of tetrathiomolybdate and tetraselenotungstate: efficient synthesis of cystine, selenocystine, and their higher homologues

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Efficient synthesis of cystine, selenocystine, and their higher homologues like homo and bishomo amino acid derivatives from natural amino acids using tetrathiomolybdate and tetraselenotungstate reagents under mild and neutral conditions is reported. The generality of the reaction has been studied by capping various groups to amino and carboxyl components of canonical amino acids.

#### New functionalised ditertiary phosphines via phosphorus based Mannich condensation reactions

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$$NH_2$$
 2 Ph<sub>2</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>OH solvent, reflux  $X = \text{various functional groups}$ 

### Efficient strategy for convergent synthesis of *trans*-fused polycyclic ethers based on an intramolecular SmI<sub>2</sub>-promoted cyclization of iodo ester

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### N-Bromosuccinimide-dimercaptoethane cobromination of alkenes: synthesis of β,β'-dibromodithioethers

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β,β'-Dibromodithioethers are formed by cobromination of olefins with NBS and dimercaptoethane.

R + 
$$\frac{NBS}{SH SH}$$
  $\frac{NBS}{Et_2O, 0^{\circ}C}$   $\frac{1}{R}$   $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{R}$   $\frac{1}{R}$ 

### Synthesis of a novel bridged nucleoside bearing a fused-azetidine ring, 3'-amino-3',4'-BNA monomer

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Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Osaka University, 1-6 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871, Japan A novel bridged nucleoside, 3'-amino-3'-deoxy-5-methyl-3'-N,4'-C-methyleneuridine, was successfully synthesized via an effective azetidine ring formation under Staudinger's conditions.

### A facile synthesis of 3-aryl pyroglutamic acid. Facile synthesis of baclofen and chlorpheg

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Base-induced coupling/cyclization stepwise [3+2] annulation of  $\alpha$ -sulfonylacetamide with various  $\beta$ -functional groups of (Z)-2-bromoacrylates yielded three contiguous chiral centers on the polysubstituted pyroglutamates system with trans-trans orientation in a one-pot synthesis. This facile strategy was used to synthesize amino acid derivatives baclofen and chlorpheg.

$$\begin{array}{c} CI \\ O \\ HO_2C \\ HCI-H_2N \end{array} \xrightarrow{Tol-S} \begin{array}{c} CI \\ O \\ N \\ Bn \end{array} \xrightarrow{Tol-S} \begin{array}{c} CI \\ O \\ NH \\ Bn \end{array} \xrightarrow{Br} \begin{array}{c} Br \\ CO_2Et \\ Bn \end{array}$$

### LiClO<sub>4</sub>-catalyzed highly diastereoselective synthesis of *cis*-aziridine carboxylates

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### A new synthesis of 1,3-thiazines and their transformation into 1-substituted-6-alkyluracils by extrusion of carbonyl sulfide

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#### A concise route to phytosphingosine from lyxose

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## A stereoselective aldol reaction via diisopinocampheyl boron-enolate in preparation of chromane carboxylate with quaternary carbon

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## A concise and general methodology for the complete asymmetric synthesis of the orthogonally protected 2-amino-1,3,4-butanetriols (ABTs)

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# The formation of open-chain thioesters in the reaction of 2-lithio-2-methyl- and 2-lithio-2-phenyl-1,3-dithiane with chlorodiphenylphosphane followed by oxidation

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1-Li, 
$$R = CH_3$$
  
4-Li,  $R = C_6H_5$   
1. CIPPh<sub>2</sub>  
2. < O > SCR  
SPPh<sub>2</sub>  
0  
3,  $R = CH_3$   
6,  $R = C_6H_5$ 

### Novel Ca<sup>2+</sup>-selective merocyanine-type chromoionophore derived from calix[4]arene-diamide

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The merocyanine-type ionophore derived from calix[4]arene-diamide showed selective chromogenic properties toward Ca<sup>2+</sup> ions in aqueous MeOH. The compound showed significant Ca<sup>2+</sup> ion dependent changes in UV-vis spectral properties in the presence of physiologically important metal ions (Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, and Mg<sup>2+</sup>).

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### Preparation of differentially 1,3-disubstituted indolines by intramolecular carbolithiation

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Br 
$$\frac{3 t \cdot \text{BuLi}}{\text{Et}_2 \text{O}, -78 °C}$$
  $\frac{\text{TMEDA}}{\text{warm}}$   $\frac{1. \text{E}_1^+}{2. \text{E}_2^+}$ 

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#### Efficient approach for the diversity-oriented synthesis of macroheterocycles on solid-support

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#### A novel stereocontrolled synthesis of enantiopure bicyclic lactams

Tetrahedron Letters 44 (2003) 5311

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### Diastereoselective diallylation of various butane-2,3-diacetals by allylsilane

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Butane-2,3-diacetals have been treated with allylsilane to afford bis-allyldioxanes as single diastereoisomers.

#### Solid-phase synthesis: a linker for side-chain anchoring of arginine

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A new linker based on a chroman system is decribed for the side-chain anchoring of Arg and other guanidine-containing molecules. The system is compatible with the Fmoc/tBu solid-phase strategy, because the release of the final product is achieved by treatment with TFA in the presence of scavengers.

## Unusual reductive cleavage of 3-aryl-2,3-epoxyamides by using samarium diiodide. Synthesis of 3-aryl-3-deuterio-2-hydroxyamides with total regioselectivity

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## 1,3-Cycloaddition of nitrile oxides in ionic liquids. An easier route to 3-carboxy isoxazolines, potential constrained glutamic acid analogues

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HO N COOEt 
$$R_2$$
  $R_1$   $R_2$  COOEt  $R_1$   $R_2$   $R_2$   $R_3$   $R_4$   $R_4$   $R_5$   $R_6$   $R_7$   $R_8$   $R_8$   $R_8$   $R_9$   $R_9$ 

### Novel intramolecular cyclization of N-alkynyl heterocycles containing proximate nucleophiles

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Intramolecular cyclization of 2-acyl-1-propargyl-1*H*-indoles in the presence of ammonia provides an easy entry to pyrazino[1,2-*a*]indole nucleus.

#### Efficient nitrogen transfer from aldehyde-derived N-acyloxaziridines

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### Improved procedure for cyclization of vinyl azides into 3-substituted-2*H*-azirines

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R= Aryl, alkyl, BnOCO, chiral auxiliary-CO

## Solvent-free Friedel-Crafts acylation of aromatic compounds with carboxylic acids in the presence of trifluoroacetic anhydride and aluminum dodecatungstophosphate

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$$X$$
 +  $R$  OH  $AIPW_{12}O_{40}$  (0.03 mmol)  $X$  TFAA (1.4 mmol) neat, rt.

### Enantioselective phenylacetylene addition to aldehydes induced by *Cinchona* alkaloids

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ArCHO + Ph 
$$\stackrel{\textstyle \longleftarrow}{=}$$
 Cinchonidine, Et<sub>2</sub>Zn,  $\stackrel{\textstyle \text{OH}}{=}$   $\stackrel{\textstyle \leftarrow}{=}$   $\stackrel{\textstyle \text{Cinchonidine}}{=}$   $\stackrel{\textstyle \text{Cinchonidine}}$ 

### Influence of ionic liquids on the phase transfer-catalysed enantioselective Michael reaction

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#### Enantioselective synthesis of 3-substituted-4-aryl piperidines useful for the preparation of paroxetine

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Stereoselective preparation of paroxetine via an asymmetric conjugate addition reaction.

2, R=chiral auxiliary

**Paroxetine** 

#### An efficient synthesis of chalcones based on the Suzuki reaction

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#### Positional isomerization of quinine and quinidine via rhodium on alumina catalysis: practical one-step synthesis of $\Delta^{3,10}$ -isoquinine and $\Delta^{3,10}$ -isoquinidine

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5% Rh/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  $5Z : R^1 = CH_3, R^2 = H; 5E : R^1 = H, R^2 = CH_3.$  $6Z:R^1 = CH_2$ ,  $R^2 = H$ ;  $6E:R^1 = H$ ,  $R^2 = CH_2$ 

1(9R): R = OCH<sub>3</sub> quinine; 2(9R): R = H, cinchonine. 3(9S): R = OCH<sub>3</sub>, quinidine; 4(9S): R = H, cinchonidine.