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$$R = Br, I$$

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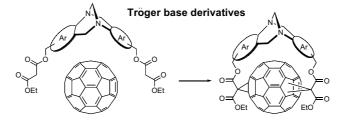
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$$R$$
 + ArSK +  $R$   $Cat. Pt(PPh_3)_4$   $R$   $R$ 

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$$\begin{array}{c} R \\ N_2 \\ N_3 \\ N_4 \\ N_4 \\ N_5 \\ N_6 \\ N$$



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RXH 
$$\xrightarrow{\text{MeCOCl, neat or CH}_2\text{Cl}_2}$$
 RXCOMe ZrOCl<sub>2</sub>.8H<sub>2</sub>O (0.1-0.5 mol%)

X=O/NH/S; R=aliphatic/aromatic

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$$O = Hg^{24}$$

$$(H_3C)_2N$$

A new fluorescent chemosensor for  $Hg^{2+}$  based on a dansyl amide-armed calix[4]-aza-crown was reported. It exhibits high sensitivity and selectivity toward  $Hg^{2+}$  over a wide range of metal ions in MeCN– $H_2O$  (4:1, v/v).

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