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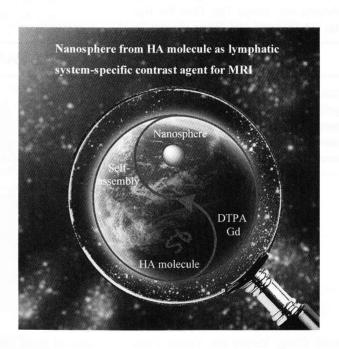
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## **COVER PICTURE**

The cover picture shows the synthesis of hyaluronic acid gadolinium complex (HA-Gd-DTPA) nanosphere from natural hyaluronic acid molecule through complexation and assembly. The nanosphere, as a novel magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) contrast agent, is specially used to the examination and diagnosis of the lymphatic system disease because the hyaluronic acid is a highly promising lymphatic targeting carrier. More details are discussed in the article by Zhu *et al.* on page 1153—1158.



## COMMUNICATIONS

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Highly Enantioselective Intramolecular Morita-Baylis-Hillman Reaction Catalyzed by Mannose-Based Thiourea-phosphine

Weihong Yang, Kui Yuan, Hongliang Song, Feng Sha, Xinyan Wu\* Chiral bifunctional thiourea-phosphine derived from D-mannose was developed as highly efficient organocatalyst for the enantioselective intramolecular Morita-Baylis-Hillman reaction of  $\omega$ -formyl-enones.

## CONTENT

**AgOTf-Catalyzed Tandem Reaction of** Oxabenzonorbornadienes with Arylacetylenes

Yongyun Zhou, Shanshan Liu, Hualei Chen, Jingchao Chen, Weiging Sun, Sifeng Li, Qingjing Yang, Baomin Fan\*

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A tandem isomerization/hydroarylation reaction of oxabenzonorbornadienes and arylacetylenes was realized by using AgOTf as catalyst. 1,1-Diarylethylenes could be easily generated as products in moderate to good yields in this tandem reaction.

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Pd-Catalyzed Synthesis of α-Aryl Vinylphosphonates via Suzuki Arylation of α-Phosphonovinyl Nonaflates

Meijuan Yuan, Yewen Fang,\* Li Zhang, Xiaoping Jin,\* Minjia Tao, Qilin Ye, Ruifeng Li,\* Jinjian Li, Hui Zheng, Juejun Gu

## **FULL PAPERS**

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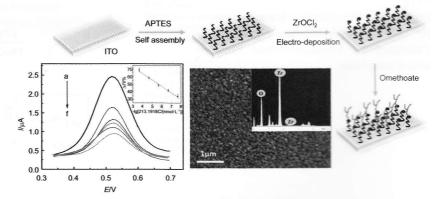
Synthesis and Biological Activity of Novel Furan/Thiophene and Piperazine-Containing (Bis)1,2,4-triazole **Mannich Bases** 

Baolei Wang, Yanxia Shi, Yizhou Zhan, Liyuan Zhang, Yan Zhang, Lizhong Wang, Xiao Zhang, Yonghong Li, Zhengming Li,\* Baoju Li\*

A series of novel (bis)1,2,4-triazole Mannich bases containing furan/thiophene and piperazine moieties were synthesized and characterized by melting point, organic spectroscopy and elemental analysis. The fungicidal activity, herbicidal activity, KARI inhibitory activity and insecticidal activity of new compounds were investigated.

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A Highly Efficient ZrO<sub>2</sub> Nanoparticle **Based Electrochemical Sensor for the Detection of Organophosphorus Pes**ticides



Haibo Wang, Yingchun Su, Hojong Kim, Daming Yong, Lei Wang, Xiaojun Han\*

Due to the strong affinity of ZrO<sub>2</sub> with the phosphoric group, a sensitive electrochemical method for the detection of organophosphate (OP) compounds was developed based on zirconia (ZrO<sub>2</sub>) nanoparticles modified electrode.

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Multiple-Stimuli Responsive Luminescent Gels Based on Cholesterol Containing Benzothiadiazole Fluorophores

Huibin Sun, Shujuan Liu, Qiang Zhao,\* Wei Huang\*

Two new fluorescent organogelators based on cholesterol containing benzothiadiazole group have been designed and synthesized, both of which show multiple-stimuli responsive properties to solvent, temperature, ultrasound and Hg<sup>2+</sup>. And the self-assembly process and mechanism were studied via FT-IR, UV-vis absorption and PL spectra, and XRD.

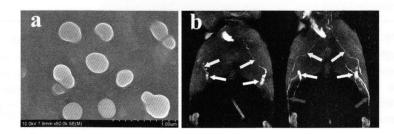
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First Synthesis and Characterization of Stereoisomers of Choleretic Drug Dihydroxydibutylether

Qiming Yue, Yi Zhao, Baohou Sun, Li Hai, Li Guo\*, Yong Wu\* The first synthesis of the four stereoisomers of **III** from readily available starting materials, methyl (R/S)-3-hydroxybutanoate, in 9 steps with overall yields of 13%—17% was reported. This study will provide an access to developing new drugs.

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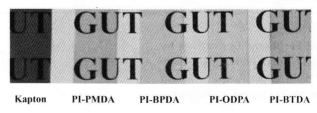
Hyaluronic Acid-Gadolinium Complex Nanospheres as Lymphatic System-Specific Contrast Agent for Magnetic Resonance Imaging

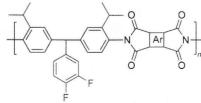


Guangyu Wu, Huajuan Zhang, Qing Lu, Jiejun Cheng, Jianrong Xu,\* Jun Zhu\* A novel MRI contrast agent, hyaluronic acid gadolinium complex (HA-Gd-DTPA) nanospheres, was prepared by the synthesis of hyaluronic acid gadolinium complexes and their assembly, which showed obviously higher relaxation effectiveness and MRI contrast between blood vessel and lymph vessel in rabbit than that of Magnevist.

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Synthesis and Characterization of Fluorinated Polyimide Derived from 3,3'-Diisopropyl-4,4'-diaminodiphenyl-3",4"-difluorophenylmethane





Xiaohua Huang,\* Mei Mei, Chanjuan Liu, Xianglin Pei, Chun Wei A series of organosoluble, optical transparent and low dielectric constant fluorinated polyimides were designed and synthesized from a novel diamine PAFM and various aromatic dianhydrides.

## CONTENT

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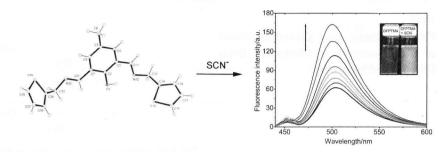
Bromine/para-Toluenesulfonic Acid-Catalyzed Synthesis of 3,3-Bis(indole-3-yl)indoline-2-(1*H*)-ones by Condensing Indoles with Isatins

$$R^{1} \stackrel{\text{II}}{=} N + R^{3} \stackrel{\text{II}}{=} N$$

Wenzhong Huang, Lingli Nang, Xiangguang Li, Lin Yuan, Yinhai Ma, Deqiang Liang\* Though elemental bromine is by no means considered to be a green reagent, the curious bromine effect would inspire more inquires into, say, the application of  $Br_2$  as a novel catalyst in organic chemistry. Herein, an example is presented, and under the catalysis of only 3 mol% of  $Br_2$  at room temperature, indoles reacted rapidly with isatins to form biologically important 3,3-bis(indole-3-yl)indoline-2-(1H)-ones with high efficiency and wide substrate scope.

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Visible Light Excitable SCN⁻ Selective Fluorescence Probe Derived from Thiophene



Sudipta Das, Sisir Lohar, Jesús Sanmartín Matalobos,\* Debasis Das\*

Crystallographically characterized thiophene derived turn-on fluorescence probe (DFPTMA) selectively binds SCN $^-$  with a binding constant ( $K_a$ ) of  $1.32\times10^4$  L/mol and detection limit of  $0.88~\mu mol/L$ , well below the acceptable level for SCN $^-$  in human blood and milk.

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Synthesis of Dispirocyclopentyl-3,3'-bisoxindoles via Domino Cycloaddition Reactions of 4-Dimethylamino-pyridinium Bromides with 3-Phenacylideneoxindoles

The base mediated domino cycloaddition reactions of 4-dimethylaminopyridinium bromides with two molecular 3-phenacylideneoxindoles afforded functionalized dispirocyclopentyl-3,3'-bisoxindoles in good yields and with high diastereoselectivity.

Lijuan Lu, Chaoguo Yan\*

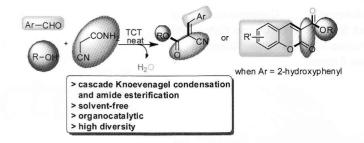
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Synthesis of Terphenyl Derivatives by Pd-Catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura Reaction of Dibromobenzene Using 2N2O-Salen as a Ligand in Aqueous Solution

Ningning Gu, Yashuai Liu, Ping Liu,\* Xiaowei Ma, Liu Yan,\* Bin Dai Terphenyl derivatives were synthesized by  $Na_2PdCl_4$  catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura reactions of dibromobenzenes and arylboronic acids by using 2N2O-salen as a ligand in  $H_2O/EtOH$ .

#### 1194

Direct Three-Component Synthesis of  $\alpha$ -Cyano Acrylates Involving Cascade Knoevenagel Reaction and Esterification

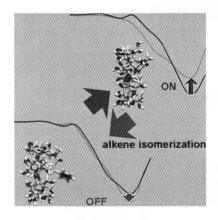


Yanfeng Jing, Jiaojiao Meng, Yunyun Liu,\* Jie-Ping Wan\*

In the presence of TCT organocatalyst, the direct syntheses of alkyl acrylates and chromenones have been realized via three-component reactions of aryl aldehydes, alcohols and cyano acetamide.

#### 1199

Deciphering the Mechanism Involved in the Switch On/Off of Molecular Pistons



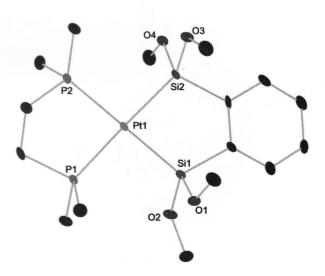
Peng Liu, Xueguang Shao, Wensheng Cai\*

The mechanism underlying the switch on/off of the operation of the molecular piston was revealed. The *cis-trans* isomerization of the alkene bond integrated within the derivatives of the cyclodextrin controls the work generated by the piston.

## **NOTES**

#### 1206

Synthesis, Structural Characterization and Reactivity of a Bis(phosphine)-(silyl) Platinum(II) Complex



Yonghua Li,\* Wenjin Zeng, Wenyong Lai, Shigeru Shimada, Shi Wang, Lianhui Wang, Wei Huang\* Treatment of  $1,2-C_6H_4(SiH_3)(SiH_3)$  (1) with  $Pt(dmpe)(PEt_3)_2$  (dmpe= $Me_2PCH_2CH_2PMe_2$ ) in the ratio of 1:1 leads to the complex  $\{1,2-C_6H_4(SiH_2)(SiH_2)\}$ - $Pt^{II}(dmpe)$  (2), which can react with proton organic reagent bearing hydroxy group with low steric hindrance to form a tetra-alkoxy substituted silyl platinum(II) compound (3).

# CONTENT

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N-Heterocyclic Carbene-Catalysed Direct Synthesis of Cyano Esters via Cyanation-Esterification Reaction of  $\alpha$ -Keto Esters

$$R$$
  $CN$   $+$   $R^1$   $CO_2R^2$ 

NHC 4 (10 mol%)

NHC 4: IPr

solvent, r.t.

NC O R  $R^{1} CO_{2}R^{2}$ 

43% - 94% yield 23 examples

 $R^2 = Et$ , Me

Jie Zhang, Ying Wang, Guangfen Du, Cheng-Zhi Gu,\* Bin Dai