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# **Chemistry Author Up Close**

93 Metallaaromatics Containing Main-group Heteroatoms

Metallaaromatics containing main-group atoms

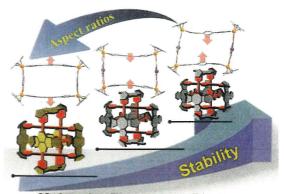
This personal account summarizes the work of Xia group on the chemistry of metalla-aromatics containing main-group heteroatoms.

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## **Breaking Report**

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Highly Stable Molecular Borromean Rings



## Molecular Borromean Rings

A series of Cp\*Rh-based molecular Borromean rings (BRs) are prepared from naphthazarine or metallaligand. Smaller aspect ratios of the metallarectangles could promote improved stability and yields of the BRs in solution. Increasing the width of ligand hinders the formation of BRs and leads to unoccupied monomeric rectangles, which were further used as catalysts for the acyl transfer reaction between *N*-acetylimidazole and (4-(pyridin-4-yl)phenyl)methanol.

Ye Lu, Yuejian Lin, Zhenhua Li, Guoxin Jin\*

## **Comprehensive Reports**

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Palladium-catalyzed Cyclization Reaction of o-Haloanilines, CO<sub>2</sub> and Isocyanides: Access to Quinazoline-2,4(1H,3H)-diones

Wen-Zhen Zhang,\* Honglin Li, Yang Zeng, Xueyan Tao, Xiaobing Lu A palladium-catalyzed cyclization reaction of o-haloanilines,  $CO_2$  and isocyanides to prepare N3-substituted quinazoline-2,4(1H,3H)-diones in good yields is described.

A BODIPY-based Fluorescent Probe for Thiophenol Thiophenol

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Strong grange fluorescence 585 nm

Dongxiang Zhang, Ning Xu, Liman Xian, Haoying Ge, Jiangli Fan, Jianjun Du, Xiaojun Peng\* A fluorescent probe, BDP, for thiophenol detection shows high selectivity, fast response, high sensitivity and excellent stability, might be applied to identification of thiophenol in cells and water samples, and has potential applications in the fields of chemistry, environment and biology.

#### **Concise Reports**

124 Cipaferoids A-C, Three Limonoids Represent Two Different Scaffolds from Cipadessa baccifera

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Three limonoids with two different scaffolds were isolated from *Cipadessa baccifera*. Cipaferoid A (1) incorporates a seven-membered lactone ring formed between C-7 and C-11, while cipaferoids B (2) and C (3) feature an exceptional A<sub>1</sub>-ring of tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran furnished via a 6,9-ether bridge. 2 and 3 exhibited antimalarial activity.

129 Design, Synthesis, Biological Evaluation and SARs of Novel N-Substituted Sulfoximines as Potential Ryanodine Receptor Modulators

Functionalization

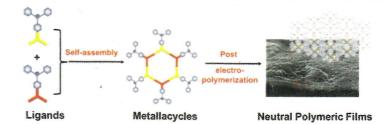
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Yongtao Xie, Sha Zhou, Yuxin Li, Shaa Zhou, Minggui Chen, Baolei Wang, Lixia Xiong, Na Yang, Zhengming Li\*

The novel series of N-substituted sulfoximines as potential ryanodine receptor modulators were reported.

134 Fabrication of Neutral Supramolecular Polymeric Films via Post-electropolymerization of Discrete Metallacycles

Guangqiang Yin, Lijun Chen, Cuihong Wang,\* Haibo Yang\*



139 Dual Stereocontrol for Enantioselective Hydrogenation of Dihydroisoguinolines Induced by Tuning the Amount of N-Bromosuccinimide

Yue Ji, Jie Wang, Muwang Chen, Lei Shi,\* Yonggui Zhou\*

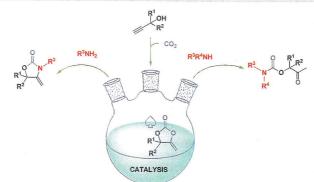
An efficient dual stereocontrol in iridium-catalyzed hydrogenation of 1-substituted 3,4-dihydroisoquinolines was realized by tuning the amount of N-bromosuccinimide using chiral ligand of single configuration. The dual activation role of N-bromosuccinimide is proposed to be responsible for the reversal of enantioselectivity under two hydrogenation conditions.

Nickel-Catalyzed Difluoromethylation of Arylboronic Acids with Bromodifluoromethane

An efficient method to access difluoromethylated arenes through a nickel-catalyzed difluoromethylation of arylboronic acids with BrCF2H has been described. The reaction exhibits high efficiency, good functional group tolerance and broad substrate scope, thus providing an efficient route for applications in drug discovery and development.

Xia-Ping Fu, Yu-Lan Xiao, Xingang Zhang\*

147 Upgrading CO2 by Incorporation into Urethanes through Silver-Catalyzed One-Pot Stepwise Amidation Reaction



One-pot two-step procedure fixation of CO2 for urethanes synthesis with unprecedented TON and TOF value through silver catalysis was described.

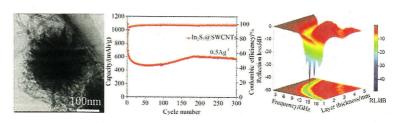
Qing-Wen Song, Ping Liu, Li-Hua Han, Kan Zhang,\* Liang-Nian He\*

Efficient P-Chiral Biaryl Bisphosphorus Ligands for Palladium-Catalyzed Asymmetric Hydrogenation

A series of structurally novel P-chiral biaryl bisphosphorus ligands BABIBOPs are developed, providing high ees and TONs for the first time in palladium-catalyzed asymmetric hydrogenation of  $\beta$ -aryl and  $\beta$ -alkyl substituted  $\beta$ -keto esters.

Wenhao Jiang, Qing Zhao, Wenjun Tang\*

Microwave Synthesized In2S3@CNTs with Excellent Properties in Lithium-Ion Battery and **Electromagnetic Wave Absorption** 



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The three-dimensional flower-like β-In<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> nanomaterials composited with carbon nanotubes have been synthesized. For LIBs applications, the  $In_2S_3@CNTs$  nanocomposite exhibited excellent cycling stability with a high reversible charge capacity of 575 mA·h·g $^{-1}$  after 300 cycles at 0.5 A·g $^{-1}$ . And for the electromagnetic wave absorption application, the nanocomposite displayed a maximum reflection loss of -42.75 dB at 11.96 GHz with a thickness of 1.55 mm.