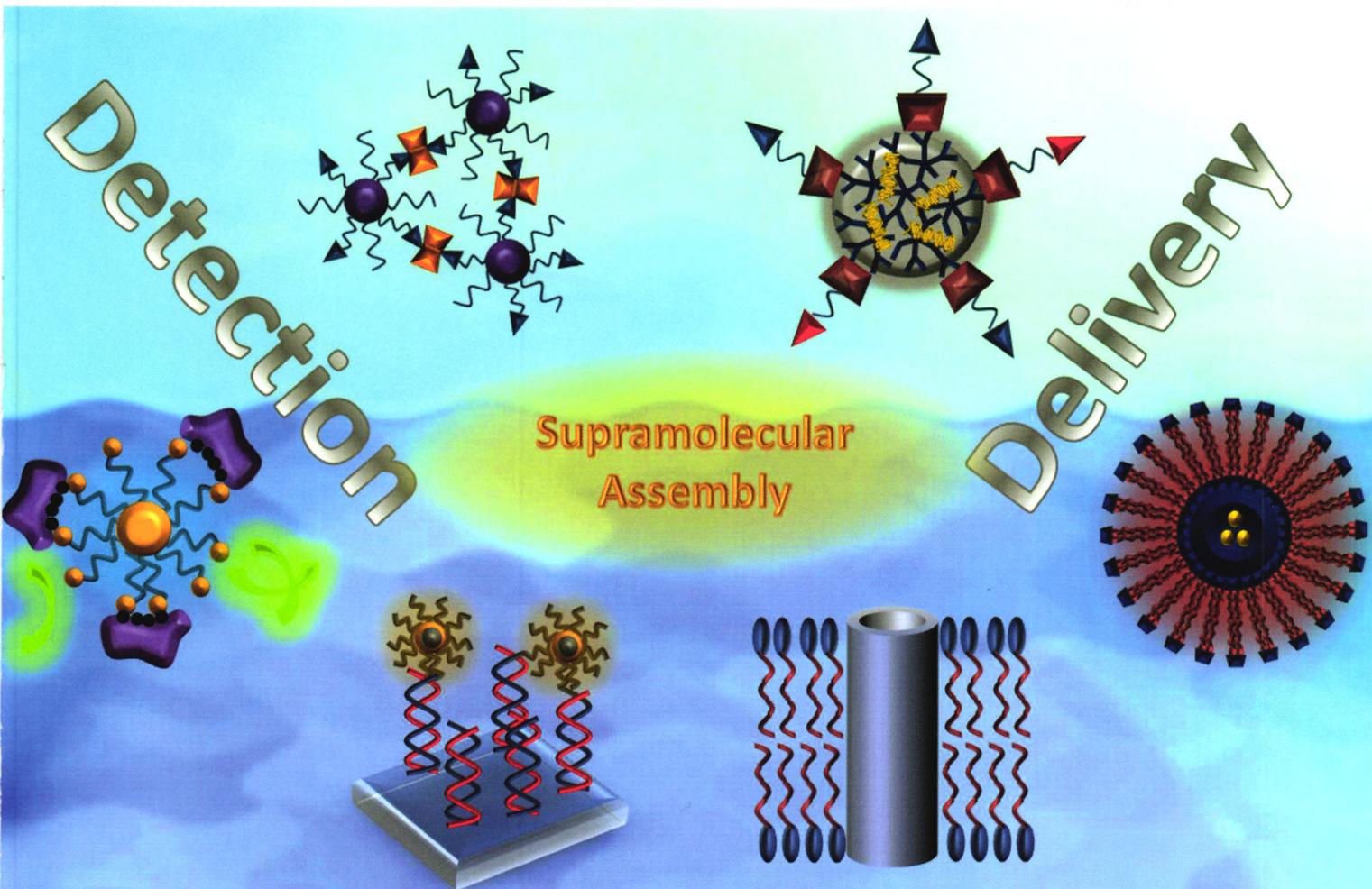


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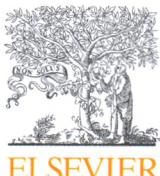
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## Review

**Recent advances in biocompatible supramolecular assemblies for biomolecular detection and delivery**

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With increasing development of biological technology, supramolecular chemistry has shown wide applications in the multidisciplinary fields of material and biomedical sciences. This review will focus on molecular structures of functional molecular building blocks and their assembled superstructures for biological detection and delivery.

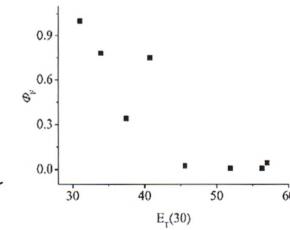
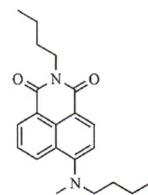
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## Original articles

**A 4-aminonaphthalimide based environmentally sensitive fluorescence probe**Zhi-Yong Wu<sup>a</sup>, Jing-Nan Cui<sup>a</sup>, Xu-Hong Qian<sup>b</sup>, Tian-Yu Liu<sup>a</sup><sup>a</sup>State Key Laboratory of Fine Chemicals, Dalian University of Technology, Dalian 116012, China<sup>b</sup>Shanghai Key Laboratory of Chemical Biology, East China University of Science and Technology, Shanghai 200237, China

A simply synthesized, small sized 4-aminonaphthalimide derivative exhibits diverse environmentally sensitive fluorescence spectra.



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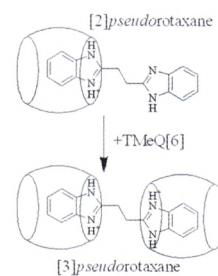
**Complexation of sym-bis(benzimidazole)-2,2'-ethylene salts with cucurbit[6]uril derivatives: A potential axle molecule for pseudorotaxanes**

Jun-Ming Yi, Xin-Long Ni, Xin Xiao, Li-Bing Lu, Sai-Feng Xue, Qian-Jiang Zhu, Zhu Tao

Key Laboratory of Macrocyclic and Supramolecular Chemistry of Guizhou Province, Guizhou University, Guiyang 550025, China

We described here is that sym-bis(benzimidazole)-2,2'-ethylene cations act as a new axle template for threading cucurbit[6]uril derivatives on, forming [2]pseudorotaxane and [3]pseudorotaxane.

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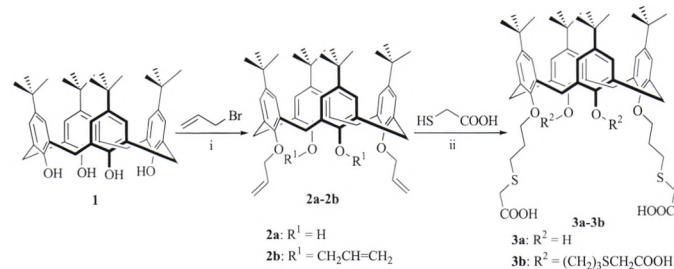
## Efficient synthesis of water-soluble calix[4]arenes via thiol-ene “click” chemistry

Hong Chen, Zhi-Long Zou, Shi-Liang Tan, Jia-Hai Bi, De-Mei Tian, Hai-Bing Li

*Key Laboratory of Pesticide and Chemical Biology (CCNU), Ministry of Education, College of Chemistry, Central China Normal University, Wuhan 430079, China*

Several water-soluble calix[4]arenes were synthesized via radical addition reaction between thiols and alkenes under UV lamp irradiation ( $\lambda = 365$  nm) in good yields. The structures of these compounds synthesized herein were fully confirmed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, ESI-MS and elemental analysis.

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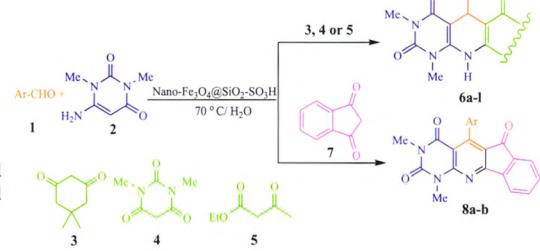
## Nano- $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ encapsulated-silica particles bearing sulfonic acid groups as a magnetically separable catalyst for green and efficient synthesis of functionalized pyrimido[4,5-*b*]quinolines and indeno fused pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidines in water

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The application of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$  as a nano-magnetic acid catalyst for synthesis of functionalized pyrimido[4,5-*b*]quinolines and indeno fused pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidines in an aqueous medium and mild reaction condition, has been reported.

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## Efficient photocatalytic properties of a dinuclear iron complex with bis[2-hydroxybenzaldehyde]hydrazone ligand

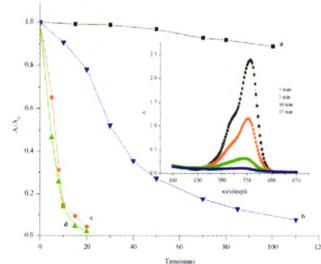
Jing-Wen Ran<sup>a</sup>, Shao-Wen Liu<sup>a</sup>, Peng Wu<sup>a</sup>, Jun Pei<sup>b</sup>

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A novel iron (III) complex has been prepared. It exhibits very high oxidation activities for the degradation of toxic organic pollutants at room temperature.

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## Multicomponent reactions for the synthesis of functionalized 1,4-oxathiane-3-thiones under microwave irradiation in water

Zinatossadat Hossaini<sup>a</sup>, Faramarz Rostami-Charati<sup>b</sup>, Samereh Seyfi<sup>a</sup>, Mehdi Ghambarian<sup>c</sup>

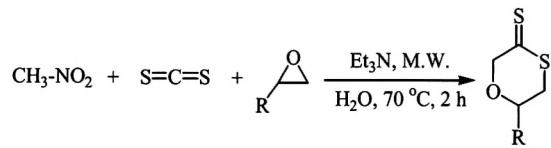
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A series of substituted 1,4-oxathiane-3-thione derivatives were synthesized via one-pot multicomponent reactions of oxiranes.

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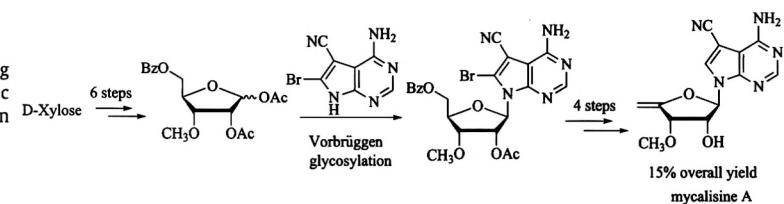
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## A total synthesis of mycalisine A

Yan-Hui Dou, Hai-Xin Ding, Ru-Chun Yang, Wei Li, Qiang Xiao

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In this paper, we report a total synthesis of a naturally occurring pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine nucleoside, mycalisine A. Our synthetic strategy uses D-xylose as the starting material and Vorbrüggen glycosylation as the key step.



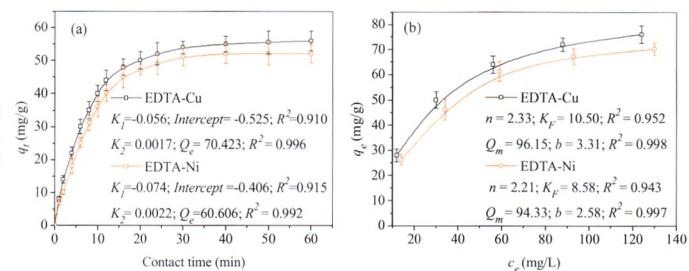
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## Preparation of new spongy adsorbent for removal of EDTA-Cu(II) and EDTA-Ni(II) from water

Xin Yang, Jin-Nan Wang, Cheng Cheng

State Key Laboratory of Pollution Control and Resource Reuse &amp; School of the Environment Nanjing University, Nanjing 210023, China

More than 85% of the equilibrium adsorption amount of EDTA-Cu(II) and EDTA-Ni(II) occurred within the initial 30 min. The monolayer saturation adsorption capacities of PU-DTC for EDTA-Cu(II) and EDTA-Ni(II) were up to 96.15 mg/g and 94.33 mg/g, respectively.

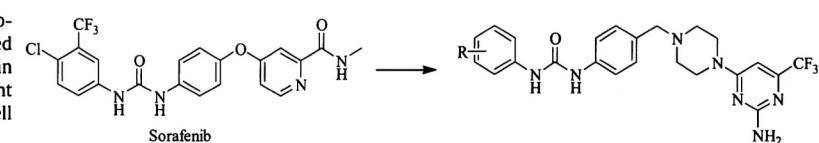


## Synthesis and *in vitro* antitumor activity of novel diaryl urea derivatives

Yan-Fang Zhao, Zi-Jian Liu, Xin Zhai, Dan-Dan Ge, Qiang Huang, Ping Gong

Key Lab of New Drugs Design and Discovery of Liaoning Province, School of Pharmaceutical Engineering, Shenyang Pharmaceutical University, Shenyang 110016, China

A series of novel diaryl ureas containing 4-[(2-amino-6-trifluoromethyl)pyrimidine-4-yl]piperazine-1-yl group were synthesized and evaluated for their cytotoxic activities in a panel of human cancer cell lines. Among them, compound **2p** demonstrated significant inhibitory activities against MDA-MB-231, HT-29 and MCF-7 cell lines with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.016, 0.63, 0.001 μmol/L, respectively.

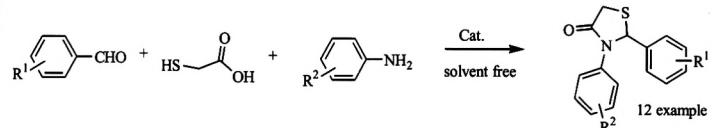


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## One-pot synthesis of 1,3-thiazolidin-4-one using Bi(SCH<sub>2</sub>COOH)<sub>3</sub> as catalyst

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A catalytic multi-component reaction involving aromatic amine, aromatic aldehydes, mercapto acid as substrates and Bi(SCH<sub>2</sub>COOH)<sub>3</sub> as catalyst under solvent free conditions afforded thiazolidin-4-one in good yields.



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## Synthesis of novel copolymer: Poly(*p*-dioxanone-co-L-phenylalanine)

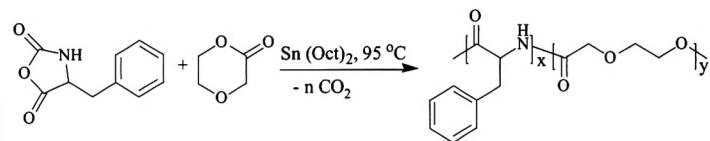
Bing Wang<sup>a,b</sup>, Chi Ma<sup>a,b</sup>, Zuo-Chun Xiong<sup>a</sup>, Cheng-Dong Xiong<sup>a</sup>, Quan-Hua Zhou<sup>c</sup>, Dong-Liang Chen<sup>a</sup>

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A novel copolymer composed of *p*-dioxanone (PDO) and L-phenylalanine (L-Phe) was synthesized successfully by one-step, melted copolymerization of PDO and L-phenylalanine N-carboxyanhydride. The mechanism of the copolymerization was investigated and confirmed by FTIR and <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



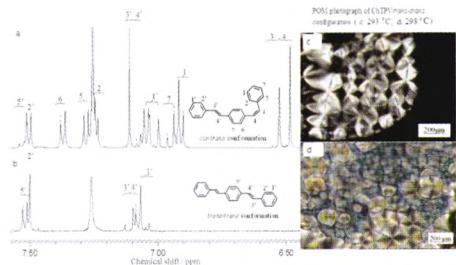
## Effects of molecular configuration of a chiral trimeric phenylene vinylene on its liquid crystalline properties

Ping Yu, Zhen-Lin Zhang, Lei Wang, Chun-Luan Liu, Shi-Min Liu, Hai-Quan Zhang

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Chiral trimeric phenylene vinylene derivatives (ChTPV) with *trans-cis* and *trans-trans* configurations were obtained using a Wittig coupling reaction following by refluxing in toluene with iodine as a catalyst. Two isomers of ChTPV showed different thermal properties, and the ChTPV with a *trans-trans* configuration showed the typical liquid-crystalline texture of the smectic A in the heating process.

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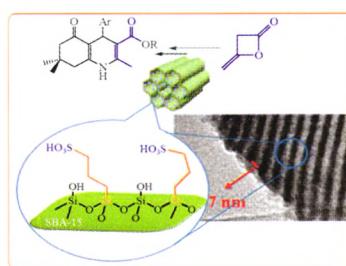
## The SBA-15/SO<sub>3</sub>H nanoreactor as a highly efficient and reusable catalyst for diketene-based, four-component synthesis of polyhydroquinolines and dihydropyridines under neat conditions

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A single-step, diketene ring-opening synthesis of polyhydroquinoline derivatives using SBA-15 sulfonic acid modified porous nanoreactor is reported.

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## Silicon-mediated highly efficient synthesis of 1,8-dioxo-octahydroxanthenes and their transformation to novel functionalized pyrano-tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]azepine derivatives

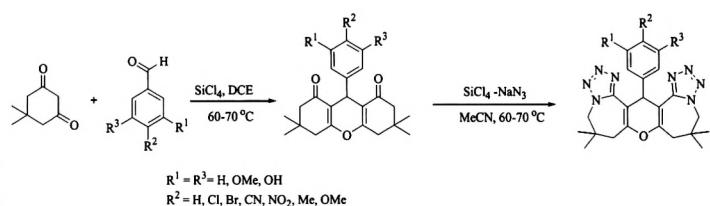
Hanan A. Soliman<sup>a</sup>, Tarek A. Salama<sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Photochemistry Department, National Research Center, Dokki, Cairo 12622, Egypt

<sup>b</sup>Chemistry Department, Faculty of Science, Mansoura University, Mansoura 35516, Egypt

A facile and highly efficient protocol for the synthesis of 1,8-dioxo-octahydroxanthenes has been achieved utilizing SiCl<sub>4</sub> as catalyst under mild conditions. Reaction of the titled compounds with SiCl<sub>4</sub>-NaN<sub>3</sub> giving novel functionalized pyrano[3,2-*c*]tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]azepine derivatives has also been described.

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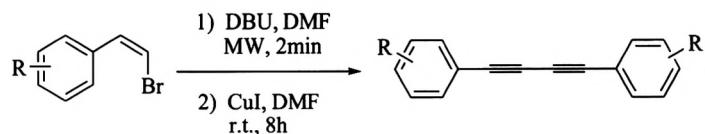


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## Synthesis of symmetrical 1,3-diyne s via tandem reaction of (Z)-arylviny bromides in the presence of DBU and CuI

Wen-Sheng Zhang<sup>a</sup>, Wen-Jing Xu<sup>a</sup>, Fei Zhang<sup>b</sup>, Gui-Rong Qu<sup>c</sup><sup>a</sup>School of Science, Jiaozuo Teachers' College, Jiaozuo 450001, China<sup>b</sup>Jiaozuo Vocational Education Center, Jiaozuo 450001, China<sup>c</sup>College of Chemical and Environmental Engineering, Henan Normal University, Xinxiang 453007, China

Synthesis of symmetrical 1,3-diyne s from (Z)-arylviny bromides.

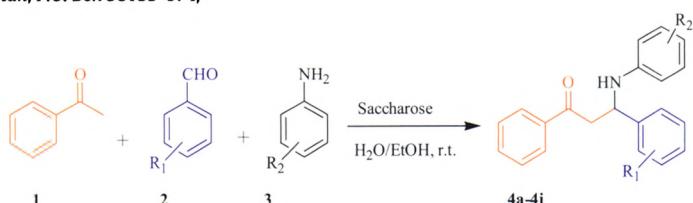


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## Entirely green protocol for the synthesis of $\beta$ -aminoketones using saccharose as a homogenous catalyst

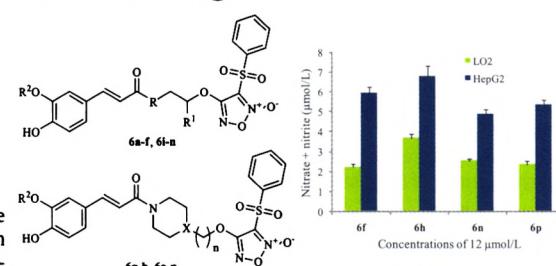
Mir Rasul Mousavi, Nourallah Hazeri, Malek Taher Maghsoudlou, Sajjad Salahi, Sayyed Mostafa Habibi-Khorassani

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Saccharose was applied as an efficient and homogenous catalyst for a one-pot, three-component Mannich reaction for the formation of  $\beta$ -aminoketones from aromatic aldehydes, anilines, and acetophenone at ambient temperature in excellent yields.

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## Synthesis and *in vitro* biological evaluation of nitric oxide-releasing derivatives of hydroxylcinnamic acids as anti-tumor agents

Ming-Dong Lu<sup>a</sup>, Xiao Zhou<sup>b</sup>, Yao-Jun Yu<sup>a</sup>, Pi-Hong Li<sup>a</sup>, Wei-Jian Sun<sup>a</sup>, Cheng-Guang Zhao<sup>c</sup>, Zhi-Qiang Zheng<sup>a</sup>, Tao You<sup>a</sup>, Fei-Hai Wang<sup>a</sup><sup>a</sup>Department of General Surgery, The Second Affiliated Hospital, Wenzhou Medical College, Wenzhou 325035, China<sup>b</sup>Department of Gynaecology and Obstetrics, The Second Affiliated Hospital, Wenzhou Medical College, Wenzhou 325035, China<sup>c</sup>School of Pharmacy, Wenzhou Medical College, Wenzhou 325035, ChinaNovel furoxan-based nitric oxide-releasing derivatives **6a–p** of hydroxylcinnamic acids displayed more potent anti-tumor activities which were associated with high concentration of NO production in cancer cells and potentially synergistic effect of NO donor moieties and the bioactivity of hydroxylcinnamic acids.

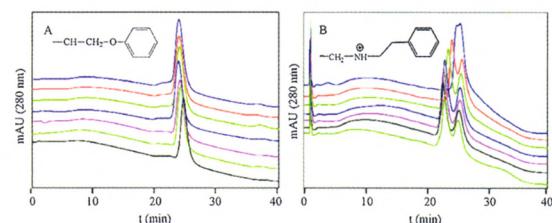
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## Resolution enhancement in hydrophobic interaction chromatography via electrostatic interactions

Dong Gao, Fu-Chun Tan, Wen-Peng Wang, Li-Li Wang

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For a mixture of two proteins with similar hydrophobicity, the resolution of traditional hydrophobic interaction chromatography can be enhanced via electrostatic interactions.



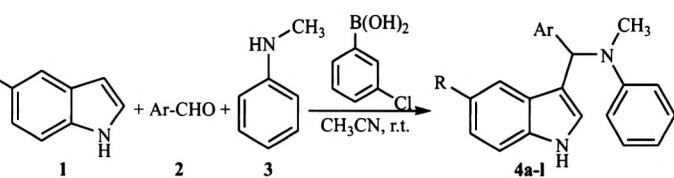
## A convenient one-pot three component synthesis of 3-amino-alkylated indoles catalyzed by 3-chlorophenylboronic acid

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Santosh V. Goswami, Prashant. B. Thorat, Vijay N. Kadam, Sachin A. Khiste, Sudhakar R. Bhusare

Department of Chemistry, Dnyanopasak College, Parbhani 431 401, MS, India

An efficient protocol was developed for the synthesis of 3-aminoalkylated indoles using 3-chlorophenylboronic acid as a catalyst under ambient temperature conditions. The three-component reaction of indoles, aromatic aldehydes and *N*-methyl aniline offered corresponding 3-aminoalkylated indoles in excellent yields.

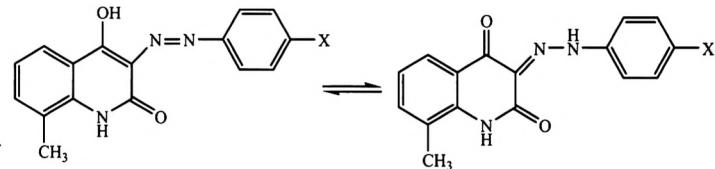


## Novel azo dyes derived from 8-methyl-4-hydroxyl-2-quino-lone: Synthesis, UV-vis studies and biological activity

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Some quinolone based azo disperse dyes were prepared and their solvatochromism and antibacterial activities were studied.

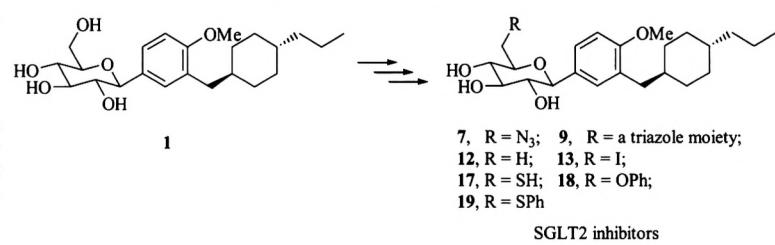


## Design, synthesis and biological activity of cyclohexane-bearing C-glucoside derivatives as SGLT2 inhibitors

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Shuo Zhang<sup>a,b</sup>, Yu-Li Wang<sup>b</sup>, Qun-Chao Wei<sup>b</sup>, Wei-Ren Xu<sup>b</sup>, Li-Da Tang<sup>b</sup>, Gui-Long Zhao<sup>b</sup>, Jian-Wu Wang<sup>a</sup><sup>a</sup>School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Shandong University, Jinan 250100, China<sup>b</sup>Tianjin Key Laboratory of Molecular Design and Drug Discovery, Tianjin Institute of Pharmaceutical Research, Tianjin 300193, China

Seven new SGLT2 inhibitors were designed and synthesized based on a potent SGLT2 inhibitor **1** discovered previously. *In vitro* and *in vivo* evaluations revealed that 6-deoxy derivative **12** was the most potent SGLT2 inhibitor and could induce more urinary glucose in UGE than parent compound **1** and even dapagliflozin.

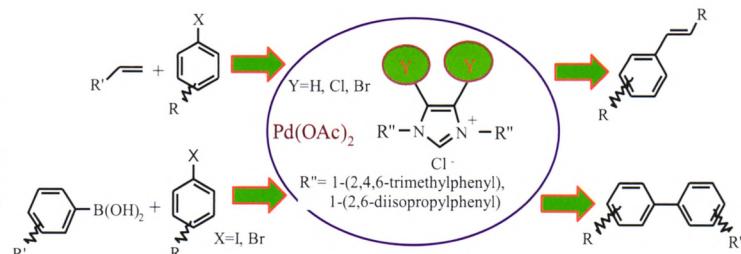


## Efficient imidazolium salts for palladium-catalyzed Mizoroki-Heck and Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reactions

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The system,  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2/\text{imidazolium salts}$  ( $\text{L}_2$ ), was found as an efficient catalyst in the Heck coupling reaction of olefins with aryl halides and Suzuki reaction of various aryl halides with aryl boronic acids under aerobic conditions.



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