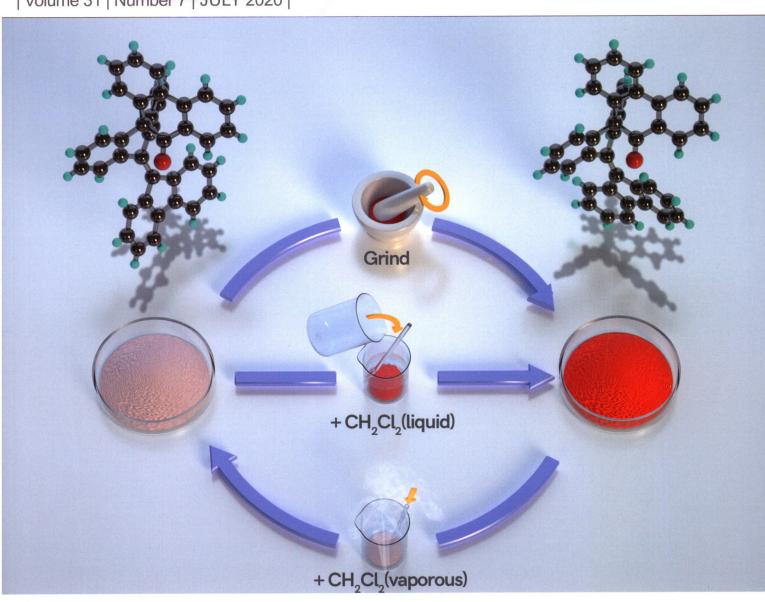




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### **Perspective**

### New techniques and strategies in drug discovery

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Great success has been witnessed in last decades, some new techniques and strategies have been widely used in drug discovery. In this roadmap, several representative techniques and strategies are highlighted to show recent advances in this filed.

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### **Reviews**

### Recent progress in tumor photodynamic immunotherapy

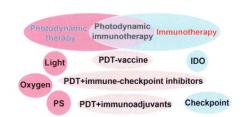
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Photodynamic immunotherapy is a promising research field which combines photodynamic therapy (PDT) with immunotherapy to achieve tumor ablation due to the generation of ROS and immune response. In this review, we summarize the recent progress of PDT, immunotherapy, and the combined application of them, which are expected to provide inspiration on the future prospect of photodynamic immunotherapy for profound therapeutic implications.

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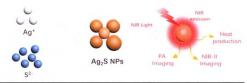
### Ag<sub>2</sub>S nanoparticles as an emerging single-component theranostic agent

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In this review, the synthesis methods and influencing factors of synthesize  $Ag_2S$  NPs with different sizes were compared firstly, and then the photothermal effect and fluorescence characteristics of  $Ag_2S$  NPs with different sizes were summarized. Finally, the possibilities and challenges of using  $Ag_2S$  NPs to construct theranostic agent were discussed in the end.

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### The application of biomacromolecules to improve oral absorption by enhanced intestinal permeability: A mini-review

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Recent advances of various biomacromolecules in enhancing oral delivery efficiency by promoting intestinal permeability are reviewed, and their respective mechanisms are summarized to guide the use of biomacromolecules in oral administration.

### Extracellular vesicles based electrochemical biosensors for detection of cancer cells: A review

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This article summaries studies proposing the electrochemical methods utilizing immunological and molecular methodologies for detecting EVs derived biomacromolecules such as miRNAs and transmembrane protein for cancer diagnosis. Moreover, the electrochemical detection methods are compared, and concludes future prospects for the development of electrochemical methods for EVs detection.

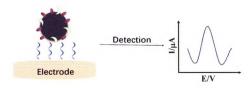
### A review of linear carbon chains

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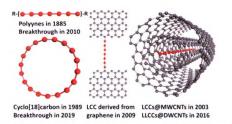
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Carbon chains stabilized in different ways are introduced and their progresses on synthesis, properties, as well as applications are reviewed from both theoretical and experimental aspects.

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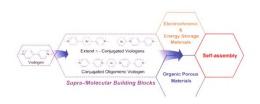
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## Viologen derivatives with extended $\pi$ -conjugation structures: From supra-/molecular building blocks to organic porous materials

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This review highlights the recent progresses in the development of viologen derivatives with extended  $\pi$ -conjugation structures, including their applications in electrochromic and energy storage materials, supramolecular self-assembly as well as organic porous materials.



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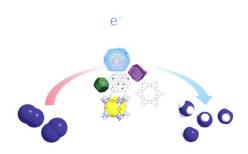
### The application of metal-organic frameworks in electrocatalytic nitrogen reduction

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Through three main strategies: i) MOFs as precursors of NRR catalysts, ii) MOFs as NRR catalysts and iii) MOF-based composites as NRR catalysts, MOF-based or MOF-derived NRR electrocatalysts were summarized.

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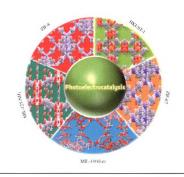
### A review on metal-organic frameworks for photoelectrocatalytic applications

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Herein, a comprehensive review on different MOFs for heterogeneous photoelectrocatalysis is carried out and, in particular, the application of this technique to  $CO_2$  conversion and water splitting is discussed. The challenges and development prospects of MOFs in photoelectrocatalysis are also presented.

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### **Communications**

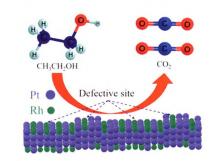
### Blocking the defect sites on ultrathin Pt nanowires with Rh atoms to optimize the reaction path toward alcohol fuel oxidation

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A new strategy has been developed to block the defect sites of the Pt NWs catalyst using Rh atoms, which can effectively adjust the structure of the defect sites, resulting in regulation of the catalytic activity and optimization of the reaction pathway.

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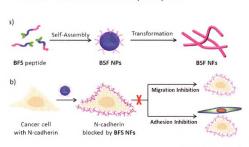
### Transformable peptide nanoparticles inhibit the migration of N-cadherin overexpressed cancer cells

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The transformable peptide BFS (BP-KLVFF-SWTLYTPSGQSK) can form nanoparticles in PBS, which can transform to nanofibers when targeting and binding to N-cadherin. The nanofibers inhibit the migration of N-cadherin overexpressed MDA-MB-436 cancer cells.

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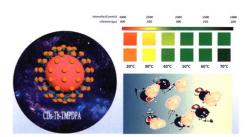
## Smart nanoprobe based on two-photon sensitized terbium-carbon dots for dual-mode fluorescence thermometer and antibacterial

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The temperature response nanoprobe based on terbium functionalized carbon dots (CDs) was designed to detect temperature by using fluorescence intensity ratio and fluorescence lifetime. Due to the excellent photothermal conversion capability of CDs, photothermal antibacterial ability is also tested.

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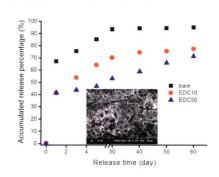
## 3D porous acellular cartilage matrix scaffold with surface mediated sustainable release of TGF- $\beta$ 3 for cartilage engineering

Yixing Huang<sup>a</sup>, Xingfang Yu<sup>a</sup>, Linjie He<sup>a</sup>, Xin Liao<sup>a</sup>, Shuo Wang<sup>b</sup>, Zhiyong Qian<sup>c</sup>, Liyan Shen<sup>a</sup>

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We report here the fabrication of 3D porous acellular cartilage scaffold, and its coating with poly(L-lysine)/ hyaluronic acid (PLL/HA) multilayer film. The multilayer coated porous scaffold was further loaded with TGF- $\beta$ 3, which underwent sustainable release up to 60 days *in vitro*.

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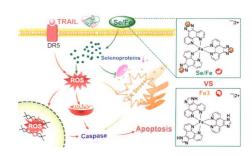
## Dual-functional Se/Fe complex facilitates TRAIL treatment against resistant tumor cells *via* modulating cellular endoplasmic reticulum stress

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Fe complex introduced with selenium (Se/Fe) shows great synergistic effects with TRAIL agonist treatment through modulating ER-stress related selenoproteins, inducing robust generation of ROS to trigger tumor cells apoptosis in extrinsic and intrinsic signaling pathways.

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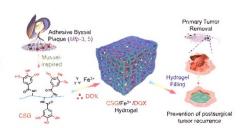
## Anti-inflammatory catecholic chitosan hydrogel for rapid surgical trauma healing and subsequent prevention of tumor recurrence

Gang He<sup>a</sup>, Xu Yan<sup>b</sup>, Zhaohua Miao<sup>a</sup>, Haisheng Qian<sup>c</sup>, Yan Ma<sup>a</sup>, Yan Xu<sup>a</sup>, Li Gao<sup>a</sup>, Yang Lu<sup>b</sup>, Zhengbao Zha<sup>a</sup>

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A mussel-inspired catecholic chitosan hydrogel was successfully developed here to realize rapid surgical trauma healing, inflammatory diminishing and prevention of tumor postsurgical recurrence.

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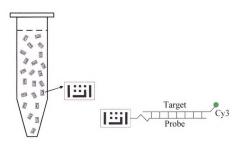
## Rapid identification of diarrheagenic *Escherichia coli* based on barcoded magnetic bead hybridization

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We introduce a new method to identify and analyze a large number of pathogenic strains in *E. coli* by multiplex PCR and barcoded magnetic bead hybridization. This method has strong specificity and high sensitivity and detects multiple target sequences in one experiment. BMB array has great application potential.

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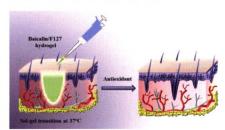
### Injectable baicalin/F127 hydrogel with antioxidant activity for enhanced wound healing

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Baicalin, extracted from traditional Chinese medicine *Scutellaria baicalensis Georg*, has great potential for chronic skin wound treatment, however, the poor solubility and lack of suitable vehicles greatly limit its further application. In this study, we proposed a simple and robust strategy to enhance the solubility of baicalin and prepared a novel injectable baicalin/Fluronic® F-127 hydrogel to study its potential wound healing application. The results showed that this biocompatible hydrogel had a flexible antioxidant activity and could significantly accelerate wound healing *in vivo*.

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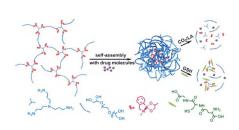
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## Hyperbranched polymer micelles with triple-stimuli backbone-breakable iminoboronate ester linkages

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An iminoboronate-based backbone-breakable hyperbranched polymer (HBP(OEG-IB)) is designed to fabricate nano-carriages with  $\rm CO_2$ , lactic acid and glutathione-triggered release behaviour.



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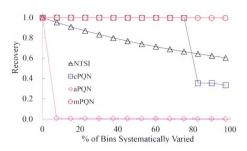
## Development and validation of an improved probabilistic quotient normalization method for LC/MS- and NMR-based metabonomic analysis

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An improved probabilistic quotient normalization method based on the mode- of- quotients (mPQN) was developed. Rigorous tests with simulated and real datasets showed its robustness for both the LC/MS- and NMR-based metabonomics.

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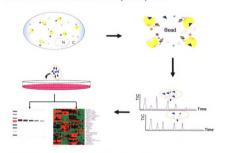
### Cholesterol as a functional metabolite cooperates with metadherin in cancer cells

Wen Wang<sup>a,b</sup>, Xiaolong Liu<sup>a</sup>, Huan Chen<sup>a,b</sup>, Ting Ling<sup>a,b</sup>, Tian Xia<sup>a</sup>, Xiumei Liu<sup>a</sup>, Jing Liu<sup>a</sup>, Wuxiyar Otkur<sup>a</sup>, Xianzhe Shi<sup>a,b</sup>, Huan Qi<sup>a</sup>, Di Chen<sup>a</sup>, Hai-Long Piao<sup>a,b</sup>

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A study demonstrated and identified active protein-metabolite binding complexes through the affinity purification and followed by the successful identification and validation of the MTDH-cholesterol binding. Through the LC-MS-based metabolomics, we further defined the functional role of MTDH-cholesterol interaction in cancer cells.

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## An immunoassay based on lab-on-a-chip for simultaneous and sensitive detection of clenbuterol and ractopamine

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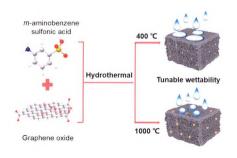
We propose a microfluidics-based indirect competitive immunoassay (MICI) system to detect clenbuterol and ractopamine. The microfluidic technology greatly reduces the consumption of reagents, shortens the reaction time and enables high-throughput, multi-sample simultaneous detection.

### Study of the effect of chemical composition on the surface wettability of three-dimensional graphene foams

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Aminobenzene sulfonic acid (ABSA) was selected as a typical doping precursor for the preparation of N/S co-doped 3D graphene foam (SNGF). The effects of the position of  $-SO_3H$  substituent group in ABSA and hydrothermal temperature on the surface wettability of SNGF have been studied.



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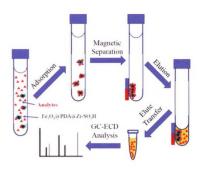
# Sulfonic acid-based metal organic framework functionalized magnetic nanocomposite combined with gas chromatography-electron capture detector for extraction and determination of organochlorine

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A functionalized MOF adsorbent was prepared for the rapid and efficient extraction of organochlorine.

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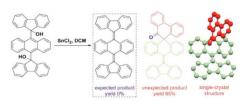
## Synthesis and characterization of an unexpected mechanochromic bistricyclic aromatic ene

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Bistricyclic aromatic ene **AF** was coincidentally synthesized in a SnCl<sub>2</sub>-mediated reductive aromatization reaction through a carbocation induced 1,2-migration. **AF** exhibited interesting mechanochromic property and its twisted conformation could be further thermally populated to a triplet excited state.

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### Versatile synthesis of cadalene and *iso*-cadalene from himachalene mixtures: Evidence and application of unprecedented rearrangements

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A versatile selective valorization of an abundant essential oil mixture from Atlas cedar is disclosed: It relies on unprecedented redox-controlled skeletal rearrangements in aromatic chemistry, occurring under green conditions.

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## Electrochemical synthesis of $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ -dihaloacetophenones from terminal alkyne derivatives

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An electrochemical synthesis of  $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ -dihaloacetophenones from alkyne derivatives was developed by virtue of anodic oxidation. The reaction can be carried out smoothly at room temperature under metal and oxidant free condition in aqueous media, affording the  $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ -dihaloacetophenones derivatives in good to excellent yield.

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## Facile access to chiral 4-substituted chromanes through Rh-catalyzed asymmetric hydrogenation

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Rh/ZhaoPhos-catalyzed asymmetric hydrogenation of a series of (*E*)-2-(chroman-4-ylidene)acetates was successfully developed to prepare various chiral 4-substituted chromanes with high yields and excellent enantioselectivities (up to 99% yield, 98% *ee*, 5000 TON).

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## Visible-light-promoted oxidative decarboxylation of arylacetic acids in air: Metal-free synthesis of aldehydes and ketones at room temperature

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A metal-free 4CzIPN-catalyzed oxidative decarboxylation reaction of arylacetic acids to aromatic aldehydes and ketones was developed at room temperature with air as oxidant under blue-light irradiation.

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## 1,2-Diethoxyethane catalyzed oxidative cleavage of *gem*-disubstituted aromatic alkenes to ketones under minimal solvent conditions

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By employing 1,2-diethoxyethane as a catalyst and ambient air as an oxidant, an efficient protocol for the construction of various aryl-alkyl and diaryl ketones through oxidative cleavage of gem-disubstituted aromatic alkenes under minimal solvent conditions has been achieved.

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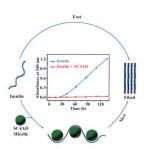
28 Examples; 70%-95% yields Safe and cheap air as the sole oxidant Transition-metal-, additive-, external initiator-free 1,2-diethoxyethene: catalyst and reaction medium

## Inhibition of insulin fibrillation by amphiphilic sulfonatocalixarene

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 $Amphiphilic sulfon atocalix are ne \ exhibits \ pronounced \ efficiency \ on \ inhibiting \ insulin \ fibrillation.$ 



## Introduction of N,N'-disulfonylhydrazines as new sulfonylating reagents for highly efficient synthesis of (E)- $\beta$ -iodovinyl arenesulfones under mild conditions

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*N,N'*-Disulfonylhydrazines were introduced as new sulfonylating reagents to achieve a highly efficient synthesis of (E)- $\beta$ -iodovinyl arenesulfones under extremely mild conditions.

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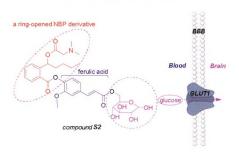
## Design and synthesis of the ring-opened derivative of 3-n-butylphthalide-ferulic acid-glucose trihybrids as potential anti-ischemic agents

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**S2** is 30-fold more water-soluble, over 10-fold more potent in inhibition of platelet aggregation, and more effectively reduces ROS generation, protects primary neuronal cells from OGD/R-induced damage, as well as improves PK profile and active component distribution in rodent brain as compared to 3-*n*-butylphthalide (NBP), suggesting that **S2** may be a potential anti-ischemia stroke agent.

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### Synthesis of selenium-doped carbon from glucose: An efficient antibacterial material against *Xcc*

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Se/C as a novel carbon-based biomaterial was prepared by using cheap and abundant glucose as the carbon source. It was highly active and could well restrain *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *campestris*. This work as the first report on the bioactivity studies of Se/C significantly expands the application scopes of the selenium-containing materials.

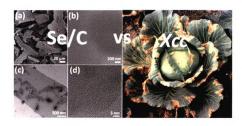
## Simple manganese carbonyl catalyzed hydrogenation of quinolines and imines

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Earth-abundant manganese catalysis can now enable hydrogenation of quinolines and imines by using simple manganese carbonyls,  $Mn_2(CO)_{10}$  or  $MnBr(CO)_5$ , thus eliminating the previous requirements on pincer-type or bidentate ligands.

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## Visible-light-initiated malic acid-promoted cascade coupling/ cyclization of aromatic amines and KSCN to 2-aminobenzothiazoles without photocatalyst

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A simple and practical method for the synthesis of 2-aminobenzothiazoles through visiblelight-initiated malic acid-promoted cascade coupling/cyclization of aromatic amines and KSCN with ambient air as an oxidant in eco-friendly bis(methoxypropy) ether at ambient temperature was developed.

#### Chinese Chemical Letters 31 (2020) 1895

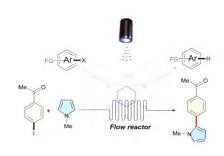
### Tailorable carbazolyl cyanobenzene-based photocatalysts for visible light-induced reduction of aryl halides

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Herein, carbazolyl cyanobenzene (CCB)-based organic photocatalyst 5CzBN, a metal-free, low-cost, scalable and sustainable photocatalyst with both strong oxidative and reductive ability, exhibits superior performance for both dehalogenation and C—C bond-forming arylation reactions. Furthermore, photocatalytic continuous-flow technology makes the C—C bond-forming arylation easier to scale-up and more practical.

#### Chinese Chemical Letters 31 (2020) 1899



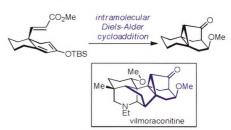
## Assembly of the 6/3/5/6 tetracyclic core of rearranged-type $C_{10}$ -diterpenoid alkaloids

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Assembly of the highly strained 6/3/5/6 tetracyclic core of the rearranged-type  $C_{10}$ -diterpenoid alkaloids is presented. Strategically, the synthesis employs an intramolecular Diels–Alder cycloaddition reaction as the key step.

### Chinese Chemical Letters 31 (2020) 1903

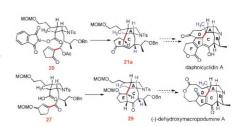


## Synthesis of ACE tricyclic systems of daphnicyclidin A and dehy-droxymacropodumine A

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The synthesis of the ACE tricyclic systems of daphnicyclidin A and dehydroxymacropodumine A are developed. The key reactions include an efficient aldol reaction to introduce chiral fragment 33 for further construction of piperidine ring B and seven-membered ring C, a nucleophilic addition of lithium pentene to aldehyde for installation of ring E, and a photocatalytic decarboxylation conjugate addition to construct ring C.



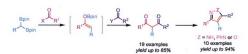
### Hetero diacylation of 1,1-diborylalkanes: Practical synthesis of 1,3-diketones

Chinese Chemical Letters 31 (2020) 1911

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An efficient protocol for the synthesis of asymmetric 1,3-diketones was reported through diacylation of 1,1-diborylalkanes using two different acyl sources. In this transformation, an enolate boron species was initially formed by introducing an acyl group, then it was trapped by another acyl group to form 1,3-diketone. This method not only provided the gateway to obtain a series of 1,3-diketones, but also afforded an operationally simple and efficient access to pyrazoles and isoxazoles.



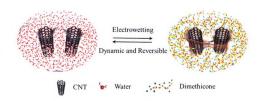
### Dynamic and reversible electrowetting with low voltage on the dimethicone infused carbon nanotube array in air

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A dynamic strategy has been developed to prevent the CNT array from electrochemical damage meanwhile lower the energy input that achieved reversible and *in situ* electrowetting in air. The relevant theoretical simulations are demonstrated from the view of surface binding energy.

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## Free radical oxidation reaction for selectively solvatochromic sensors with dynamic sensing ability

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A novel BODIPY based fluorescent sensor for selective and visual sensing of DMF is developed and the sensing process of BODPY-DT exhibits dynamic fluorescent emission color changes from red to yellow-green.

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## TFA promoted multi-component reaction of aryldiazonium with sodium metabisulphite and thiols: Construction of thiosulfonate under transition-metal free conditions

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A TFA promoted multi-component reaction of aryldiazonium with sodium metabisulphite and thiols to construct thiosulfonates under transition-metal free conditions is reported. The thiosulfonates were isolated in good yields with broad tolerance of functional group. Readily available inorganic  $\mathrm{Na}_2\mathrm{S}_2\mathrm{O}_5$  was applied as the sulfur dioxide surrogate. This strategy features easily available substrates, mild reaction conditions and free transition-metal catalyst.



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## Solar cells sensitized by porphyrin dyes containing a substituted carbazole donor with synergistically extended absorption and suppressed the dye aggregation

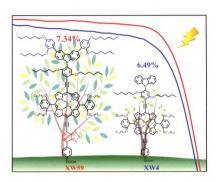
Yunyu Tang<sup>a</sup>, Xiujun Liu<sup>b</sup>, Yueqiang Wang<sup>b</sup>, Qingyun Liu<sup>c</sup>, Xin Li<sup>d</sup>, Chengjie Li<sup>b</sup>, Xiaosheng Shen<sup>a</sup>, Yongshu Xie<sup>b</sup>

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Rational modulation of the carbazole-based donor by introducing bulky groups and a benzothiadiazole unit as an extra auxiliary electron acceptor simultaneously broadens the absorption and suppresses the dye aggregation/charge recombination. With synergistically enhanced  $V_{oc}$  and  $J_{sc}$ , an improved efficiency has been achieved.

#### Chinese Chemical Letters 31 (2020) 1927



## Synthesis and self-assembly of poly(ethylene glycol)-block-poly(N-3-(methylthio)propyl glycine) and their oxidation-sensitive polymersomes

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Amphiphilic block copolymers PEG-b-PMeSPG were synthesized, and their self-assemblies studied. PEG-b-PMeSPG polymersomes loaded with glucose oxidase showed oxidation-sensitive disruption upon  $H_2O_2$  production in the presence of v-glucose.

## Scalable exfoliation for few-layered hexagonal boron nitride nanosheets (BNNSs) by microwave-assisted expansion and

Zhansheng Ma, Zan Liu, Zhilin Cheng

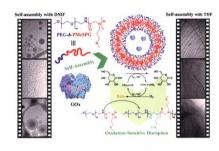
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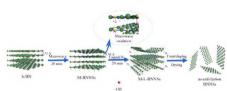
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The reliable exfoliation for BNNSs nanosheets was successfully achieved, which adopted the combination of microwave-assisted expansion and liquid nitrogen intercalation.

### Chinese Chemical Letters 31 (2020) 1931



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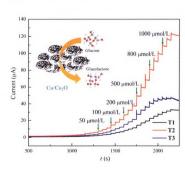


## Cu/Cu<sub>2</sub>O nanostructures derived from copper oxalate as high performance electrocatalyst for glucose oxidation

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The strategy demonstrated herein is the design and development of a highly efficient, stable and inexpensive porous Cu/Cu<sub>2</sub>O nanostructures electrocatalyst *via* a controllable and facile a low temperature heat treatment of the precursor CuC<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O in N<sub>2</sub>. The as-synthesized Cu/Cu<sub>2</sub>O nanostructure exhibited outstanding electrocatalytic performance for the glucose, including good stability, excellent sensitivity and remarkable selectivity.



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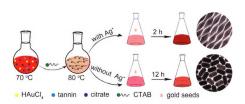
## Getting rid of NaBH<sub>4</sub>: Gold seeds reduced by air-stable agents for synthesizing *quasi* one-dimensional gold nanoparticles

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We present a novel and easy to operate seed-mediated system for synthesizing gold bipyramids and gold nanorods. The used gold seeds are reduced by tannin and citrate, two kinds of air-stable ligands, and conventionally employed unstable  $NaBH_4$  are thoroughly cast off.

#### Chinese Chemical Letters 31 (2020) 1946



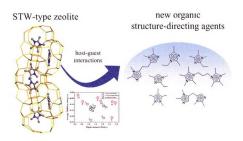
### Molecular simulations of host-guest interactions between zeolite framework STW and its organic structure-directing agents

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We performed a theoretical study in the host-guest interactions between zeolite framework STW and its 21 organic structure-directing agents. Seven alkylated imidazolium and pyrazolium cations have been designed as new structure-directing agents according to their atomic charge distributions and dipole moments.

#### Chinese Chemical Letters 31 (2020) 1951



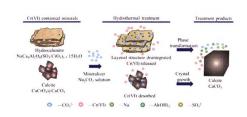
## Extraction of Cr(VI) from chromite ore processing residue *via* hydrothermal-assisted phase transformation

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In hydrothermal condition, mineralizer ( $Na_2CO_3$ ) reacted with Cr (VI)-contained minerals (hydrocalumite and calcite). The hydrocalumite transformed into calcite and the calcite crystals grew into particles with large size and complete surface, so that Cr(VI) was released and departed from the minerals.

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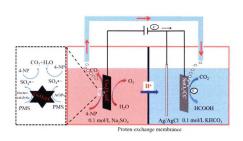


## Degradation of 4-nitrophenol by electrocatalysis and advanced oxidation processes using ${\rm Co_3O_4@C}$ anode coupled with simultaneous ${\rm CO_2}$ reduction via ${\rm SnO_2/CC}$ cathode

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 $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ @C improved the degradation and conductivity, while  $\text{SnO}_2$ /CC cathode greatly improved the FE and stability of  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to HCOOH.



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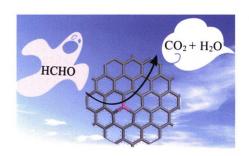
### Single atom catalytic oxidation mechanism of formaldehyde on Al doped graphene at room temperature

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In this work, density function theory calculations were employed to investigate the catalytic oxidation degradation of HCHO on single Al atom doped graphene system.

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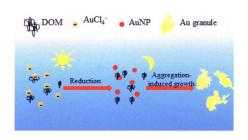
## Dissolved organic matter-mediated reduction of ionic Au(III) to elemental Au nanoparticles and their growth to visible granules

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Au nanoparticles from ionic Au induced by sunlight and dissolved organic matter can further grow into visible Au granules under dark conditions in years.

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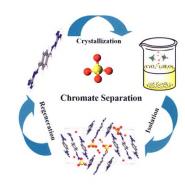
### Chromate separation by selective crystallization

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A new paradigm to remove toxic chromate anions from aqueous solution by crystallization of chromate-water clusters with imine-linked guanidinium cationic ligands is introduced.

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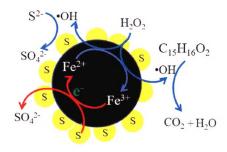


### Mechanochemically sulfured $FeS_{1,92}$ as stable and efficient heterogeneous Fenton catalyst

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The sulfured mackinawite ( $FeS_{1,92}$ ) exhibits high density active sites for activation of  $H_2O_2$  to efficiently generate hydroxyle radicals to remediate organic waste under mild condition. Furthermore, this  $FeS_{1,92}$  based heterogeneous Fenton reactions is also highly sulfide resistance and show improved performance for degrading organic pollutants and  $S^{2-}$  species in a heterogeneous Fenton reaction.



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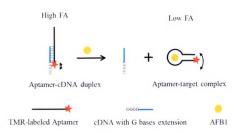
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Aptamer fluorescence anisotropy (FA) assay for the detection of AFB1 is achieved by using TMR- labeled aptamer probe and the short complementary DNA (cDNA) containing added tandem G bases at the terminal. The TMR-G interaction restricts local rotation of TMR and causes high FA signal in duplex of cDNA and aptamer probe, while the presence of AFB1 induces formation of aptamer-AFB1 complex, causing low FA signal.

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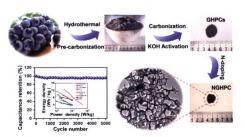
### N-doped honeycomb-like porous carbon towards highperformance supercapacitor

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We report a grape-based honeycomb-like porous carbon (GHPC) prepared by KOH activation and carbonization, followed by N-doping, which exhibits a capacitance of 275 F/g at 0.5 A/g in a three-electrode cell. Moreover, the NGHPC//NGHPC symmetric supercapacitor displays a high energy density of 12.6 Wh/kg, and excellent cycling stability of approximately 95.2% capacitance retention after 5000 cycles at 5 A/g.

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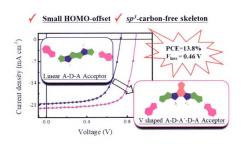
### High-efficiency organic solar cells with low voltage-loss of 0.46 V

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V-shaped electron acceptor, BTP-2Br enables more effective in exciton dissociation at near zero HOMO-offset, over those of linear acceptor, SN6-2Br in organic solar cells with PBDT-TF polymer, herein yielding the power conversion efficiencies of 13.84% with low voltage-loss of 0.46 V in opaque device, and efficiency of 9.62% with an AVT of 20.1% in semitransparent devices.

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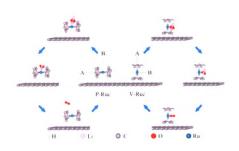


## Remarkable improvement of cyclic stability in $Li-O_2$ batteries using ruthenocene as a redox mediator

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The use of ruthenocene as a redox mediator reduces the charge voltage by 610 mV and prolongs the cycling life up to 83 cycles in a  $\text{Li-O}_2$  battery with a ketjen black (KB) cathode. Based on the DFT calculation results, the A and B sites of P-Ruc are the most likely active sites for the charge process due to their smaller potential barriers.



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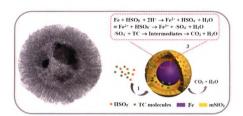
## Yolk-shell structured Fe@void@mesoporous silica with high magnetization for activating peroxymonosulfate

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A successive coating strategy followed by a subsequent hightemperature *in-situ* treatment has been employed for the preparation of yolk-shell structured Fe@void@mSiO<sub>2</sub> composites. Compared with commercial ZVI nanoparticles, the composite catalyst possesses much more excellent degradation activity for tetracycline (TC) in a wide pH range and rapid recovery *via* using an external magnetic field.

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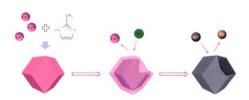
## ZIF-67 derived hollow Ni-Co-Se nano-polyhedrons for flexible hybrid supercapacitors with remarkable electrochemical performances

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A unique Ni-Co based bimetallic selenide with polyhedral structure was synthesized by ion exchange and selenation using the metal organic frameworks ZIF-67 as the sacrificial template. We assembled the flexible hybrid supercapacitor with the synthesized Ni-Co-Se nanopolyhedron as the positive electrode material, showing outstanding electrochemical performance and mechanical stability.

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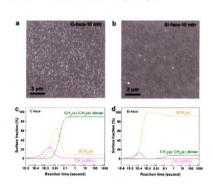


## Unprecedented differences in the diamond nucleation density between carbon- and silicon-faces of 4H-silicon carbides

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The diamond nucleation density on carbon-face is higher by 2-3 orders of magnitude compared to silicon-face. Kinetic model simulations demonstrate that it is more difficult to form  $CH_2(s)-CH_2(s)$  dimers on silicon-faces than carbon-faces, resulting in much lower nucleation densities on silicon-faces.

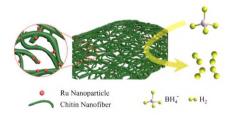
## Ultrasmall Ru nanoparticles supported on chitin nanofibers for hydrogen production from $NaBH_4$ hydrolysis

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Chitin-supported Ru catalysts were fabricated through a cheap and easy method. The fabricated catalysts showed excellent performance in catalyzing  $NaBH_4$  hydrolysis.

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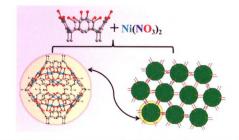


### Control of random self-assembly of pyrogallol[4]arene-based nanocapsule or framework

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The control of random self-assembly of discrete metal-organic nanocapsule (MONC) or MONC-based metal-organic framework (MOF) can be achieved by introducing pyridine and formic acid, respectively.



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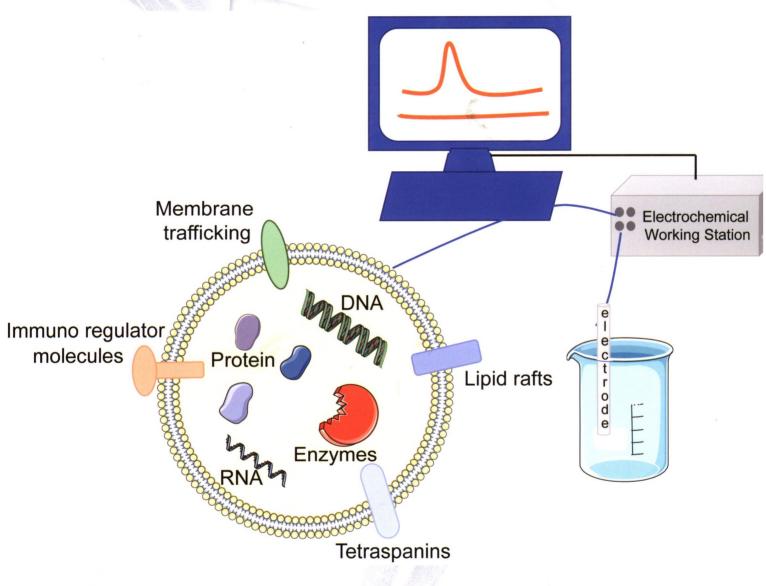
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