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Monday, 10 July 2023		
14:00-16:00	Conference Registration	
16:00-16:30	Opening remarks	
Session 1		
Chair: Prof. Dr. Carlos Roque Duarte Correia		
16:30-17:15	Dr. Vicente Gotor-Fernandez – <i>University of Oviedo</i> “Merging gold and enzyme catalysis for asymmetric synthesis”	PL - 1
17:15-18:00	Dr. Monica Tallarico Pupo – <i>University of Sao Paulo</i> “Natural products discovery from symbiotic systems”	PL - 2
18:00-18:45	Dr. Aitziber López Cartajarena – <i>CIC biomaGUNE</i> “Engineered protein-based biocatalysts, nanozymes, and biomaterials”	PL - 3
19:00–21:30	Welcome reception	

Tuesday, 11 July 2023		
Session 2		
Chair: Prof. Dr. Vicente Gotor-Fernández and Prof. Dr. Marcus Mandolesi Sá		
09:00-09:45	Dr. Julio Cezar Pastre – <i>State University of Campinas</i> “Enabling technologies for the sustainable chemical synthesis of high added-value compounds from renewable sources”	PL - 4
09:45-10:00	Ilana Sganzerla Rosário - <i>São Paulo State University (UNESP)</i> “ Synthesis and photopolymerization of quinoline derivatives containing methacrylate group with potential application in biomaterials ”	FP - 1
10:00-10:15	Daniel Gedder Silva - <i>University of São Paulo (USP-RP)</i> “ Synthesis of heterocyclic compounds as potential anti-Infectives agents ”	FP - 2
10:15-10:30	Luiz P. M. O. Leão - <i>UNICAMP</i> “ The Second Generation of the In-tandem Enantioselective Heck-Matsuda Arylations of Unactivated Olefins Directly from Anilines and Nitroarenes ”	FP - 3
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-11:45	Dr. Rosario Fernández Fernández – <i>University of Seville</i> “Development of New Catalytic Systems. Applications in Asymmetric Catalysis”	PL - 5



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11:45-12:00	Thaynan A. B. Chagas - <i>UNICAMP</i> “Development of an asymmetric version of the Morita-Baylis-Hillman reaction using vinyl-1,2,4-oxadiazoles as nucleophilic partners”	FP - 4
12:00-12:15	Camilla D. Buarque - <i>PUC-Rio</i> “Ecofriendly synthesis of 4-acyl-1,2,3-triazoles as precursors for novel p.Phe508del-CFTR traffic correctors”	FP - 5
12:15-12:30	Carla C. Decandio – <i>Merck Brazil</i> “Innovation for Sustainable Development”	FP - 6
12:30–14:00	Lunch	
	Session 3 Chair: Prof. Dr. Fernando P. Cossío and Prof. Dr. Rosario Fatima Fernandez Fernandez	
14:00-14:45	Dr. Josiel Domingos – <i>Federal University of Santa Catarina</i> “Palladium-triggered Deprotection Chemistry for Small Molecule Activation in Living Systems”	PL - 6
14:45-15:30	Dr. Jose L. Vicario - <i>University of the Basque Country</i> “Organocatalytic Enantioselective Reactions Driven by the Release of Ring Strain”	PL - 7
15:30-15:45	Giovana da S. Ramos – <i>UFSC</i> “Synthesis of 2-hydrazono-3-thiazolines through a novel one-pot multicomponent/rearrangement process from 2-substituted oxazoles”	FP - 7
15:45-16:00	Matheus Fernandes Alves – <i>Unifal-MG</i> “Metabolic fingerprint of <i>Ocotea diospyrifolia</i> : A integrated strategy to achieve reliable annotation”	FP - 8
16:00-16:45	Coffee break & Poster Session 1	
16:45-17:30	Dr. Paulo Schneider – <i>Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul</i> “New approaches to the synthesis of polysubstituted aromatic compounds containing chalcogens”	PL - 8
17:30-18:15	Dr. Martín Fañanás-Mastral – <i>University of Santiago de Compostela</i> “Catalytic Approaches for Stereoselective Hydrocarbon Difunctionalization”	PL - 9
18:15-18:30	Victor C. S. Santana - <i>UNICAMP</i> “Selective late-stage oxidation of C–H bonds in the synthesis of complex natural diterpenes”	FP - 9
20:00-22:30	Conference dinner (<i>by adhesion</i>)	

Wednesday, 12 July 2023		
Session 4		
Chair: Prof. Dr. Jose Maria Lassaletta and Prof. Dr. Antônio Carlos Bender Burtoloso		
09:00-09:45	Dr. Ângelo de Fátima – <i>Federal University of Minas Gerais</i> “Why to inhibit ureases from agricultural and medicinal perspectives?”	PL - 10
09:45-10:30	Dr. Manuel Alcarazo - <i>University of Göttingen</i> “From ligand design to the synthesis of biologically active molecules”	PL - 11
10:30-11:15	Coffee Break & Poster Session 2	
11:15-12:00	Dr. Fernando P. Cossío - <i>University of the Basque Country</i> “Bicolor Fluorescent Sensors for Barium Tagging in the Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay Reaction of Xe-136”	PL - 12
12:00-12:45	Dr. Marcio Weber Paixão – <i>Federal University of São Carlos</i> “Visible-Light-Driving Organic Chemistry: Synthesis of Small Molecules and Biomolecules Modifications”	PL - 13
12:45-13:15	Closing ceremony	
14:00–17:00	Barbecue (<i>by adhesion</i>)	

Synthesis and investigation of the chemosensory action of 1,4-dihydro-1,2,4,5-tetraarylpyrrolo[3,2-b]pyrrole derivatives

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ABSTRACT

Chemosensors (CS) are substances that can signal a chemical or physical alteration that occurs in the presence of an analyte. Colorimetric and fluorescent CS present some advantages such as high sensitivity and versatility. In 2016 Wu and coworkers demonstrated that a pyrrolo[3,2-b]pyrrole (PP) derivative can be used as a simple halocarbon qualitative chemosensor.¹

Based on that we synthesized, using a previously developed method in our group,² PPs that could be investigated as CS for different solvents. A solvatochromic study was made for two PPs, and we found that although they suffer different effects from the solvents, none of them could easily be used as a colorimetric or fluorescent sensor.

So the next step will be studying these compounds in other types of analytes, such as acid-base conditions or in the presence of salts, using a methodology from the literature.³

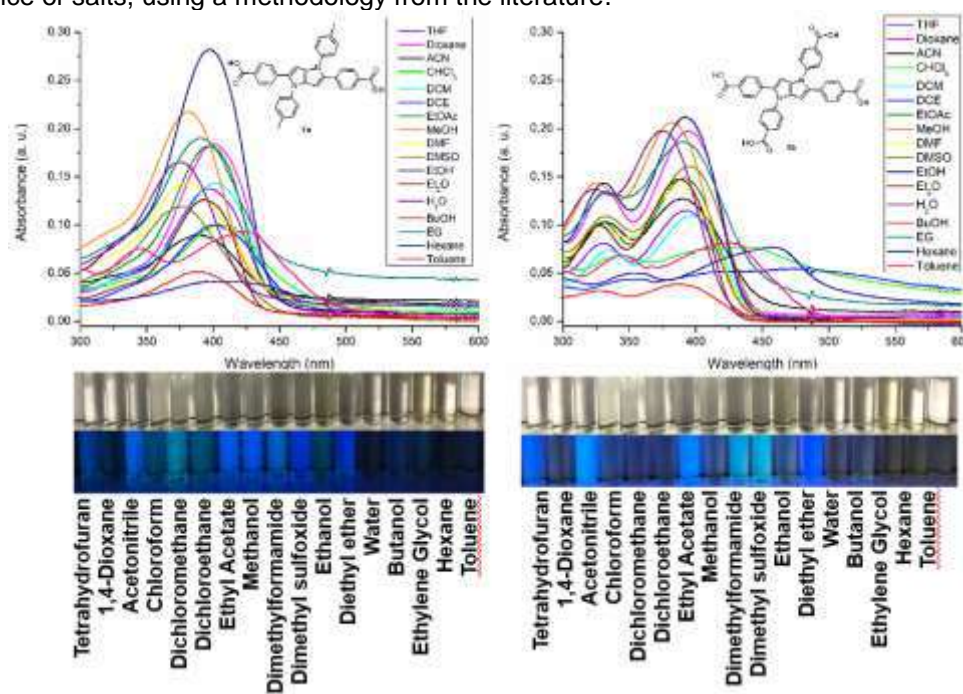


Figure 1. PP derivatives and their solvatochromism study with UV-Vis spectra.

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Synthesis and photopolymerization of quinoline derivatives containing methacrylate group with potential application in biomaterials

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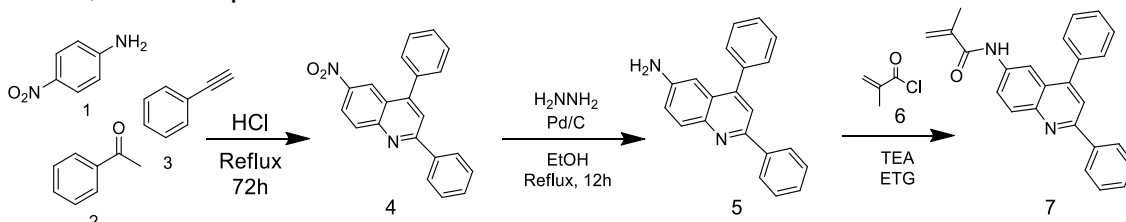
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Keywords: quinoline derivatives, photopolymerization, photoinitiator, luminescent polymers, biomaterials.

ABSTRACT

The objective of this work is the synthesis of different quinoline derivatives (Scheme 1) that have the ability to act as Type I (absence of co-initiator) and Type II (presence of co-initiator) photoinitiators in the photopolymerization reaction with urethane dimethacrylate (UDMA) which is widely used as a monomer in photoreactions applied in resins for dental restoration.¹⁻³ Through studies of photolysis using these derivatives, it was notable that the formation of reactive species occurred from the first second of exposure to light, evidencing the photosensitivity of these molecules. Furthermore, polymers with a degree of conversion of up to 60% were obtained in about 50 seconds, these results being interesting since they are close to those presented by camphorquinone. It is noteworthy that the materials obtained have fluorescent characteristics (Figure 1), which may be relevant when applied to the dental area, for example.



Scheme 1. Synthesis of quinoline derivatives

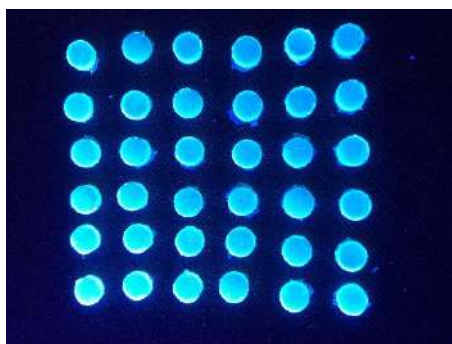


Figure 1. Polymers using UDMA and quinoline photoinitiators

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Evaluation of vasorelaxant potential of lupeol esters

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ABSTRACT

Hypertension is directly associated with cardiovascular diseases, requiring the discovery of new anti-hypertensive drugs. In this context, natural products comprise a relevant source of lead structures that can direct the synthesis of new bioactive compounds.¹ Lupeol, a pentacyclic triterpene found in plants from *Monteverdia* genus (Celastraceae) has been show cardioprotective effects.² This work describes the study of the potential vasorelaxant activity of aromatic (**1**, **2**, **3**) and aliphatic (**4**, **5**) esters (Figure 1), obtained by semi-synthesis, using lupeol isolated from *M. salicifolia*.³ The assay was conducted by the thoracic aortic rings model, using acetylcholine as positive control. The esters **1**, **2**, **4** and **5** exhibited a discreet vasorelaxant activity, in the range of 14% to 30%. The compound **3** was inactive. These results refuse a direct action of these esters in the blood vessels, contrasting with the benefits showed by lupeol and other analog esters evaluated by different mechanisms.

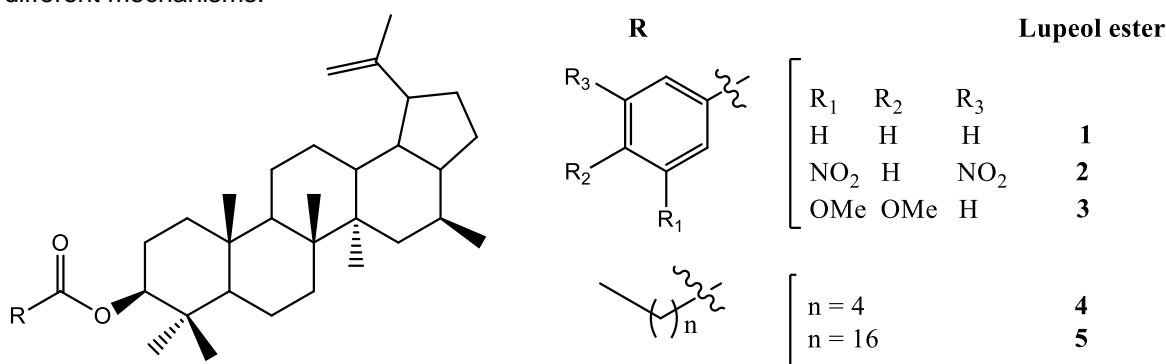


Figure 1. Structure of Lupeol esters.

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Design and synthesis of boronic acids derivatives and benzoboroxoles with antifungal activity.

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ABSTRACT

Boronic acids and benzoboroxole belong to a class of compounds called organoboron and are being highlighted in the recent years in the fields of medicinal and organic chemistry. These compounds present the ability of making a reversible covalent bond to amino acid residues, being used in the structure of inhibitors for the development of new compounds for the treatment of infectious diseases, such as tuberculosis and onychomycosis.¹ Tavaborole is an example of benzoboroxole that was approved by the FDA in 2016 for the treatment of onychomycosis.²

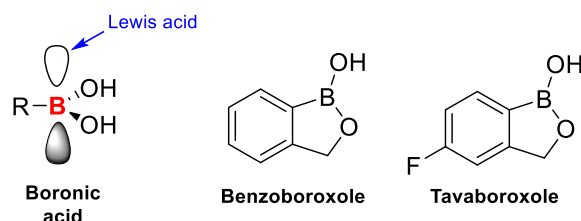
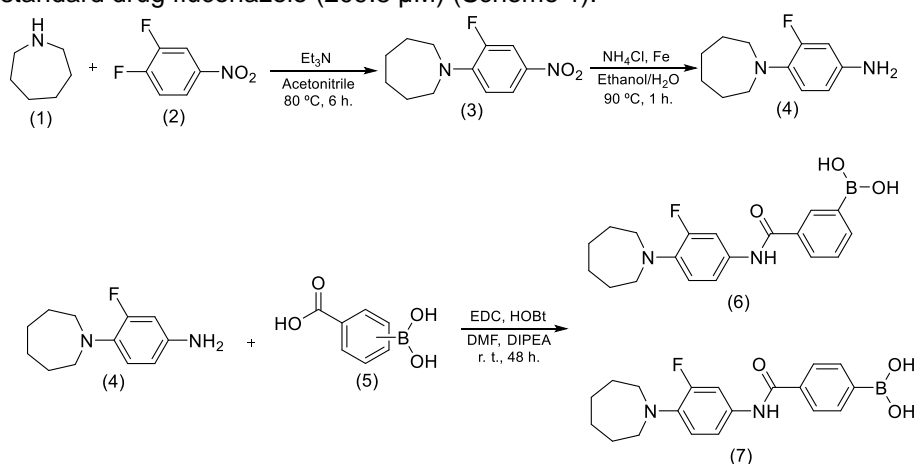


Figure 1. Chemical structure of boronic acid, benzoboroxole and Tavaborole.

In this work, fourteen derivatives of boronic acids and benzoboroxoles were synthesized in yields ranging from 22% to 62% and evaluated against the fungus *Trichophyton rubrum* (*T. rubrum*). Two of these compounds, 6 and 7, presented promisor results with MIC₅₀ values of 87.7 μM, which was 2.4-fold more active than the standard drug fluconazole (209.8 μM) (Scheme 1).



Scheme 1. Synthetic methodology for obtaining boronic acid derivatives.

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In silico study of novel 2-aminobenzamide derivatives as HDAC3 inhibitors designed as Latency Reversing Agents

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Keywords: HIV, Latency Reversal Agents, Molecular Docking.

ABSTRACT

Latency-Reversing agents (LRAs) targeting the HIV reservoir, is an useful approach to achieve the functional cure¹. Among the epigenetic strategies those involving the HDAC-3 inhibition seems to be promising as ‘shock’ therapy to activate latent viral genome in the CD4+ T cells reservoir². So, this study aims to design and evaluate *in silico* new HDAC-3 inhibitors as potentials LRAs for HIV. This study was performed on Schrodinger Maestro molecular modeling environment. A series of BRD3308 was designed and the molecular docking study was carried out according to previous procedures³ with HDAC-3. Among the series, based on the pose, interactions, and the docking score (DS) values we have selected 4 scaffolds to be explored, where the DS values were: **(1)** -9.208; **(2)** -8.369; **(3)** -8.363; and **(4)** -6.954 kcal/mol. Compound **(1)** have shown the best DS among and main interactions in agreement with BRD3308, and will be used for further optimization.

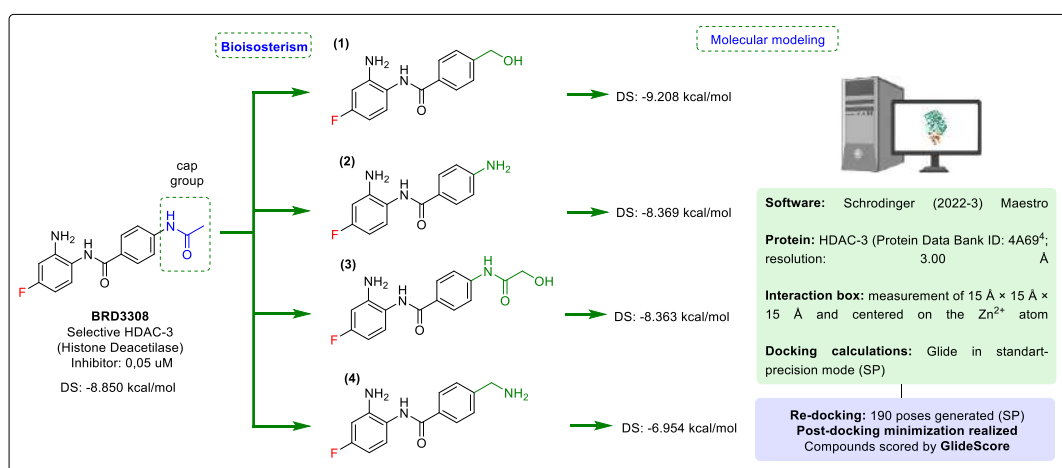


Figure 1. Structural planning of HDAC-3 inhibitors candidates as LRAs, their docking scores and molecular modeling development.

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Anti-inflammatory activity of microbial naphthoquinone and its novel derivatives.

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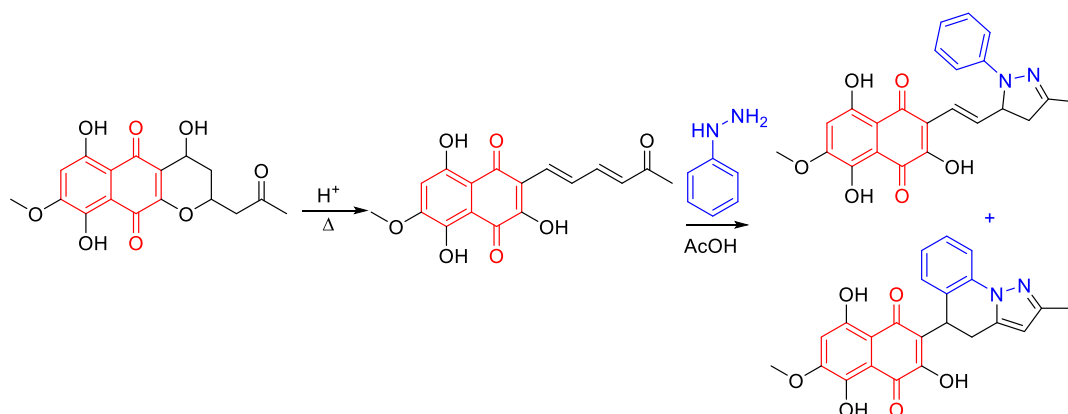
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ABSTRACT

Inflammation is a complex set of interactions between soluble factors and cells, mediated by a variety of mechanisms.¹ When out of control, the inflammatory process can harm the organism, bringing the necessity of using drugs to inhibit or control the process. Many natural products possess anti-inflammatory activity as a valuable characteristic, naphthoquinones included.² In this context, they can be used as a starting point to develop new anti-inflammatory drugs. This work aimed at structural modifications in a microbial naphthoquinone (3,5,8-TMON) in order to generate a potential drug candidate with anti-inflammatory activity. 3,5,8-TMON was obtained from the fermentation of the fungus *Cordyceps* sp.³ and reactions with phenyl hydrazine were carried out in acetic acid under different conditions. Cytotoxic activity was evaluated using RAW 264.7 and THP-1 monocytic macrophages and pro-inflammatory cytokine production was evaluated by ELISA. We could obtain a pure naphthoquinone and novel products with interesting anti-inflammatory activity.



Scheme 1. Obtaining the naphthoquinone and further modification.

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Design and synthesis of new indolizines with potential antiproliferative activity.

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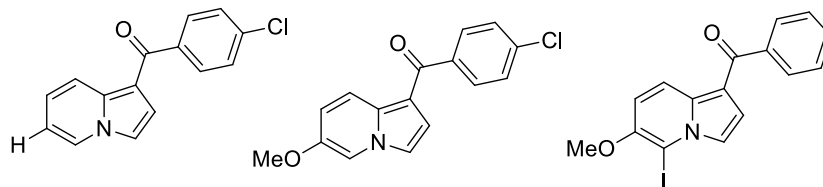
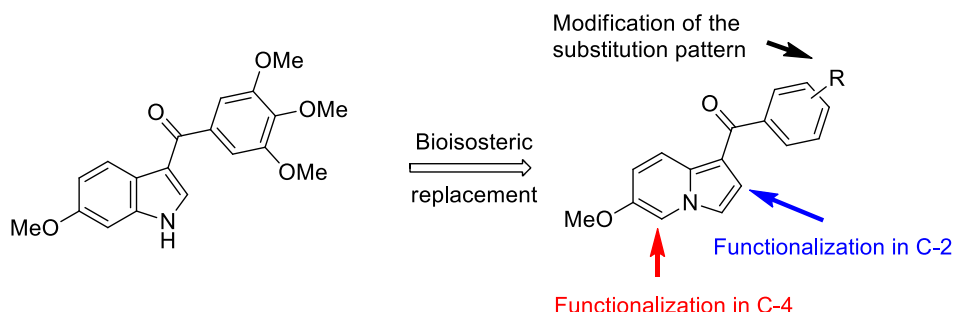
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ABSTRACT

Indolizines, characterized by the fusion of a pyridine ring and a pyrrole ring, possess chemical properties derived from both rings [1]. This unique molecular structure has led to their widespread utility in material chemistry, photochemical processes, and medicinal chemistry. Indolizines have exhibited notable pharmacological activities, including anti-proliferative, anti-inflammatory, anti-tuberculosis, and larvicidal effects [2]. While substituted indolizines have demonstrated significant antiproliferative potential, resulting from the bioisosteric replacement of a lead compound, there remains a scarcity of studies focusing on the impact of their substituents [3]. To contribute to the field and unravel structure-activity relationships, our study aimed to synthesize two promising indolizines suitable for C-H functionalization, including 1-substituted and 1,5-disubstituted derivatives. Notably, we explored alternative organometallic bases such as magnesium and zinc, which exhibit considerable potential as substitutes for lithium bases based on the preliminary results obtained thus far. By developing synthetic methodologies to access new analogs, we have gained valuable insights into their functional properties and their potential for therapeutic applications.



Scheme 1. Strategy for achieving new candidates with potential anti-proliferative activity

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Design of quinazolinone-based compounds as new *Hs*DHODH inhibitors with antiviral potential against SARS-CoV-2

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ABSTRACT

The pandemic of COVID-19 in 2020 was caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2. Considering that the virus is an obligate intracellular parasite, the human dihydroorotate deshydrogenase enzyme (*Hs*DHODH) emerges as a target because it is essential in the biosynthesis of pyrimidine nucleotides.^{1,2} According to previous studies in which the quinazolinone heterocyclic scaffold takes important interactions of hydrogen bonds with the enzyme *Hs*DHODH (QHM989 IC_{50} = 29 μ M and QHM990 IC_{50} = 50 μ M), thus, 2-amino-substituted quinazolinones were synthesized with different spacer groups in order to evaluate their importance to the activity, as in the Figure 1.

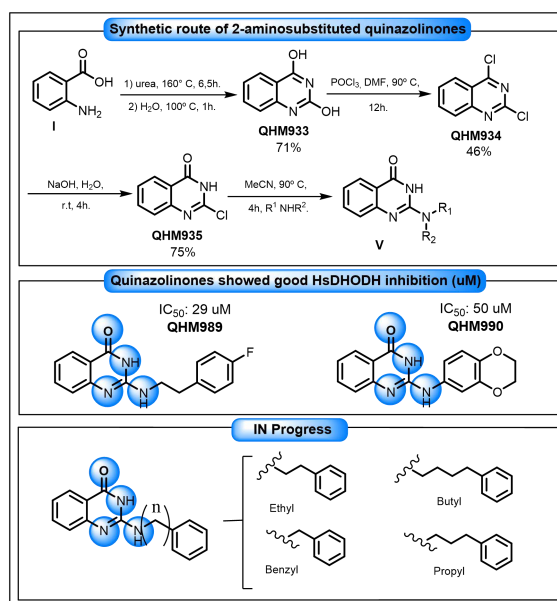


Figure 1. 2-aminosubstituted quinazolinones synthesis

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Synthesis and biological evaluation of new uracil derivatives inhibitors of dihydroorotate dehydrogenase from *Leishmania braziliensis* (*LbDHODH*)

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INTRODUCTION

Synthetic nucleosides are a class of compounds that are capable of mimicking natural nucleosides in a variety of metabolic pathways and, therefore, constitute models attractive for studies of interactions with molecular targets.¹ Dihydroorotate dehydrogenase from *Leishmania braziliensis* (*LbDHODH*) is a member of Class 1A DHODHs, enzymes which use fumarate to oxidize dihydro flavin mononucleotide (FMNH₂).² The potential of *LbDHODH* as a drug target against mucocutaneous leishmaniasis has been validated,³ Thus, this work aims to develop selective unprecedented inhibitors of *LbDHODH* via a FBDD (fragment-based drug design) strategy comprising varied Uracil-based fragments which are obtained by selected functionalization protocols.

RESULTS/DISCUSSIONS/CONCLUSION

Figure 1: Synthesized library of uracil-containing compounds as potential *LbDHODH*.

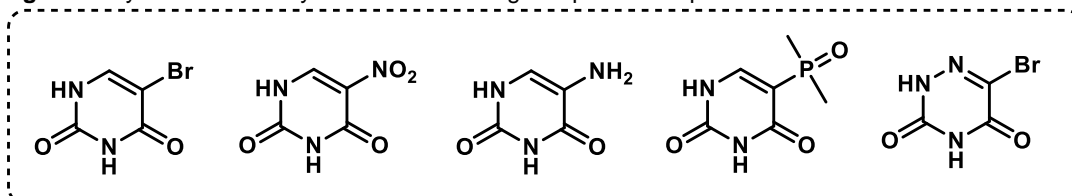
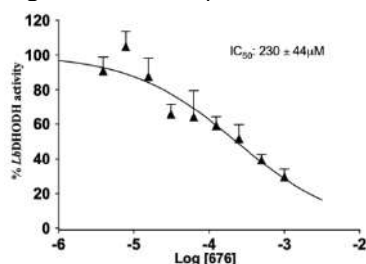


Figure 2: dose-response curve obtained for QHM-676.



Among the five molecules tested, one displayed promising inhibitory activity towards *LbDHODH*. Figure 2 presents the dose-response curve most potent molecule, with QHM-676 considered a powerful fragment. Such data will be extremely important for identifying a HIT and optimizing its properties while growing the identified fragment-based.

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Multitarget strategy as tool in the development of new compounds against triple negative breast cancer: Entinostat-based carbamate derivatives to seek dual inhibition

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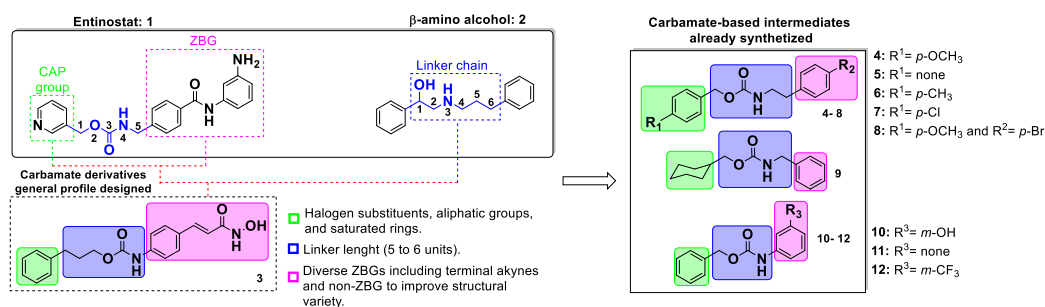
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ABSTRACT

Triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC) is characterized by the lack of progesterone and estrogen receptors, and the amplification absence of the HER2 gene. It is the most lethal subtype with the worst prognosis among the other breast cancer types and has no targeted therapy.¹ The minor groove DNA and histone deacetylases enzymes (HDACs) are promising targets against TNBC, based on the anti-cancer activity of minor groove binders (MGBs) and HDACs inhibitors.^{2,3} Therefore, through a multitarget strategy,⁴ this work focused on the design and synthesis of bioinspired carbamate derivatives on Entinostat, an HDACs inhibitor while preserving structural aspects from β -amino alcohols, which were previously investigated as MGBs.² Thus, the design and synthesis of the compounds consisted of the combination of a five to six-unit-linked chain with an aromatic ring containing a zinc-binding group (ZBG) as highlighted in **Figure 1**. For the aromatic ring from our carbamate derivatives, different substitution patterns will be explored including electron-donating and withdrawing groups, as well as its replacements by aliphatic chains. Modifications for the linker chain will be also studied in order to obtain greater complementarity with the desired biological targets through a structure-activity relationship approach. We hope to contribute to the discovery of novel anti-cancer drugs scenario regarding TNBC.

Figure 1. The design and general profile of carbamate derivatives and already synthesized compounds.



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Novel Arylated Flavones Related to Natural Products as Promising Anti-Chikungunya Agents

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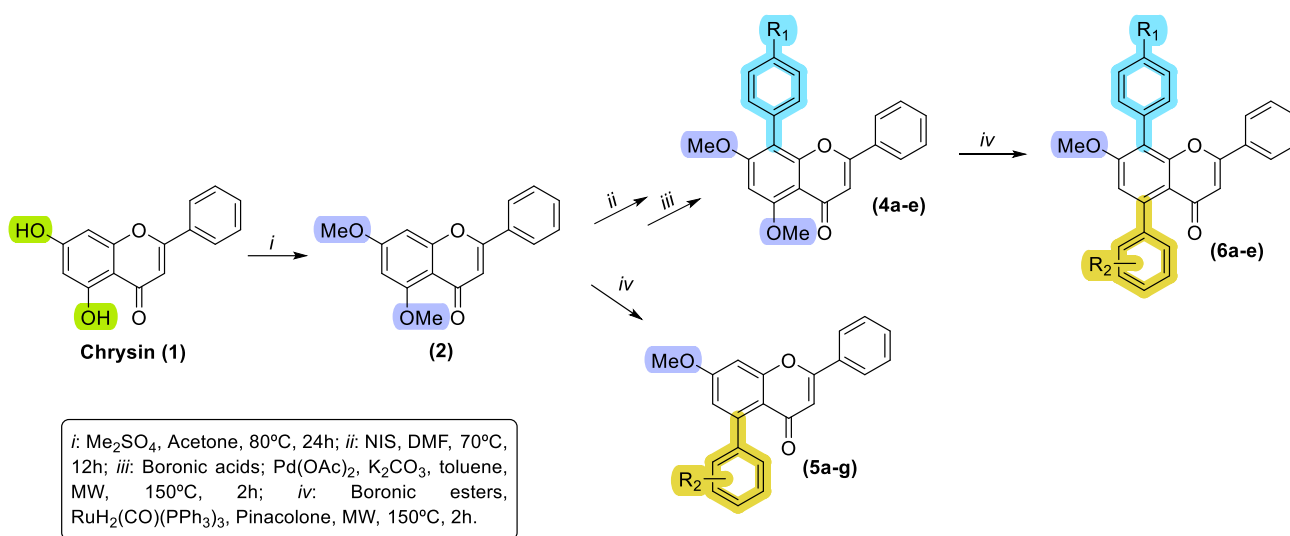
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ABSTRACT

Chikungunya fever is a tropical disease transmitted by the mosquito of *Aedes* sp infected by the chikungunya virus (CHIKV).¹⁻³ In this work, a series of aryl-chrysin derivatives were made. The flavones were synthesized from chrysin by a semi-synthetic route. The new 5-aryl-flavones, 8-aryl-flavones or 5,8-bisaryl-flavones were obtained with good yields (up to 99%) by palladium⁵ and ruthenium⁶ catalysis (Scheme 1). These arylated flavones were directed for an *in silico* analysis of molecular docking assay in target enzyme, the non-structural protein 2 (nsP2).⁴ In addition, a prediction of the drug-likeness, the physicochemical properties, and the pharmacokinetic profile of all compounds were made, and the results were satisfactory. The compounds are being tested against Chikungunya virus against mammalian cells line, evaluating the anti-viral and the cytotoxic activity. In general, all substances were not toxic for human cells.



Scheme 1. Synthesis of the methoxy-chrysin derivatives

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Synthesis, Antileishmanial Activity and *in silico* studies in the cytosolic trypanothione peroxidase (cTXNPx) target of New Sulfonamide-chalcones

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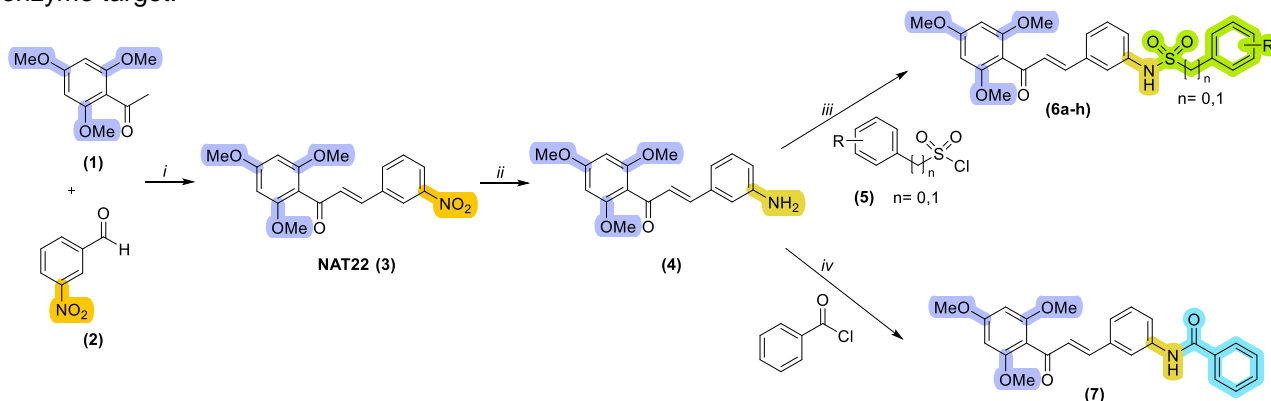
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ABSTRACT

Leishmaniasis is an emerging tropical infectious disease caused by a protozoan parasite of the genus *Leishmania*.¹ In this work, the molecular hybridization between a trimethoxy chalcone and a sulfonamide group was used to generate a series of sulfonamide-chalcones.^{2,3} The chalcones were synthesized from 2',4',6'-trimethoxyacetophenone (1) and 3-nitro-benzaldehyde (2) through the Claisen-Schmidt condensation, followed by the chemoselective reduction of the NO₂ group and sulfonylation of the formed amine to make 8 new sulfonamide-chalcone hybrids with good yields (up to 95%). These sulfonamides-chalcones (6a-h) and *N*-benzoyl-chalcone (7) were tested against promastigotes of *L. amazonensis* and cytotoxicity against mouse macrophages. All chalcones presented good antileishmanial activity, with IC₅₀ between 1.72 and 3.19 μM. Three of them that were also highly active against intracellular amastigotes (IC₅₀ between 0.40 and 1.29 μM), and had good selectivity indexes (SI > 9) were selected for *in silico* analysis of molecular docking and molecular dynamics in the cytosolic trypanothione peroxidase (cTXNPx) parasite enzyme target.³



i: Ba(OH)₂, MeOH, 50°C, 6h; ii: Fe⁰, MeOH:MeCO₂H (1:1), N₂, rt, 1.5h; iii: Py, DCM, rt; iv: Et₃N, DCM, rt, 4h.

Scheme 1. Synthesis of the sulfonamide-chalcones derivatives (6a-h), the synthetic intermediate amino-chalcone (4), and the *N*-benzoyl-chalcone (7).

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Synthesis of Baicalein Derivatives with Potential anti-SARS-CoV-2 Activity

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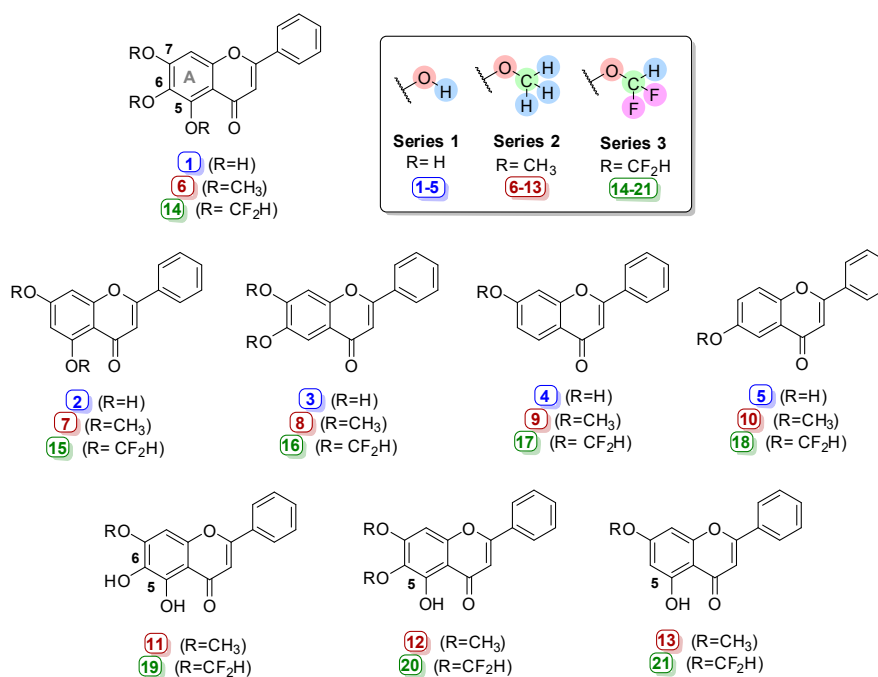
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ABSTRACT

Baicalein was identified as a potent inhibitor of SARS-CoV-2 replication in infected Calu-3 cells¹ (EC₅₀= 1.2 μM) via non-covalent inhibition of its main protease (M^{pro}).² Starting from baicalein, we design three series of derivatives varying the number and position of the hydroxyl groups, as well as their derivatization by methyl and difluoromethyl groups, to establish a relationship between the substituents in the A ring and the efficacy against viral replication. The BOILED-Egg prediction model indicated that all designed compounds will probably present blood-brain barrier permeability and high human intestinal absorption. Twenty compounds were obtained (40-93% yield). Currently, the SARS-CoV-2 activity of these compounds in infected Calu-3 cells, as well as their inhibition of the SARS-CoV-2 M^{pro} enzyme, is being evaluated.



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Synthesis and biological evaluation of covalent inhibitors for dihydroorotate dehydrogenase of *Leishmania braziliensis* (LbDHODH)

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INTRODUCTION

Leishmaniasis has a high annual incidence, about 12 million people are infected, and worldwide, 350 million people are at risk.¹ The development of new drugs is a need that has been widely discussed in the literature.² In this sense, understanding the mechanisms related to the virulence and pathogenesis of *Leishmania* sp. has become a great value in the search for novel antileishmanial agents. Dihydroorotate dehydrogenase of *Leishmania braziliensis* (LbDHODH) is a member of Class 1A DHODHs enzymes.³ and, recently, our research group discovered 1-*H*-indazole as a promising hit in a fragment screening campaign against LbDHODH. Thus, this work aims to develop covalent inhibitors for LbDHODH.⁴

RESULTS/ DISCUSSIONS/CONCLUSION

Figure 1: Obtaining a library of covalent inhibitors derived from indazole.

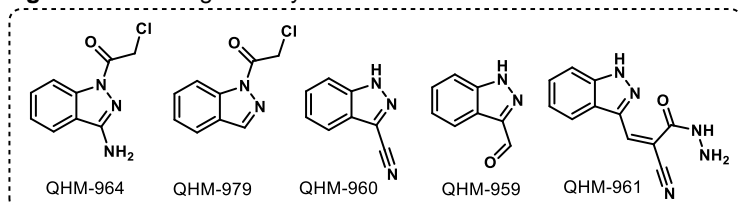
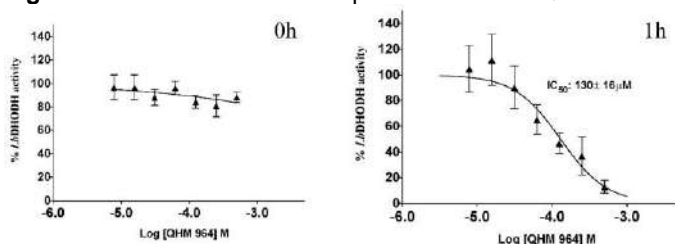


Figure 2: The obtained dose-response curves for QHM-964.



The molecules were purified by silica gel column chromatography and characterized by nuclear magnetic resonance (¹³C and ¹H NMR) and high-resolution mass spectrometry. The isolated yields were satisfactory. The compounds were assayed against LbDHODH. Initially, a punctual assay was carried out at a concentration of 250 μM to verify molecules capable of inhibiting at least 50% of the enzymatic activity. These molecules showed good solubility. Our perspective is to optimize its properties while growing.

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Synthesis of heterocyclic compounds as potential anti-Infectives agents

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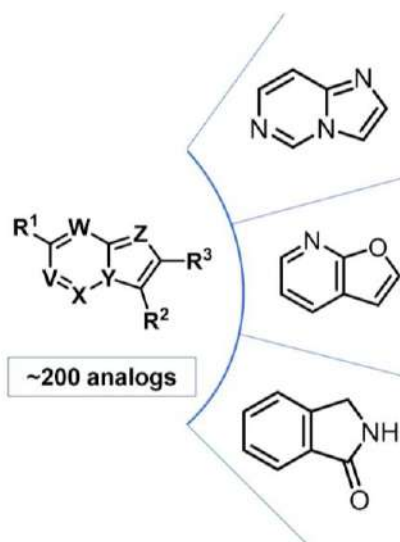
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ABSTRACT

A large number of new heterocyclic compounds having different ring systems were synthesized using relatively simple synthetic pathways (low cost, few steps and good yields), such as condensation, Mannich and C-H activation reactions. Following, the fused rings were decorated with many functional groups, giving rise to a structurally diverse set of analogs (Scheme 1). New imidazopyridine/pyrimidine, furopyridine, and isoindole synthesized compounds that arose from medicinal chemistry optimization were evaluated in an integrated *in vitro* screen. By exploring the chemical diversity of three different heteroaromatic cores and introducing various groups at eight different positions of the general scaffold within this study, we were able to enlarge the chemical space of heterocycles as potential antitrypanosomal agents. The best replacements identified in this SAR studies, will guide the design and selection of the novel compounds that can be transitioned further into drug development for these parasitic infections.¹



Scheme 1. Set of fused rings synthesized and assayed against *T. cruzi*, *T. brucei* and mammalian cells.

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Sustainable method for extracting fenolic compounds from almond hull

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ABSTRACT

Based on the UN goals for the 2030 Agenda, the reduction of toxic waste has led researchers to study environmental preservation techniques, such as agricultural residues from *Prunus dulcis* (almonds) because they contain compounds of economic and practical interest. Thus, Deep Eutectic Natural Solvents (NADES) were used as extractor solvent and submitted to the miniaturized microwave-assisted extraction (MAE) technique. Then analyzed by HPLC-DAD. Extraction was optimized using a central composite design (CCD). Using the Analytical AGREEness (AGREE) metric [5], it was possible to quantify the environmental impact of the developed method and compare it with methods reproduced in the literature.

The developed method resulted in an optimized, efficient and low environmental impact alternative for the extraction of high added value compounds present in the almond shell. NADES lactic acid:glycerol 1:1 (containing 20% water) can be a suitable substitute for frequently used reference solvents.

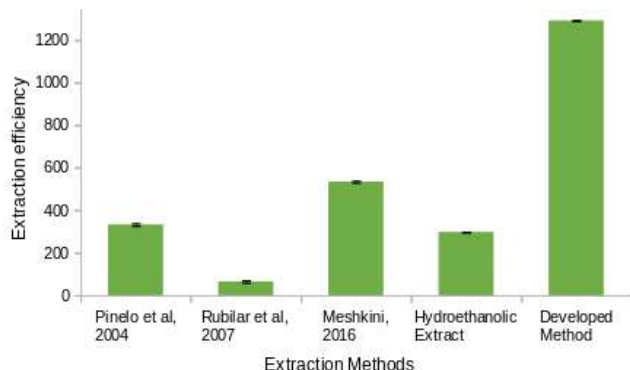


Figure 1: Comparison between extraction methods.

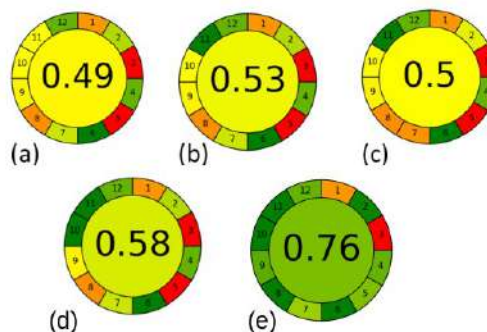


Figure 2: Pictograms AGREE metric (a)³; (b)⁴; (c)⁵; (d) hydroethanolic extract and (e) developed method.

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Development of a green chromatography method for the determination of compounds by industrial interest in orange residues

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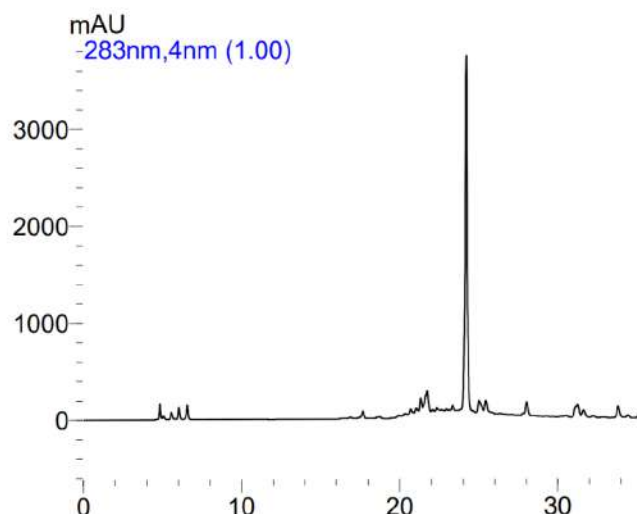
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ABSTRACT

Sweet oranges are widely sold in Brazil,¹ where 50% of production is transformed into waste. However, oranges are an extremely important fruit for human health, being rich in vitamin C, β -carotenoids, folic acid and flavonoids. In addition, the fruit has secondary metabolites that bring about its pharmacological effects.² For its industrial importance, a green chromatographic method was developed for the analysis. The Fractional Planning $2v^{5-1}$ and Doehlert method were used, where 5 variables were chosen for the analysis, with X1 being the initial % of EtOH, being favorable in 5%, X2 as the final % of EtOH, being favorable at 100%, X3 as temperature, being used at 40°C, X4 as % of HAc, being favorable at 1,5% and, finally, X5 as flow rate, being used at 0.5 mL/min. Through these factors, it was possible to discard toxic solvents, saving analysis time and energy, as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1: chromatogram of the developed method.



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Optimization of the mixture of hydroalcoholic leaves extracts of Cobrina (*Tabernaemontana catharinensis* A.DC), Pau-Brasil (*Paubrasilia echinata* Lam) and Tipuana (*Tipuana Tipu* Benth)

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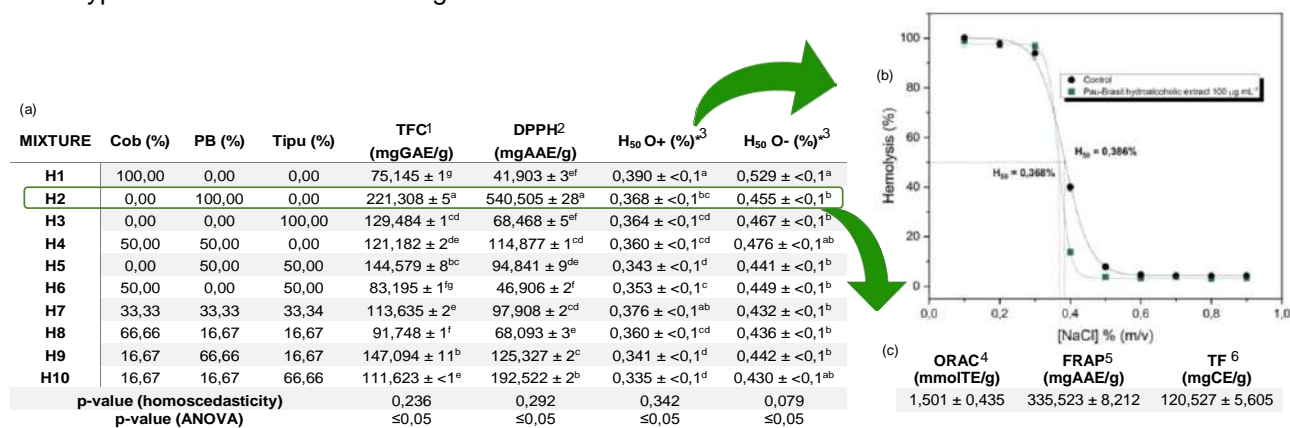
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ABSTRACT

Cobrina, Pau-Brasil and Tipuana are trees native to South America, present in Brazil. Cobrina and Tipuana have more reports in the literature of biological activities than Pau-Brasil, but even so, they are few. In this study, the objective was to optimize the composition of the hydroalcoholic leaves extract, using a simplex-centroid experimental design, obtaining 10 extracts. Through the desirability function, optimizing four parameters simultaneously (total phenolic compounds, DPPH radical inhibition and H₅₀ (50% hemolysis) against O+ and O- type erythrocytes in hypotonic conditions), it was obtained that the optimal composition has 100% Pau-Brasil. The optimized extract showed antioxidant activity by the methods of Oxygen Radical Absorbance and ability to reduce Iron III, in addition to protective action on the erythrocyte membrane of both blood types as can be observed in figure 1.



*Control: O+ 0,386^{ab}; O- 0,486^{ab}

Figure 1. (a) Composition of the extracts in %, optimized parameters (total phenolic compounds (TFC), DPPH radical inhibition, concentration where 50% of hemolysis occurs for O+ and O- type erythrocytes) and their results, (b) Graph of the hypotonic hemolysis of O+ against the PB hydroalcoholic extract and (c) results of the optimized extract: Oxygen Radical Absorbance, ability to reduce Iron III and total flavonoid content.

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Evaluation of antioxidant activity from *Garcinia cochinchinensis* pulp extracts

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ABSTRACT

Garcinia cochinchinensis (Clusiaceae) is a fruit native from Vietnam.¹ In folk medicine, the peel of the fruit is used to treat allergies and skin diseases.² In addition, fruit extracts show *in vitro* antioxidant activity of acetone extract pulp.³ There are few studies about this plant grown in Brazil. This work aims to evaluate antioxidant activity of different fractions from pulp fruit extracts of *Garcinia cochinchinensis*. The fruits were subjected ultrasound-assisted extraction (25 kHz, 1 h, H₂O/EtOH 1:1). Liquid-liquid extraction was performed with chloroform (CA, CB). The aqueous phase was adjusted to pH 12 and extracted with ethyl acetate (A12A, A12B), after with pH 8 and 4 (A8A, A8B, A4A, A4B). Antioxidant activity was evaluated against DPPH•, ABTS•⁺, FRAP, Fe²⁺ chelation and used ascorbic acid (AA) as a positive control.

Fractions	DPPH• IC ₅₀ (ppm)*	ABTS• ⁺ IC ₅₀ (ppm)*	FRAP (mg AA g ⁻¹)*	Chelation of Fe (II) (%)
CA	366,9±130,6ab	65,08±0,93c	8,52±0,3b	42,7 ± 4cd
A12A	774,3±285,5ab	14,44±0,85a	7,71±0,3b	81,3 ± 2ab
A8A	30,01±0,9c	15,14±1,25a	46,20±0,1b	89 ± 8 a
A4A	24,8±1,4c	33,02±17,81b	5,93±0,3b	83 ± 12 ab
C.B	38,3±3,1c	51,35±8,1c	9,34±0,02b	63,3± 3 abc
A8B	31,6±0,5c	19,27±2,45a	50,3±0,7a	90,6 ± ab
AM8B	43,4±4,1c	55,12±9,77c	4,42±0,01b	91 ± 4 a
A4B	26,6±2,9c	32,01±4,8b	5,48±0,05b	47,7 ± 3 cd
AA	12,46±1,7d	9,96±1,4 ^a	-	-

Table 1: Antioxidant activity of extracts from *G. cochinchinensis* pulp.

The highest antioxidant activities were found in ethyl acetate extracts, mainly in pH 8 and 4, so these fractions have potential to be better exploited.

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Exploring the antioxidant activity of *Eugenia uniflora* L. extracts: A comparative approach by different techniques

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ABSTRACT

Eugenia uniflora (Myrtaceae), popularly known as pitangueira, is native to Brazil. This plant is recognized as a source of bioactive compounds, moreover polyphenols¹. Due to the several factors that influence the composition of its extracts, such as genotypic and phenotypic characteristics, assigning antioxidant properties to specimens present in distinct locations under different conditions is of great importance^{1,2}.

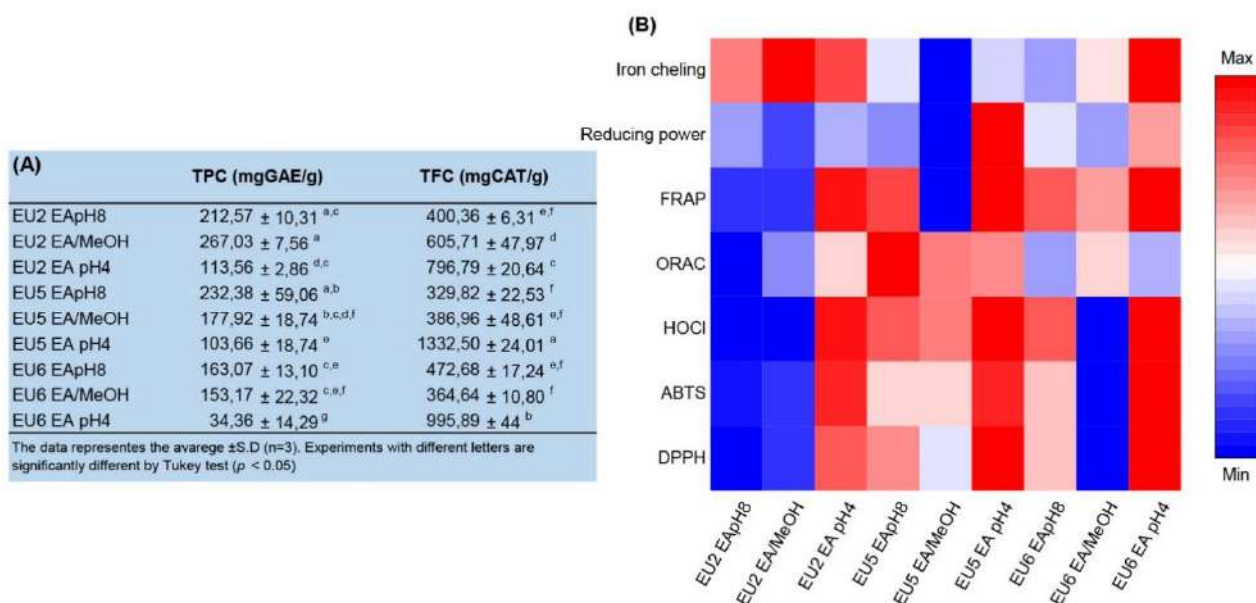


Figure 1: (A) Total of phenolic compounds and flavonoids. (B) Heat map of the nine samples (X axis) and the antioxidant methods (Y axis). The data are treated by Min-Max scaling.

In this study, the composition (TPC, TFC and HPLC-DAD fingerprint) and antioxidant activity of three different specimens (EU2, EU5 and EU6) were compared. The results indicated that the extracts obtained with ethyl acetate (EA) at pH4 had highest effectiveness, probably due to their high levels of phenolic compounds³. Additionally, a massive occurrence of flavonoids in EU5 was observed, as demonstrated by the antioxidant activity of EA at pH8 and EA/MeOH (70:30). Our study on those three specimens contribute to the evaluation on chemical variability and their influence on biological activities.

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Bioprospecting-based untargeted metabolomics identifies alkaloids as potential anti-inflammatory bioactive markers of *Ocotea* species (Lauraceae)

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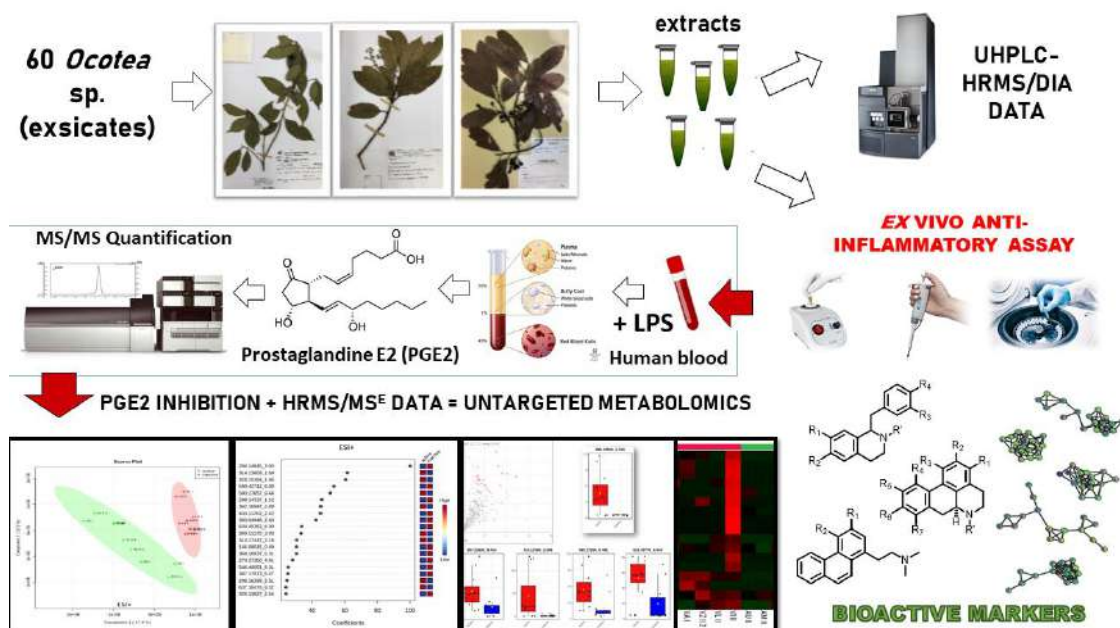
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ABSTRACT

The anti-inflammatory profile of 60 *Ocotea* sp. was investigated employing cutting-edge untargeted metabolomics approaches¹. Our study employed liquid chromatography coupled with high-resolution mass spectrometry to uncover the bioactive markers present in *Ocotea* species. By the use of MS^E spectra, multivariate and univariate statistical analysis, *in-house* databases, molecular networking and gas-phase fragmentation reactions investigation, we successfully annotated alkaloids, particularly aporphine and benzyloquinolines, as the primary anti-inflammatory compounds. Remarkably, 50 out of the 60 *Ocotea* species exhibited potent inhibition of prostaglandin E2 (PGE2) release, demonstrating their potential as promising sources for anti-inflammatory drug discovery. Notably, 10 extracts exhibited statistical similarity to the corticosteroid reference drug dexamethasone, underscoring the significance of these natural products. This bioprospecting endeavour, utilizing metabolomics-based techniques and gas-phase fragmentations, expands our understanding of the chemical diversity of the *Ocotea* genus and offers promising avenues for further anti-inflammatory drug discovery studies based on Natural Products sources.



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PHYTOCHEMISTRY, BIOLOGIC ACTIVITY AND QSAR MODELS OF ENDOPHYTIC FUNGI METABOLITES FROM *Poincianella pluviosa* (SIBIPIRUNA)

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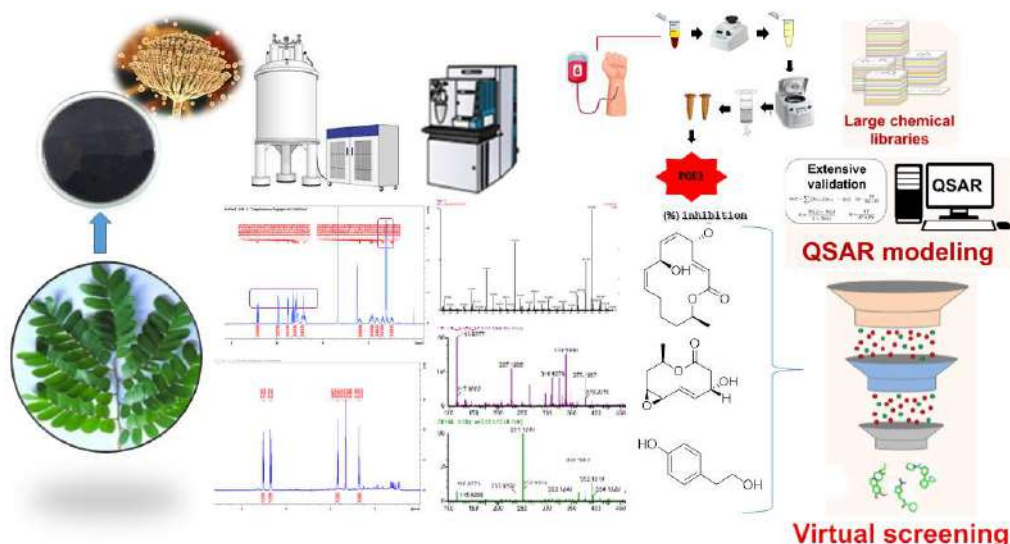
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ABSTRACT

Fungi have a wide variety of specialized metabolites with unique chemical structures and outstanding biological activity, such as anti-inflammatory and antiparasitic properties¹. Endophytic strains of *Aspergillus* sp. and *Nigrospora* sp. from *Poincianella pluviosa* leaves were isolated and chemically characterized using Mass Spectrometry and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance technics². The latter endophytic strain was identified as *Nigrospora zimmerini* using morphological features and genetic sequencing, and its extract showed *ex vivo* anti-inflammatory activity. By comparing monoisotopic mass data with an Internal Database (IDB), 75 metabolites were putatively identified. Three main compounds isolated from the fungi extract were characterized as the nigrosporolide, tyrosol, and decarestrictin A. However, our systematic review revealed that the *Aspergillus* genus had the highest number of isolated bioactive metabolites for anti-inflammatory activity in the literature. Therefore, QSAR predictive models were constructed to predict the suppression of nitric oxide (NO), an inflammatory mediator, using isolated metabolites from endophytic *Aspergillus* species.



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Synthesis and investigation of quinoline derivatives as photoinitiators to polymerization of dental resins

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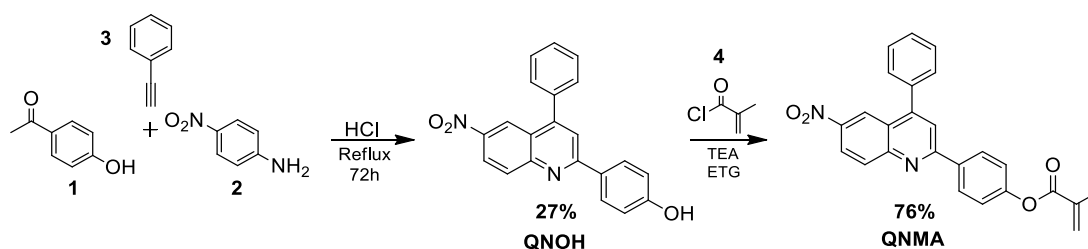
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ABSTRACT

This work sought the synthesis of different quinoline derivatives (Scheme 1) capable of acting as Type II photoinitiators in the reaction of photopolymerization of urethane dimethacrylate monomer (UDMA) (Figure 1) which is widely used in the composition of dental restoration resins.¹⁻³ Among the objectives, we verified the effect promoted by the different quinoline compounds proposed, including one of them having a methacrylate group like the monomer, which showed promise when reaching more than 60% of conversion degree, result similar to camphorquinone that is used in several composite resins currently. The polymerization times also drew attention, being between 40 and 60 s, and by means of a photolysis investigation we observed the formation of radical species from the first second to the exposure of the photoinitiators to the light of the curing light. In addition, the materials produced have fluorescence, which may be interesting for application in the dental field.



Scheme 1. Synthesis of quinoline derivatives

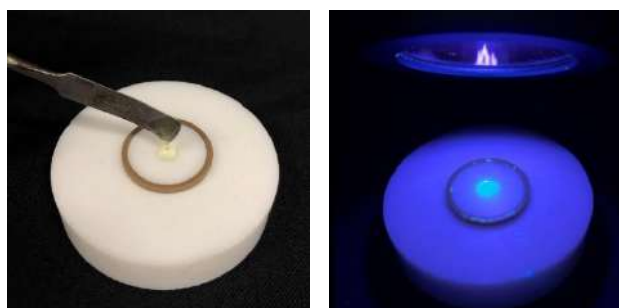


Figure 1. Photopolymerization of UDMA using quinolinic photoinitiators

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New *N*-gluco-nitro-imidazoles, potential bioactive substances

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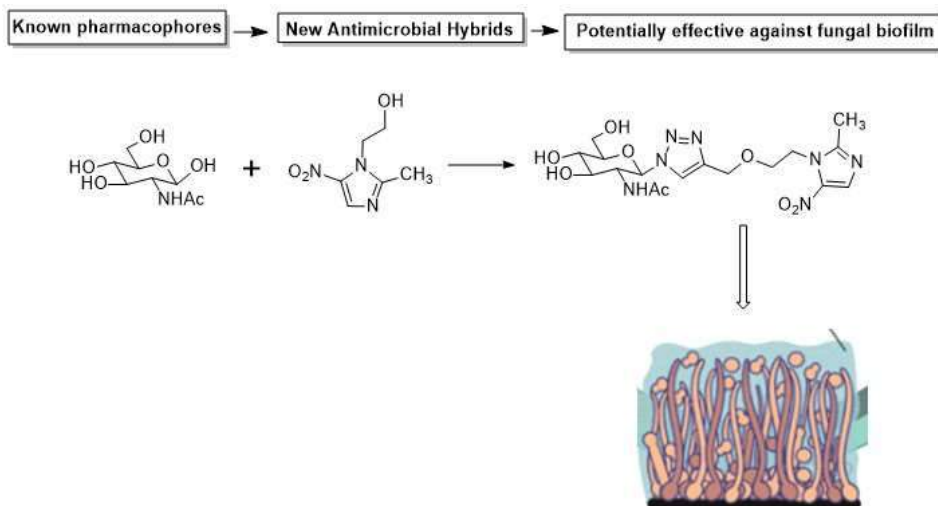
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ABSTRACT

The importance of carbohydrates in the proper functioning of the organism have been known for a long time. In medicinal chemistry, they have several applications, as they can be associated with proteins (glycoproteins) and lipids (glycolipids). Thus, the field of research of glycol-compounds as enzyme inhibitors or transporters has been growing significantly, as the development of carbohydrate derivatives can therapeutically interfere with the metabolic processes of an individual in a pathological state. Another important therapeutic class is the nitro-nitroimidazoles, with 5-nitroimidazoles being responsible for its greatest therapeutic success, having several bioactive compounds, such as antiparasitic and antimicrobial. Therefore, it seemed interesting to us to prepare glyco-compounds containing a 5-nitroimidazole unit, to investigate their biological properties, such as against fungal biofilm. In this work, we performed the synthesis and characterization of *N*-gluco-metronidazole, obtained by non-classical glycosylation, performed by a click chemistry reaction, to evaluate its properties against fungal biofilms.



We will report herein the synthesis of a new gluco-metronidazole as a potential bioactive compound.

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Preparation of 4-aminoquinazolines with potential antitumor activity

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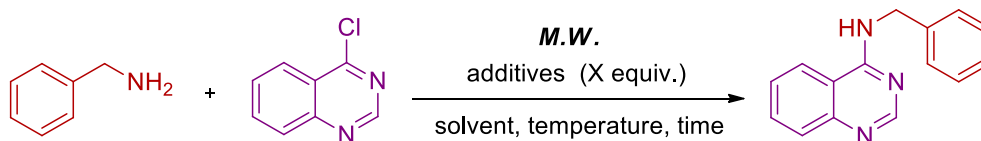
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ABSTRACT

Quinazolines are important molecules with biological potential, and are representative of a wide class of *N*-aromatic heterocycles. It is worth mentioning that 4-aminoquinazoline derivatives are highly desired by the pharmaceutical industry, in which it is present in many molecules and drugs, like *erlotinib*, *gefitinib*, *afatinib* and *prazosin* being highlighted, as well as other EGFR epidermal growth factor receptor inhibitors.¹⁻³ In view of the importance of this class of compounds, synthetic studies were developed for the synthesis of 4-aminoquinazolines of medicinal interest from nucleophilic aromatic substitution reactions (S_NAr), (Scheme 1),⁴⁻⁷ in strategic positions of the quinazoline ring, with potential antitumor activity and future applications in functional supramolecular nanosystems (Figure 1), for the development of new drugs with theranostic properties.¹⁻⁴



Scheme 1. Study of the reaction condition.

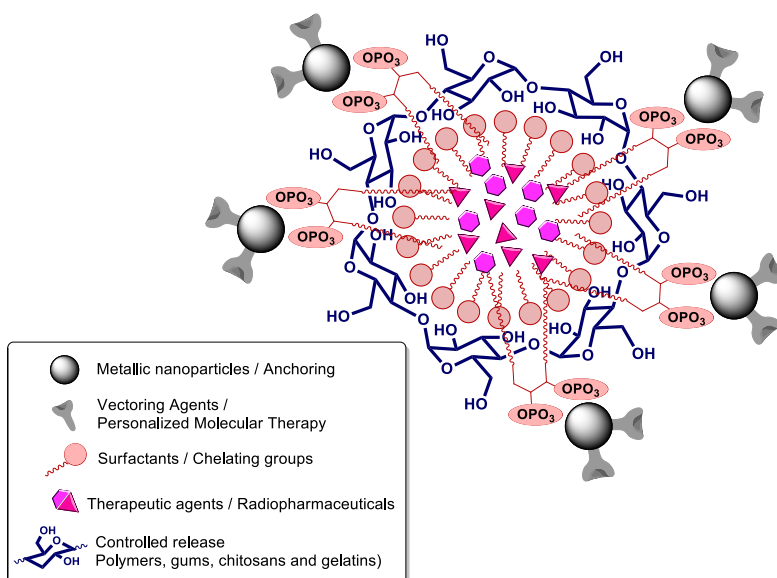


Figure 1. Supramolecular Nanosystems.

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Temperature-Controlled Mechanochemistry for the Nickel-Catalysed Suzuki–Miyaura-Type Coupling of Aryl Chlorides via Ball Milling

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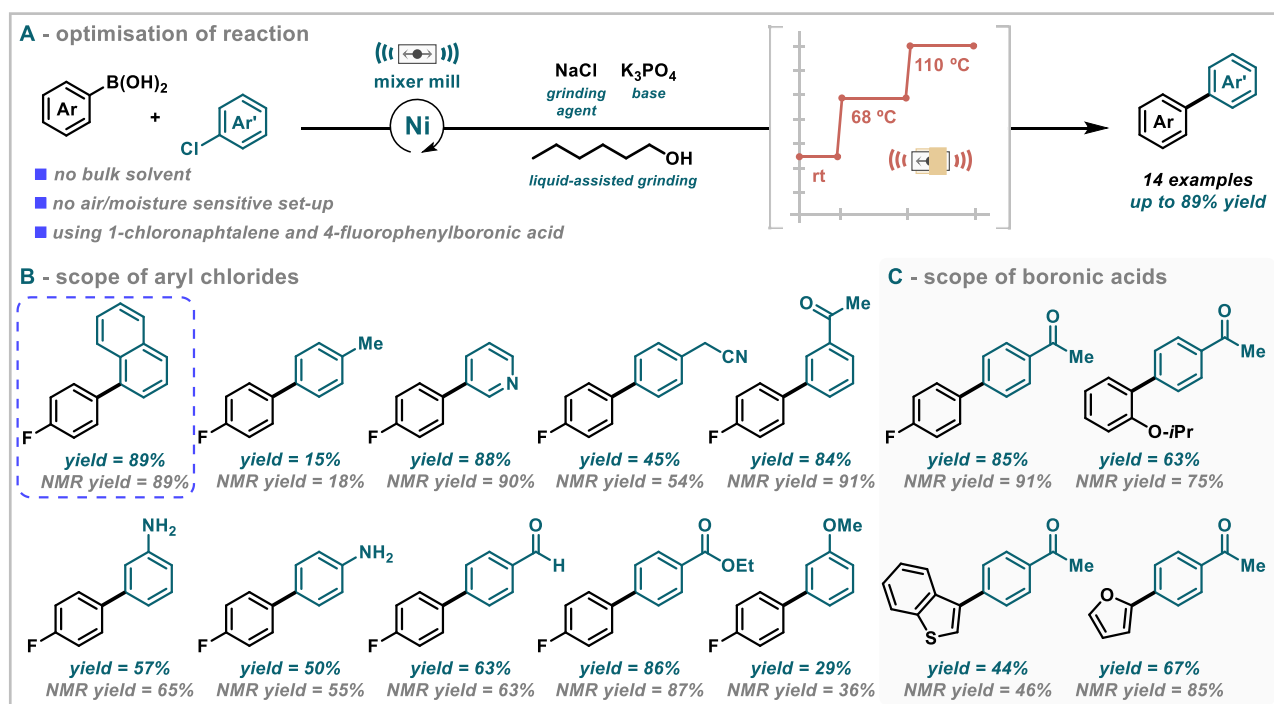
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ABSTRACT

Research interests in mechanochemistry have been growing in recent years. Due to its retrosynthetic disconnections importance, Suzuki–Miyaura chemistry has also been one of the main targets in the development of mechanochemical cross-coupling protocols.¹ Due to its reliable and robust nature, the cross coupling protocol is one of the most dependable transformations used in industrial settings.² Inspired on previous sulfamate-based coupling, we showcase Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling reaction by milling using an earth-abundant nickel catalyst and aryl chlorides (Scheme 1).³ Optimised results were achieved between 1-chloronaphtalene and 4-fluorophenylboronic acid yielding 89% by NMR analysis. Preliminary and diverse scope ensured 14 successful examples in up to 89% isolated yield. Phenol, isocyanate, alcohol and alkyl halide groups installed in aryl chlorides showed intolerance, as well as high melting point aryl chlorides (generally above 70 °C). Further aryl chlorides and boronic acids are still under investigation.



Scheme 1. Temperature-controlled nickel catalysed Suzuki–Miyaura reaction by ball milling.

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The Second Generation of the In-tandem Enantioselective Heck-Matsuda Arylations of Unactivated Olefins Directly from Anilines and Nitroarenes

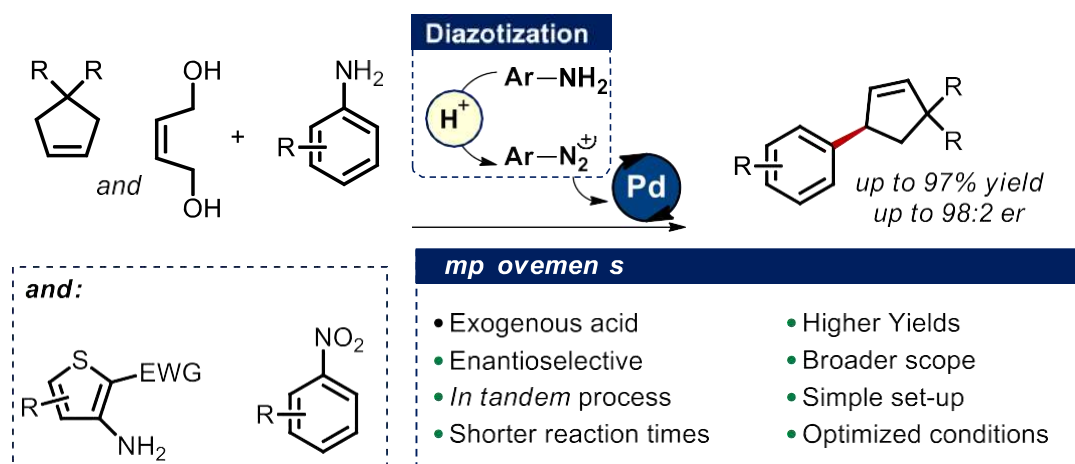
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ABSTRACT

A much improved second generation of the sequential one-pot enantioselective Heck-Matsuda reaction directly from aniline derivatives has been developed.^{1,2} This new, simple, and effective arylation method relies on the *in-situ* diazotization of the electronically diverse anilines and, aminothiophenes, followed by the enantioselective Heck-Matsuda reaction under mildly acidic conditions, skipping the need for the preparation of unstable arenediazonium salts.³ This effective and very practical protocol was used to perform, among other processes, the desymmetrization of unactivated olefins leading to the synthesis of enantioenriched cyclopentenes and β -aryl- γ -lactones in high yields (up to 99%) and *er* (up to 99:1). Importantly, the protocol was also applied in the formal total synthesis of the biologically active compound VPC01091, a drug candidate for multiple sclerosis with excellent yield (94%), in 97:3 *er* and >20:1 *dr*. The method is amenable to multigram-scale reactions. A first approach using nitroarenes in a reduction-diazotization-Heck reaction step is presented.



Scheme 1. In-tandem enantioselective Heck-Matsuda reaction directly from anilines and nitroarenes.

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Synthesis of enantioenriched helical complexes

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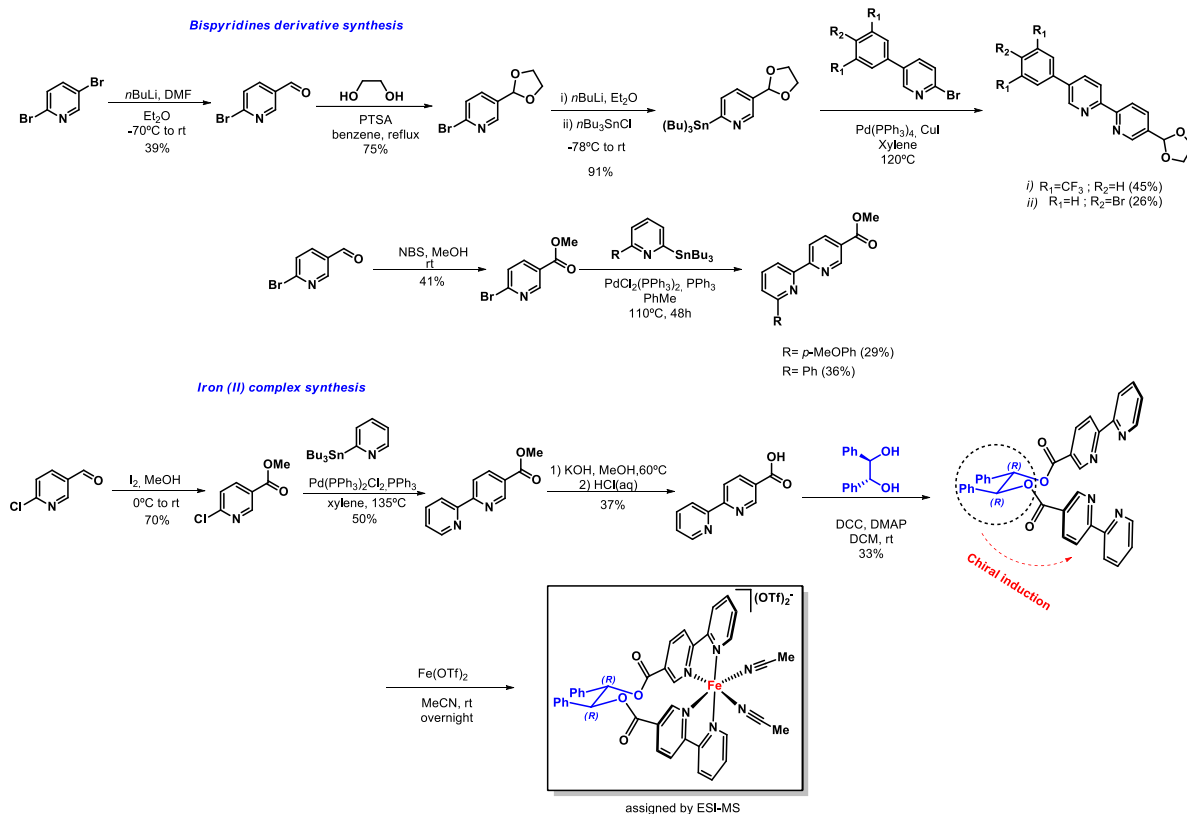
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ABSTRACT

Bipyridines and their derivatives are commonly used in catalysis and metal complexes synthesis.^[1,2] In this way, this work focus on the synthesis of bisbipyridines, by introducing chiral backbone to yield helical enantioenriched complexes. The synthetic of the bipyridines was achieved by cross-coupling reactions such as Negishi, Suzuki and Stille as well deprotonative reaction and the chiral diol backbone was attached by Steglich reaction. Series of new ligands was obtained by this strategy and synthesis of metal ruthenium(II) complexes are ongoing just as catalytic studies. A new iron(II) complex was obtained using this strategy.



Scheme 1. Synthetic Route of bispyridine derivatives and formation of iron (II) complex.

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Exploring a fast and simple method for the synthesis of 4,5-substituted 3-pyrazolones via 2,3-substituted furo[2,3-*b*]pyridine ring opening

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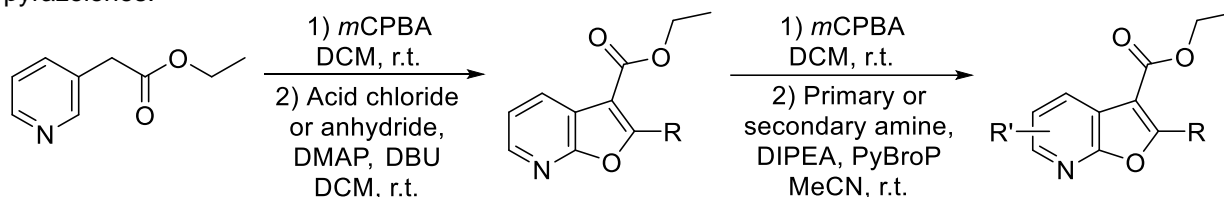
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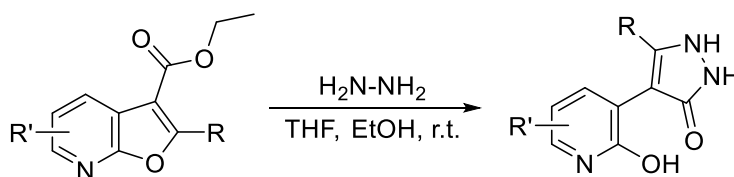
ABSTRACT

Pyrazolones are five-membered heterocycles derived from the pyrazole that have a wide range of commercial use, as this moiety is found in dyes, agrochemical and pharmaceutical molecules.¹ Some recent studies also reported its potential anticancer activity,^{2,3} therefore increasing the interest in new pyrazolone derivatives. Still, the synthesis of these substituted pyrazolones demands various steps.^{3,4} Since substituted furo[2,3-*b*]pyridines can be easily synthesized by the cyclization of substituted pyridine and further easily functionalized,⁵ the use of this heterocycle might be an interesting approach for the synthesis of functionalized 3-pyrazolones.



Scheme 1. Synthesis of 2,3-substituted furo[2,3-*b*]pyridines.

A simple method for the preparation of substituted 3-pyrazolones through ring opening of furo[2,3-*b*]pyridines was recently first described,⁵ so this work explores more deeply the chemistry that involves this ring opening and how to make the 3-pyrazolone synthesis more effective.



Scheme 2. Ring opening of the 2,3-substituted furo[2,3-*b*]pyridine.

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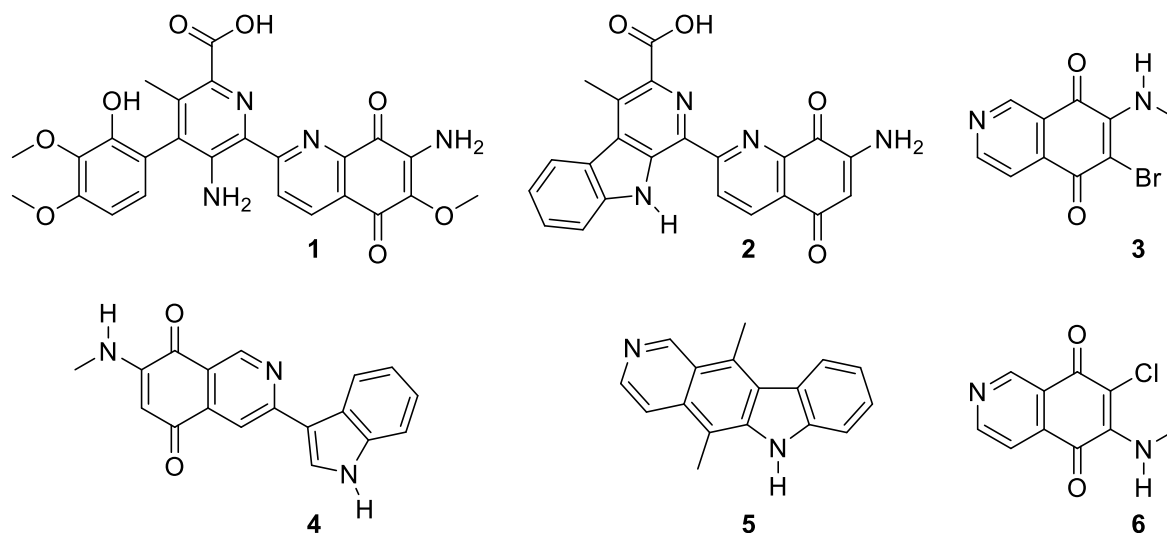
Regiochemical Switching in Oxidative Amination of Azanaphthoquinones

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ABSTRACT

Oxidative amination is a reaction sequence thoroughly used in total syntheses involving the nucleophilic attack of an amine at a quinone scaffold followed by an in-situ oxidation step. It has been used in the total syntheses of several azanaphthoquinone alkaloids such as streptonigrin (**1**), lavendamycin (**2**), caulibugulone B (**3**), and mansouramycin D (**4**). The major drawback of this approach is the regiochemistry selectivity, which is generally driven by the nitrogen atom at the heterocyclic ring and can't be easily switched in the case of isoquinolinediones. In this work, we describe the structural effects controlling the regiochemistry of the oxidative amination of quinolinediones and isoquinolinediones and how to switch the usual outcome of each compound to synthesize alkaloids such as ellipticine (**5**) and isocaulibugulone C (**6**).¹⁻⁴ Using DFT calculations, we will show that this usual tendency is not necessarily driven by the Parr functions of concurrent sites of the electrophile and the implications in all cases.



Scheme 1. Synthesized alkaloids using the usual regiochemical outcome of the oxidative amination: streptonigrin (**1**), lavendamycin (**2**), caulibugulone B (**3**), and mansouramycin D (**4**); and the switched outcome: ellipticine (**5**) and isocaulibugulone C (**6**).

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DEVELOPMENT OF A PLATFORM FOR SYNTHESIS AND ANALYTICAL CERTIFICATION OF NITROSAMINES OF PHARMACEUTICAL INTEREST

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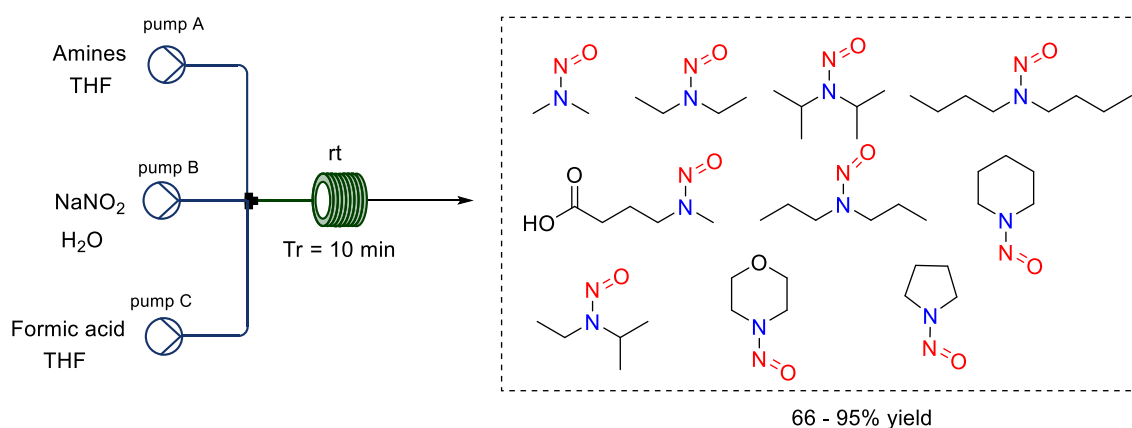
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ABSTRACT

Nitrosamines are a class of chemical compounds that have been classified as probable human carcinogens based on animal studies. In recent years, there has been significant concern over the presence of nitrosamine impurities in drugs, as several commonly used medications were found to have unexpectedly high levels of these compounds.¹ Consequently, pharmaceutical companies and regulatory agencies have made extensive efforts to prevent, detect, and control nitrosamine impurities. In this work, we have successfully devised an efficient and innovative method for synthesizing pharmaceutical-grade nitrosamines using continuous flow technology. The utilization of continuous flow processes has gained considerable attention due to their inherent advantages such as improved safety, faster reaction kinetics, scalability, cost-effectiveness, and enhanced atom economy.² Our developed process demonstrates remarkable advantages, allowing for the rapid synthesis of various nitrosamines of pharmaceutical relevance in 10-minute residence time under mild reaction conditions. Furthermore, we have achieved the isolation of these compounds with high purity levels and moderate to high yields. This breakthrough has significant implications for the pharmaceutical industry and can contribute with the preparation of certificated standards necessary for nitrosamine control in pharmaceutical products.



Scheme 1. Continuous flow synthesis of nitrosamines.

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Synthesis of Novel Chiral Ruthenium Complexes and Evaluation in Asymmetric Catalysis

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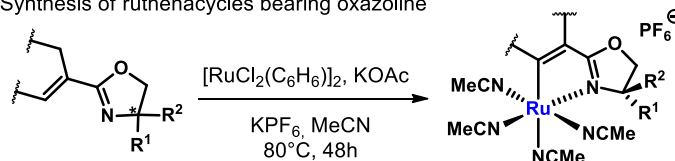
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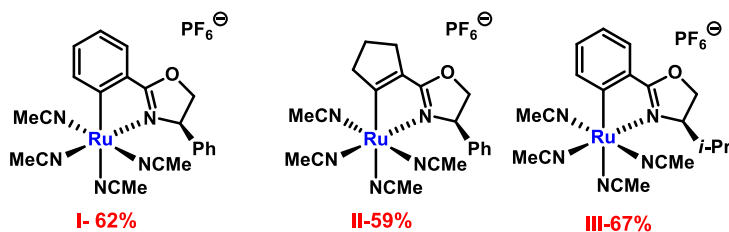
ABSTRACT

p-Cymene ruthenium complex is the most employed ruthenium catalyst in C-H functionalizations.¹ Recently, Larossa's group reported that ruthenacycles are efficient catalysts for alkylation and arylation reactions under mild conditions.^{2,3} Herein, we report an operationally simple synthesis of bench-stable chiral ruthenacycles **I**, **II** and **III** that were able to catalyze arylation of 2-aryl-pyridine derivatives.

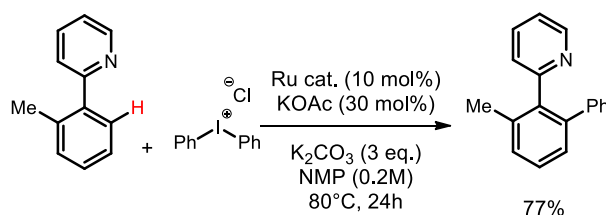
Synthesis of ruthenacycles bearing oxazoline



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Scheme 1. Synthesis and evaluation of ruthenacycles in C-H activation.

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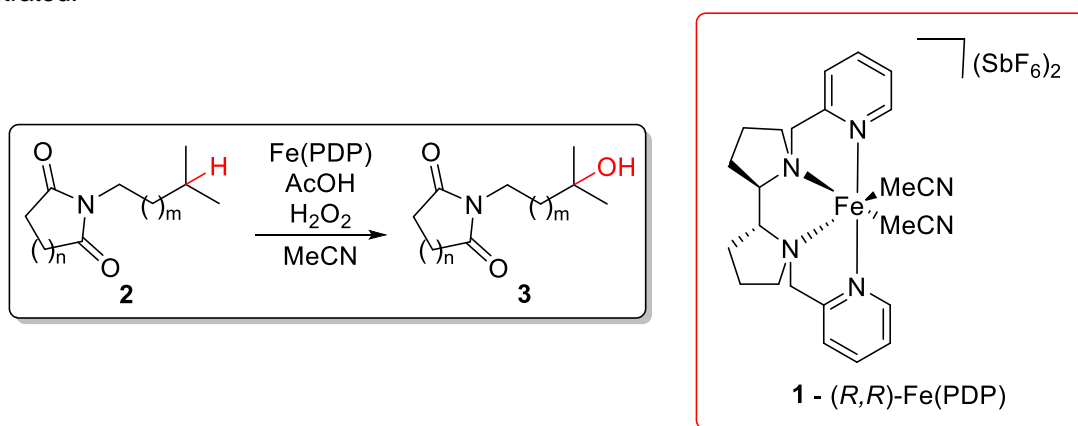
Investigating tertiary alcohol synthesis employing oxidation of aliphatic C—H bonds

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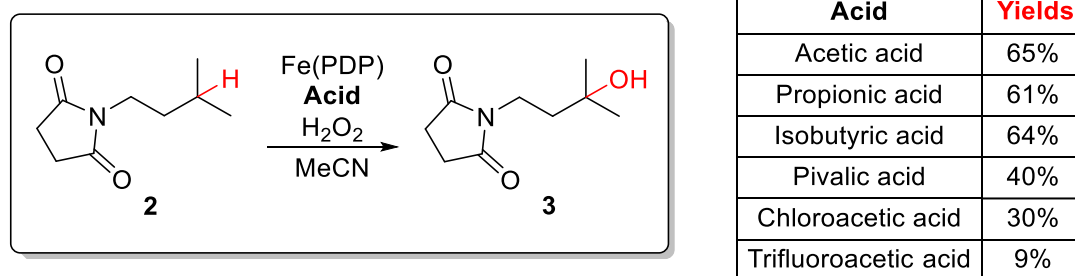
ABSTRACT

In recent decades, many advances have been made regarding the activation of inert C—H bonds as a viable tool for organic synthesis. In the mid-2000s, White and collaborators developed the [Fe(II)(PDP)(MeCN)₂](SbF₆)₂, also known as Fe(PDP) (**1**), an iron-based catalyst capable of oxidizing tertiary C-H bonds with a high level of selectivity without the need for pre-existing directing groups.¹ In 2015, the use of Fe(PDP) to oxidate remote tertiary C—H bonds in molecules containing imide groups was also demonstrated.²



Scheme 1. C-H oxidation in imide-containing molecules employing Fe(PDP).

Thus, our research group decided to reinvestigate the original reaction conditions by varying the employed carboxylic acid. With this, we desire to better understand the effects of the carboxylic acid on the reaction under which the C—H oxidation catalyzed by Fe(PDP) occurs.



Scheme 2. Fe(PDP) catalyzed oxidation, employing varied carboxylic acids.

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Selective late-stage oxidation of C—H bonds in the synthesis of complex natural diterpenes

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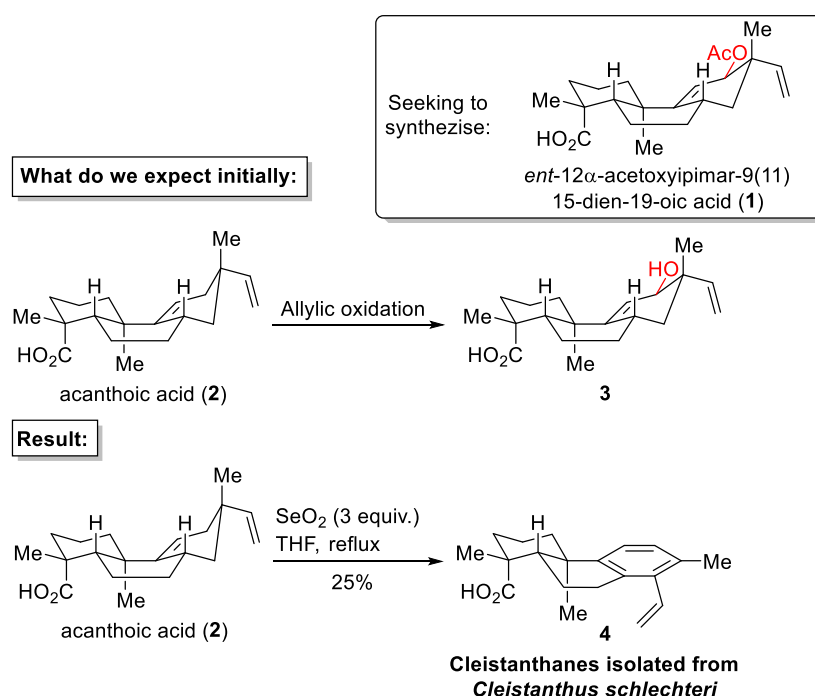
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ABSTRACT

One of the main challenges in the area of C—H bond oxidation is the development of selective reactions due to the ubiquity of this type of bond in organic molecules and its low reactivity. In the case of transformations applied at a late-stage, obtaining chemoselectivity is of great interest. In this sense, our main goal is to use complex natural diterpenes as platforms to perform selective C—H oxidations in the synthesis of other natural products in a higher oxidative level.

In order to synthesize the natural product **1**, we envisioned that the *ent*-pimarane acanthoic acid (**2**)¹ could be converted to the allylic alcohol **3**. However, the allylic oxidation of compound **2** with three equivalents of SeO₂ in THF at reflux furnished the aromatic compound **4** in 25% yield (Scheme 1).

This result enabled us to access the cleistanthanes class of natural products² in a biomimetic way.



Scheme 1. Allylic oxidation of acanthoic acid with SeO₂

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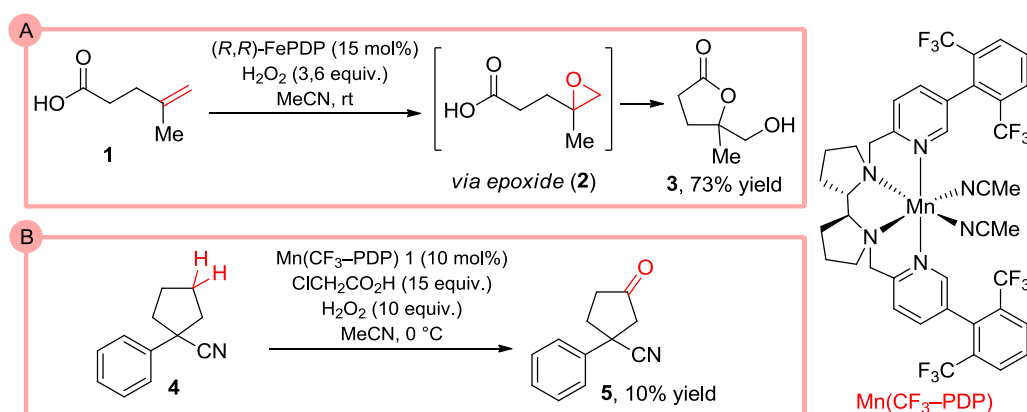
The use of iron complexes to mask olefins in the oxidation of C–H bonds

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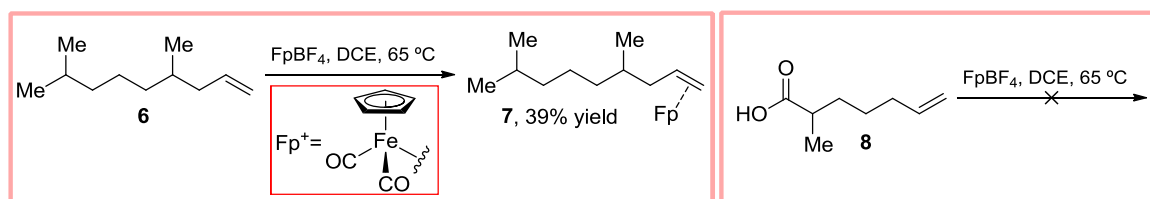
ABSTRACT

A prominent problem in the functionalization of C–H bonds is the presence of π C–C bonds in the substrates, as they are oxidized to epoxides.¹⁻³ The use of systems such as FePDP leads to the major formation of epoxides and quinones (Scheme 1). In the diagram below, in (A) the treatment of **1** with FePDP and H₂O₂ as a terminal oxidant led to the formation of **3** via **2** and in (B) the low yield and selectivity of **5** is due to the formation of quinone byproducts.^{4,5}



Scheme 1. Oxidations of substrates (A) with olefins and (B) aromatic rings.

To circumvent this limitation, we propose the complexation of terminal olefins with an iron complex (Scheme 2). In this way, it will be possible to mask the reactivity of the double bond against the C–H bonds and favor the oxidation of remote C–H bonds.



Scheme 2. Complexation of terminal olefins with iron.

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Synthesis of tetraaryl-1,4-dihydropyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyrrole and application as a photoinitiator from 3D printing

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ABSTRACT

Photopolymerization is a technique that uses light energy to produce polymers; macromolecules formed from monomers. For the reaction to occur, the presence of a photoinitiator that absorbs a certain wavelength is necessary, producing radicals that initiate polymerization. This work developed the synthesis of derivatives of tetraaryl-1,4-dihydropyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyrrole to use them as photoinitiators, in the polymerization of monomers widely used in dental restorations. capable of producing materials in very short time intervals. The following were tested: urethane dimethacrylate (UDMA), dimethacrylatetriethyleneglycol (TEG-DMA), and dimethacrylateglycerol (BIS-GMA), in addition to mixtures of these monomers (Figure 01), in order to simulate the use of the photoinitiator in dental resins. Promising results were observed with the mixture of BIS-GMA with TEG-DMA, with good polymer rigidity in less than 100 seconds of resin exposure to ultraviolet light irradiation.



Figure 01. Photopolymerization using pyrrole-pyrroles and UDMA, BIS-DMA and TEG-DMA.

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Synthesis of New Aromatic Compounds Derived from Renewable Sources

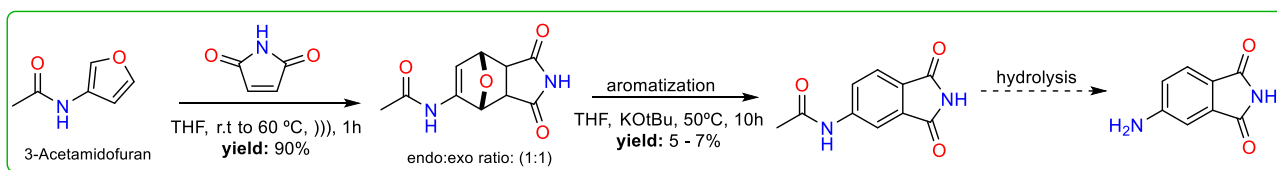
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ABSTRACT

Since the beginning of the chemical industry, aromatic compounds have played a crucial role in the production of high added-value chemicals. Currently, fossil carbon sources are still the predominant starting materials for the synthesis of aromatic compounds.¹ In this sense, our goal is to provide the preparation of aromatic compounds from renewable sources. Chitin biomass is a rich renewable resource that widely exists in crustacean shells. Chitin has the potential for obtaining nitrogen-containing derivatives, such as *N*-acetylglucosamine (**NAG**).^{1,2} 3-Acetamidofuran (**3AF**) is obtained from **NAG** and has a wide application prospect, because the acetyl-protected amine can be easily transformed.³ Bearing this in mind, the application of the furan derivative (**3AF**) in sequential Diels-Alder and aromatization reactions can inspire a new environmentally-safe approach to obtain nitrogenated aromatic compounds, as shown in **Scheme 1**.



Scheme 1. Synthetic route for the production of nitrogenated aromatic compounds from the chitin-derived furan **3AF**.

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Synthesis of 2-hydrazono-3-thiazolines through a novel one-pot multicomponent/rearrangement process from 2-substituted oxazoles

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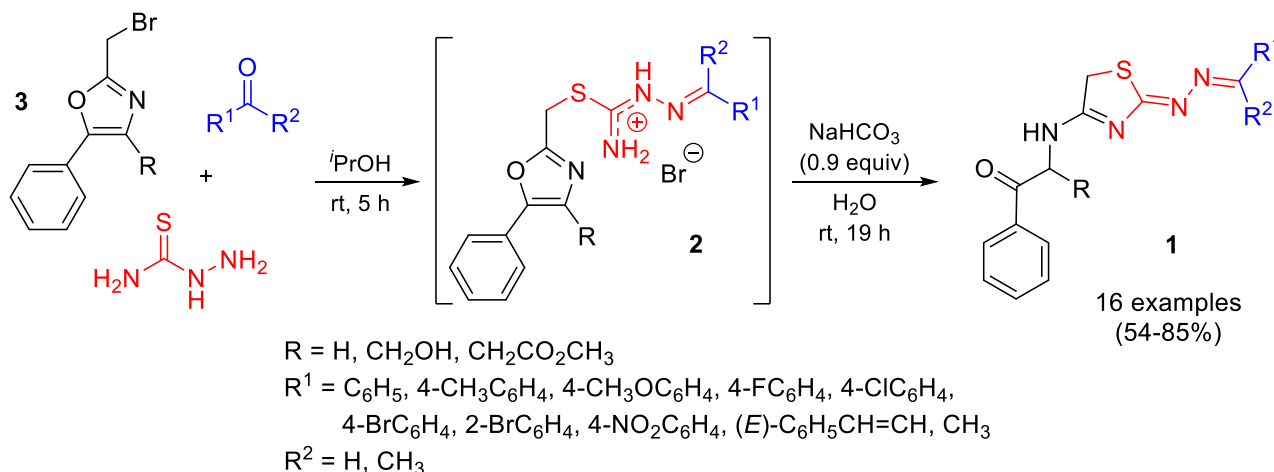
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ABSTRACT

2-Hydrazino-substituted thiazoles are known to have antioxidant^{1,2} and antifungal^{3,4} activities. During our ongoing studies dealing with the preparation of 2-(isothioureidomethyl)oxazoles **2** and analogues of biological relevance,⁵ we observed an unexpected acid-catalyzed oxazole ring opening with subsequent cyclization to give functionalized 2-hydrazono-3-thiazolines **1** (Scheme). This new rearrangement of oxazoles poses an interesting discovery on the electrophilicity of the oxazolic C-2.⁶ The reaction was investigated in more detail and was further optimized to give the corresponding thiazolines **1** as the main product in good to moderate yields (85-54%) from 2-(bromomethyl)oxazole **3**. The transformation was best conducted through two consecutive steps. First, oxazole **3**⁷ was treated with thiosemicarbazide and a carbonyl compound to furnish the multicomponent adduct **2**. Then, the addition of a mild aqueous base in sub-equivalent quantities allowed a smooth self-catalyzed ring-opening/ring-closure process to 2-hydrazono-3-thiazolines **1**. This one-pot multicomponent/rearrangement process tolerates a wide range of substitution patterns and different functional groups to give a set of 16 thiazolines **1** as stable crystalline solids.



Scheme. Synthesis of 2-hydrazono-3-thiazolines **1** from the rearrangement of oxazoles **2**.

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Synthesis of cinnamic acid derivatives with potential application as myotoxin inhibitors.

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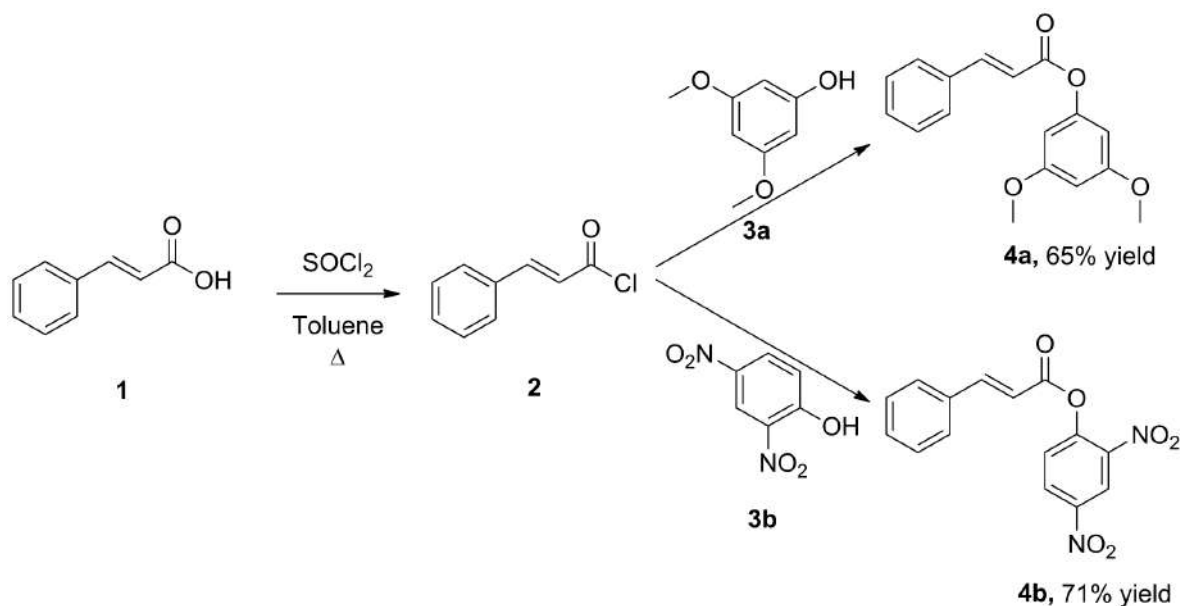
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ABSTRACT

This work aimed to synthesize derivatives of cinnamic acid, a natural product obtained from cinnamon oil and coca leaves, that belongs to the group of auxins, vegetables responsible for regulating cell growth and differentiation, and some of its derivatives play an important role in the defense of plants against the attack of microorganisms and insects.¹ It can be used as myotoxin inhibitors of snakes poisoning, which is quite prevalent in Brazil and results in amputation cases. The main objective of this work was to synthesize new derivatives of cinnamic acid that have polar groups in their structure that can increase solubility in the application of biological potential as inhibitors of botropic myotoxins (scheme 1).²⁻³



Scheme 1. Synthesis of derivatives of Cinnamic acid

The reactions yielded solid products which were recrystallized and the melting point was performed to confirm their nature. These samples will be tested for biological activity.

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Desymmetrization of olefins catalyzed by Ni(0).

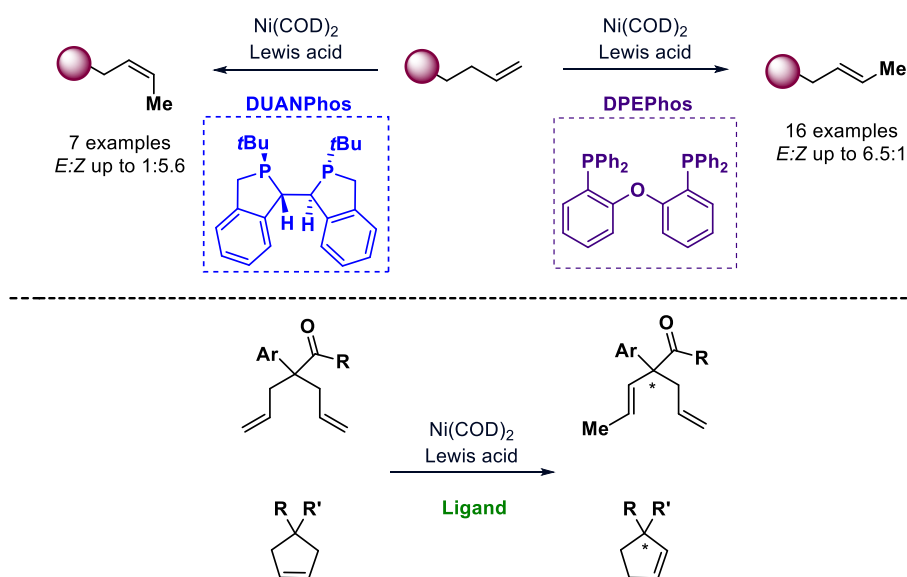
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ABSTRACT

The combination of Ni(0) and Lewis Acid (LA) successfully allowed the transposition of terminal double bonds to yield 1,2-alkenes. Interestingly, only one migration was observed, even when further migrations would lead to a more stable, conjugated isomer.¹ Careful ligand choice allowed the stereocontrol for these reactions. While DPEPhos produce *E*-products, DUANPhos produce *Z* isomers. The success of this method inspired the development of a desymmetrization protocol in route to more complex olefins. Bisallylic and cyclic substrates were successfully isomerized and its enantioselective version is ongoing.



Scheme 1. Stereoselective monotransposition of double bonds.

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Three Component Arylsulfonylation of 2,3-dihydrofuran and Vinyl Esters Via Ni/Photoredox Dual Catalysis

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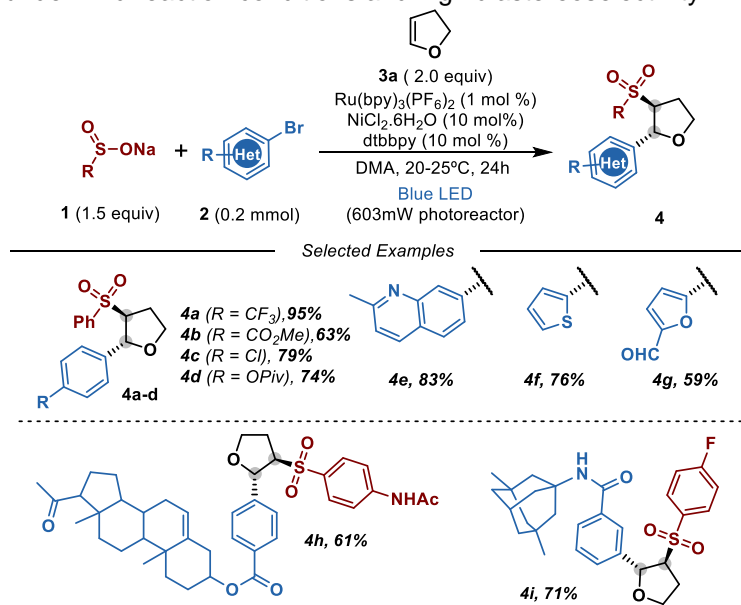
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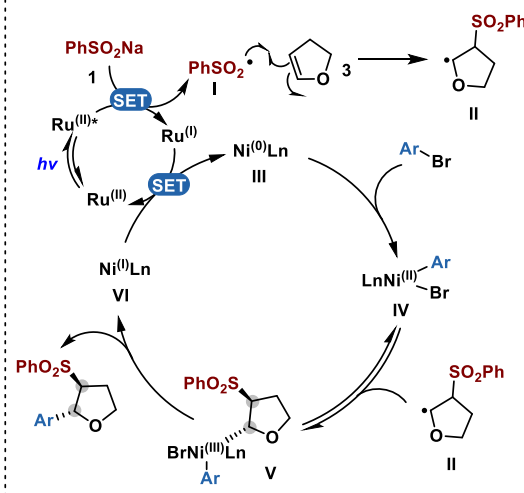
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ABSTRACT

Development of novel cross-coupling protocols has remained in the academia focus since seminal reports in this field, which rendered the 2010 chemistry Nobel prize for Heck, Negishi and Suzuki. In the past few years, many research groups worked in order to combine different types of catalysis, which led to development of systems we now call metallaphotoredox, in which transition metal and photocatalysis are conveniently merged.¹ Such combination is highly interesting once it can merge both catalytical cycles in a synergistic way, mitigating their main individual disadvantages as well as paving the way for new reactivities, unreachable by both methodologies alone.¹ Among its numerous applications, intermolecular alkene difunctionalization has been widely explored in recent years.² In this context, a dual photocatalytic arylsulfonylation of electron-rich alkenes is described. By combining sulfinate salts, (hetero)-aryl-bromides and 2,3-dihydrofuran under Ru and Ni dual catalysis, over 35 examples of aryl-sulfonylated scaffolds could be obtained in good to excellent yields, under mild reaction conditions and high diastereoselectivity.



General Design Plan for 2,3-Dihydrofuran Arylsulfonylation



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Shining Light on Peptide Modification: Photocatalytic Difluoroacetylation and Difluoroamidation of Tryptophan-Containing Peptides

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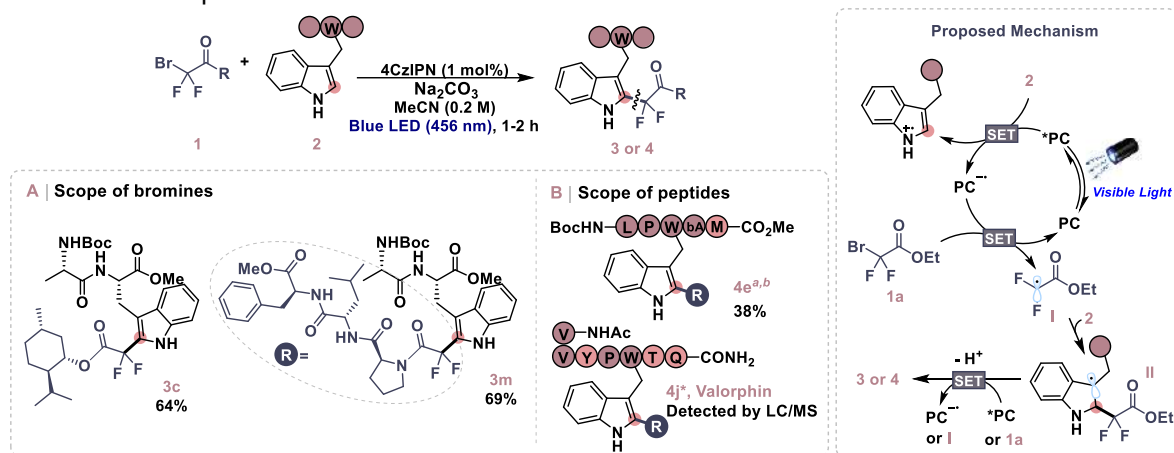
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ABSTRACT

Modifications on tryptophan (Trp) residues became an attractive alternative to peptide or protein functionalization due to its unique reactivity and low abundance in living system enabling chemoselective transformations.¹ The Trp core has been commonly functionalized using polar protocols.² More recently, selective photocatalytic C-H functionalization methods have also been reported.³ Considering the distinctive properties and applications of fluorine-containing scaffolds in medicinal and agrochemistry, Chen,⁴ Chiang⁵ have developed the insertion of fluoroalkyl or perfluoroalkyl radicals into the indole ring of Trp. Building upon the foundation laid by previous research and recognizing the significance of fluorine-containing compounds, we present herein a novel protocol for the incorporation of α -gemdifluoro radicals into Trp-containing peptides. The reduction of bromodifluoroacetates and bromodifluoroamides generate the desired α -gemdifluoro radicals, followed by insertion into the indole ring. α -gemdifluoroamide radical derived from a tripeptide could be coupled with peptides containing reactive deprotected side chains, and a wide range of fluorinated compounds could be obtained with this protocol.



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Preparation of diazo thiazoles through the reaction between a γ -chloro- α -diazo- β -ketoester and substituted thioureas

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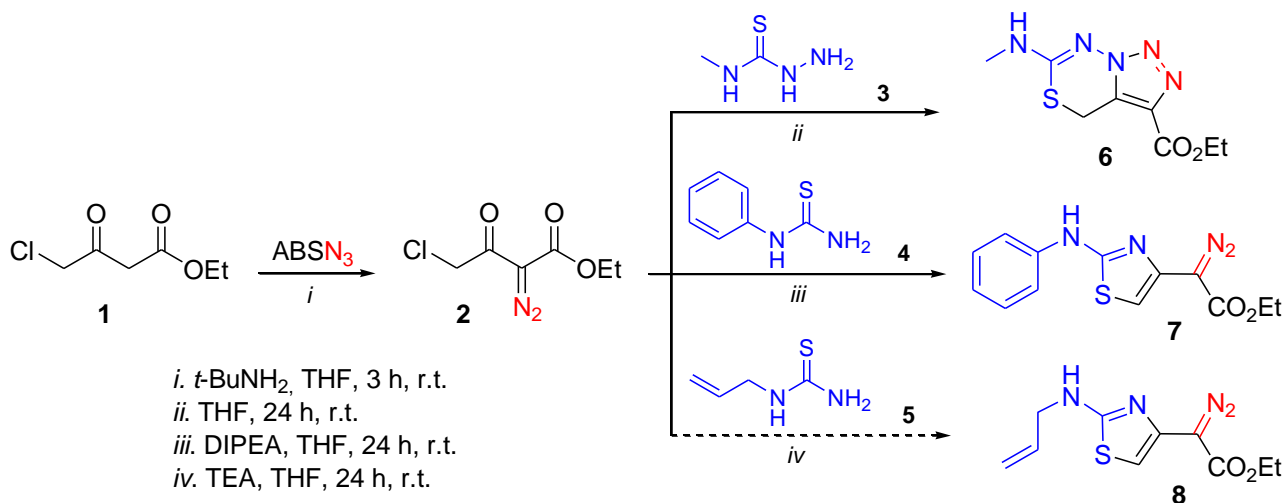
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ABSTRACT

2-Aminothiazoles are related to a variety of biological activities.¹⁻³ While α -diazo carbonyl compounds are widely recognized as versatile building blocks,⁴ studies dealing with the synthesis and reactivity of thiazoles bearing α -diazo carbonyl group are limited.⁵ Herein, we report our achievements through the synthesis of α -diazo- α -thiazolyl esters from thioureas and α -diazoesters. The strategy involves the reaction between a substituted thiourea (**3-5**) and γ -chloro- α -diazo- β -ketoester **2**, readily obtained from **1** through our recently developed method^{6,7} (Scheme). The use of the substituted thiosemicarbazide **3** led to the triazolo-thiadiazine **6**, which is in line with related reports.⁸ However, treatment of **2** with phenylthiourea (**4**) and base led to the formation of diazo-substituted 2-aminothiazole **7**. Similar results were observed for allylthiourea (**5**), but the attempts to purify the expected diazo thiazole **8** were not successful. This study demonstrates the divergent reactivity of γ -chloro- α -diazo- β -ketoester **2** with substituted thioureas to give either bicyclic triazole **6** or diazo thiazoles **7,8**.



Scheme. Reaction of γ -chloro- α -diazo- β -ketoester **2** with thiourea derivatives (**3**, **4** and **5**).

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Microwave Assisted Synthesis of 3-Acetamidofuran, a Chitin-Derived Platform Molecule

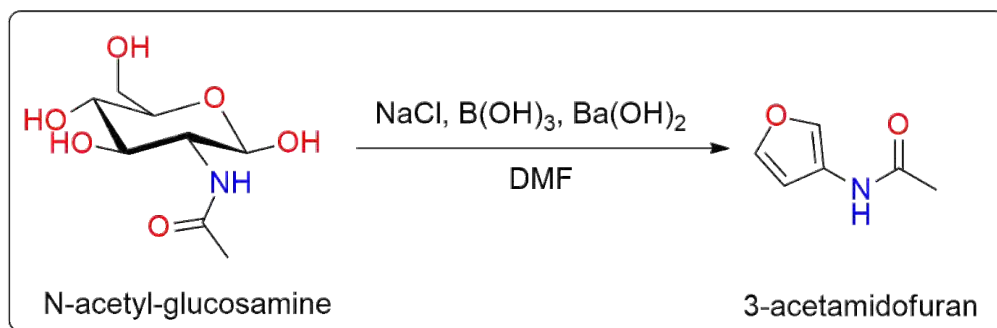
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ABSTRACT

Renewable biomass can replace fossil resources to produce chemicals and materials using greener technologies. In this context, our research group has already identified that enabling technologies, such as continuous flow chemistry and microwave irradiation, are mandatory for the valorization of such materials. Indeed, many of the principles of Green Chemistry and Sustainability can be achieved by adopting new technologies that are inherently cleaner when compared to the current *status quo*. Chitin is the most abundant aminopolysaccharide polymer found in nature, serving as the primary structural component of the exoskeletons of crustaceans and insects.^{1, 2} Chitin derivatives, such as *N*-acetyl-glucosamine (NAG)³ can be used to prepare new platform molecules containing nitrogen atoms, like 3-acetamidofuran (3AF), which can be later used in a new, environmentally safe approach for the synthesis of nitrogenated aromatic compounds.⁴



Entry	NAG:NaCl:B(OH) ₃ :Ba(OH) ₂	Concentration (mol L ⁻¹)	Temperature (°C)	Time (min)	Conditions	Yield (%)
1	(1 : 2 : 1 : 0.15)	0,20	180	120	Sealed tube	26
2	(1 : 2 : 1 : 0.30)	0,20	180	20	Sealed tube	30
3	(1 : 2 : 1 : 0.15)	0,45	200	20	MW	19
4	(1 : 2 : 1 : 0.15)	0,40	180	20	MW	36
5	(1 : 2 : 1 : 0.30)	0,20	180	20	MW	30

Figure 1: Conversion of NAG into 3AF.

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Synthesis of α -difluoroglycosil bromides via visible-light photoredox 1,2-difunctionalization

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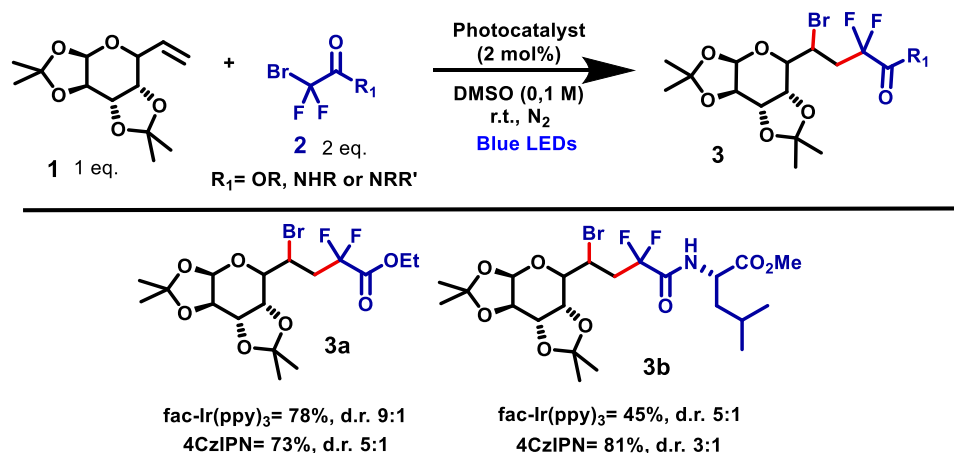
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ABSTRACT

Photocatalytic alkene difunctionalization has emerged as a powerful synthetic strategy for building molecular complexity.¹ Regarding styrenes and acrylates, such reactions have been extensively explored.² Meanwhile, the chemical space of glycosyl olefins, that hold significant potential as valuable synthons remains elusive. Considering the biological appeal of saccharides³ and the medicinal chemistry value of fluorinated molecules,⁴ we herein present our preliminary results on the 1,2-bromo-difluoralkylation of glycol olefins, in a mild, metal-free and redox neutral manner. Under the optimized reaction conditions (Scheme 1), we successfully obtained the desired product in high yields with moderate stereoselectivity. Currently, our focus lies on exploring the generality of this transformation by examining different difluoro esters and difluoro amides, including drugs, natural products, and amino acids derivatives. Through these efforts, we anticipate the development of a powerful and efficient method for the synthesis of α -brominated- β -difluorinated glycosides, opening doors to novel possibilities in drug discovery and chemical synthesis.



Scheme 1. Synthesis of α -difluoroglycosil bromides.

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Cross Coupling Reactions: challenges in the orotate chemistry

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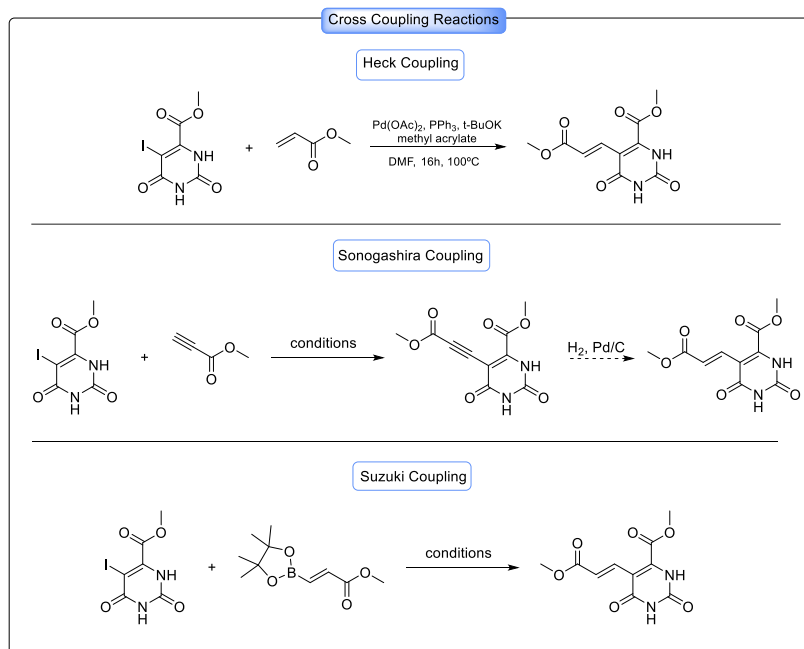
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ABSTRACT

Three different cross coupling reactions were tested in order to achieve 5-substituted orotate analogs from the reaction between 5-iodo-methyl-orotate and methyl acrylate, methyl propiolate or methyl acrylate boronic acid (pinacol ester), respectively: Heck¹, Sonogashira², and Suzuki³. After several attempts changing conditions⁴ as catalysts, ligands, bases, time, temperature and solvents, the best condition found was the Heck coupling using palladium acetate, triphenylphosphine, potassium tert-butoxide and dimethylformamide, for 16 hours at 100°C. The reaction was monitored by LCMS (liquid chromatography-mass spectra), which showed 30% conversion to product. However, besides the challenges during the synthesis, the purification step proved to be even more difficult. Chromatographic columns with normal and reverse phase silica, basic silica (KP-NH[®]) and basic alumina were tested and none of them worked. The product got stuck inside the cartridge and nothing came out of the column. Because of negative results in the orotate synthesis and purification, no compound was isolated, and we are still trying a method to purify the analog.



Scheme 1. Different cross coupling reactions tested with orotate scaffold

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Synthesis, spectroscopic characterization by NMR, antioxidant activity, pharmacokinetic properties and ADME *in silico* of Azachalcones and Furanochalcones derivatives

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ABSTRACT

Chalcones are very important compounds in nature, being considered precursors of several flavonoids in the biosynthetic route.⁽¹⁾ In addition, obtaining these compounds by synthetic routes allows several modifications to be made in their structures to enhance biological activity. The presence of hydroxyl groups and the modification of an aromatic ring with the nitrogen or oxygen atom can increase several biological activities, such as antitumor, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant and antibacterial.⁽²⁾ The objective of this work was the synthesis, spectroscopic characterization by Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR), antioxidant activity, pharmacokinetic properties and ADME *in silico* of Azachalcones and Furanochalcones derivatives, containing hydroxyl or not and with an aromatic ring replaced by a ring with nitrogen or oxygen. The methodology used for the synthesis of the chalcones of interest and the results for yield, melting point, ADME *in silico* and DPPH are depicted in Figure 1.



Compound	Results
CHAL1	Yield: 63.0%. m.p.: 152.0 – 155.2 °C. Physicochemical properties <i>in silico</i>: MW (208.26), NRBs (3), NHBAs (1), NHBDs (0), TPSA (17.07), Consensus Log P _{o/w} (3.29), Water Solubility (Moderately Soluble). ADME <i>in silico</i>: GI (High), BBB (Yes), P-gp substrate (No), CYP1A2 (No), CYP2C19 (Yes), CYP2C9 (No), CYP2D6 (No), CYP3A4 (No), Log K _p (-5.38). IC₅₀ DPPH Inhibition (%) : 3483.13 mM.
CHAL2	Yield: 35.6%. m.p.: 85.4 – 87.2 °C. Physicochemical properties <i>in silico</i>: MW (224.25), NRBs (3), NHBAs (2), NHBDs (1), TPSA (37.30), Consensus Log P _{o/w} (3.13), Water Solubility (Moderately Soluble). ADME <i>in silico</i>: GI (High), BBB (Yes), P-gp substrate (No), CYP1A2 (No), CYP2C19 (Yes), CYP2C9 (Yes), CYP2D6 (No), CYP3A4 (No), Log K _p (-4.91). IC₅₀ DPPH Inhibition (%) : 593.32 mM.
CHAL3	Yield: 28.7%. m.p.: 52.8 – 54.3 °C. Physicochemical properties <i>in silico</i>: MW (209.24), NRBs (3), NHBAs (2), NHBDs (0), TPSA (29.96), Consensus Log P _{o/w} (2.58), Water Solubility (Moderately Soluble). ADME <i>in silico</i>: GI (High), BBB (Yes), P-gp substrate (No), CYP1A2 (Yes), CYP2C19 (Yes), CYP2C9 (No), CYP2D6 (No), CYP3A4 (No), Log K _p (-5.69). IC₅₀ DPPH Inhibition (%) : 772.28 mM.
CHAL4	Yield: 23.1%. m.p.: 94.4 – 95.1 °C. Physicochemical properties <i>in silico</i>: MW (225.24), NRBs (3), NHBAs (3), NHBDs (1), TPSA (50.19), Consensus Log P _{o/w} (2.38), Water Solubility (Soluble). ADME <i>in silico</i>: GI (High), BBB (Yes), P-gp substrate (No), CYP1A2 (Yes), CYP2C19 (Yes), CYP2C9 (No), CYP2D6 (No), CYP3A4 (No), Log K _p (-5.65). IC₅₀ DPPH Inhibition (%) : 56.04 mM.
CHAL5	Yield: 83.0%. m.p.: 198.7 – 200.5 °C. Physicochemical properties <i>in silico</i>: MW (209.24), NRBs (3), NHBAs (2), NHBDs (0), TPSA (29.96), Consensus Log P _{o/w} (2.60), Water Solubility (Moderately Soluble). ADME <i>in silico</i>: GI (High), BBB (Yes), P-gp substrate (No), CYP1A2 (Yes), CYP2C19 (Yes), CYP2C9 (No), CYP2D6 (No), CYP3A4 (No), Log K _p (-5.48). IC₅₀ DPPH Inhibition (%) : 526.88 mM.
CHAL6	Yield: 29.4%. m.p.: 101.5 – 102.3 °C. Physicochemical properties <i>in silico</i>: MW (214.22), NRBs (3), NHBAs (3), NHBDs (1), TPSA (50.44), Consensus Log P _{o/w} (2.36), Water Solubility (Soluble). ADME <i>in silico</i>: GI (High), BBB (Yes), P-gp substrate (No), CYP1A2 (Yes), CYP2C19 (Yes), CYP2C9 (No), CYP2D6 (No), CYP3A4 (No), Log K _p (-5.48). IC₅₀ DPPH Inhibition (%) : 74.71 mM.
CHAL7	Yield: 75.3%. m.p.: 111.5 – 112.9 °C. Physicochemical properties <i>in silico</i>: MW (199.21), NRBs (3), NHBAs (3), NHBDs (0), TPSA (43.10), Consensus Log P _{o/w} (1.90), Water Solubility (Soluble). ADME <i>in silico</i>: GI (High), BBB (Yes), P-gp substrate (No), CYP1A2 (Yes), CYP2C19 (Yes), CYP2C9 (No), CYP2D6 (No), CYP3A4 (No), Log K _p (-6.06). IC₅₀ DPPH Inhibition (%) : 85.07 mM.

Figure 1. Reaction scheme and results for yield, melting point, ADME *in silico* and DPPH for Azachalcone and Furanochalcone derivatives.

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Comparison of synthesis methods and antioxidant evaluation of substituted o-furanochalcones

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ABSTRACT

Chalcones are compounds that have an α,β -unsaturated carbonyl system between two benzene rings (Figure 1)¹. Compounds analogous to chalcones are the furanochalcones, in which one of the benzene rings is replaced by a furan ring (Figure 2)².

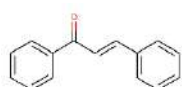


Figure 1. Chalcone

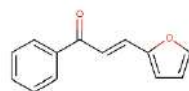
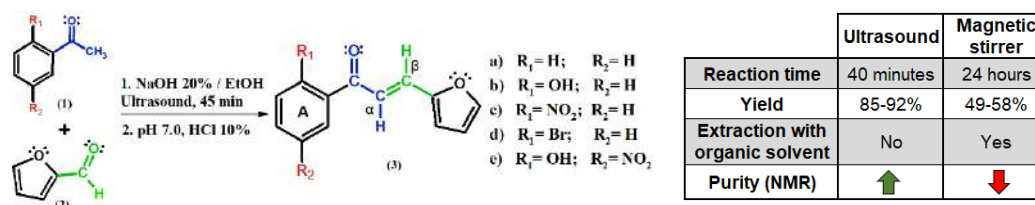


Figure 2. Furanochalcone

Sonochemistry can bring benefits to chemical reactions, such as: decreasing the time and number of reagents needed, increase yield and selectivity³. The objective of this work was to synthesize a series of ortho-substituted furanochalcones according to the Claisen Schmidt reaction⁴ using two different procedures. At one moment, conventional magnetic stirrer was used, and at the other, an ultrasound probe (Scheme 1). Ultrasound syntheses were more effective.



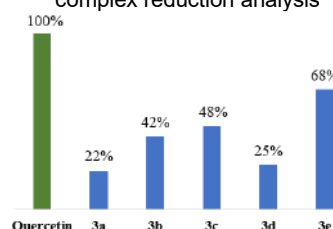
Scheme 1. Reaction Conditions

NMR spectra (¹H, ¹³C, DEPT90, HMBC and HMQC) were acquired. A study of the antioxidant activity against the DPPH methodology (Table 1) and reduction of the phosphomolybdenum complex (Figure 3) were carried out. The compound with the highest antioxidant capacity were 3e, furanochalcone with OH and NO₂ groups.

Table 1. Results IC₅₀ DPPH method

Sample	IC ₅₀ (mmol.L ⁻¹)
Quercetin	3.31
3a	35.44
3b	28.85
3c	20.48
3d	32.21
3e	16.06

Figure 3. Results (%inhibition) of the phosphomolybdenum complex reduction analysis



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Silver-catalyzed stereoselective Meyer-Schuster-type rearrangement: Synthesis of densely substituted α -iodo, α , β -unsaturated thioesters

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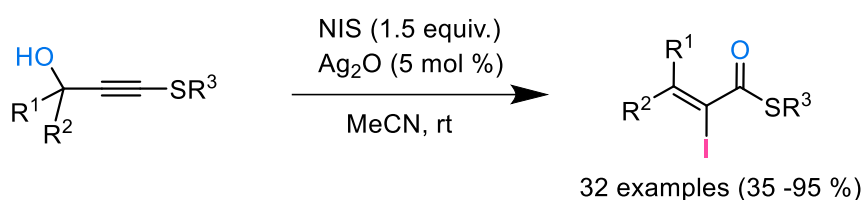
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ABSTRACT

α , β -unsaturated thioesters steadily gaining strong attention in organic synthesis as building block for new bond formation.¹ Given its high importance, numerous methods for their preparation were developed, such as aldol reactions² and thiocarbonylation of alkynes.³ However, many of these methods present regioselectivity problems and form complex mixture of products. In this context, Meyer-Schuster rearrangement became valuable alternative, as it favors the formation of α , β -unsaturated carbonyl compound.⁴ Recently, our research group applied the Meyer-Schuster rearrangement to transform propargyl thioalkyne in α -selenanyl- α , β -unsaturated thioesters in presence of an electrophilic selenium species.⁵ Herein, we developed new approach of Meyer-Schuster rearrangement for access α -iodo- α , β -unsaturated thioesters from propargyl thioalkyne using silver catalyst, *N*-iodosuccinimide as electrophilic iodine source in acetonitrile, at room temperature. The (*Z*)- α -iodo α , β -unsaturated thioester was isolated as the major product with moderate to excellent yields (35 – 95 %).



Scheme 1. Reaction scope

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Synthesis of reduced graphene oxide conjugates with quinoline derivatives for application in solar cells

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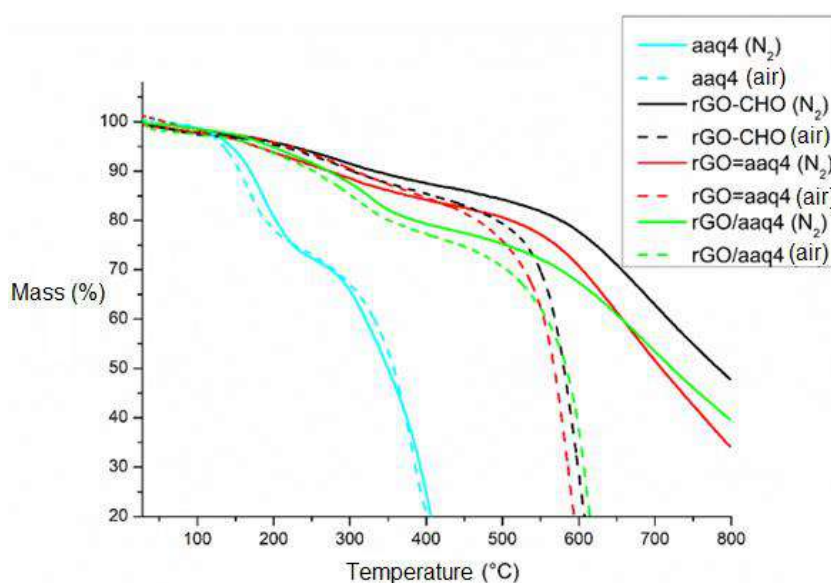
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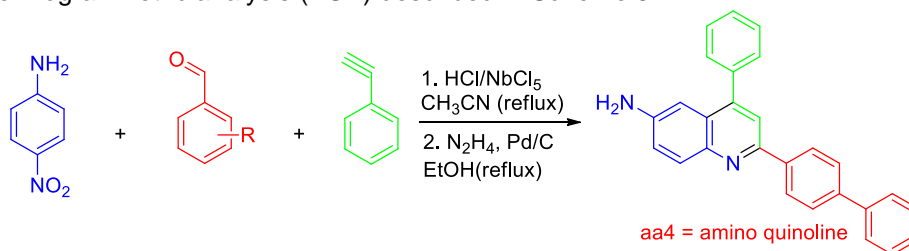
ABSTRACT

The global growing demand for clean, cheap, and efficient energy sources unequivocally make researchers look for better photovoltaic cell architectures^{1,2}. This work proposes an organic photovoltaic cell (OPVs) based on reduced graphene oxide (rGO)³ conjugates with quinoline derivatives. This will potentially join the π -donor-acceptor character of the azacompound with the thermal, and electric conductivity, and stability of the rGO creating in theory a good hole transfer material (HTM) for solar cell devices.

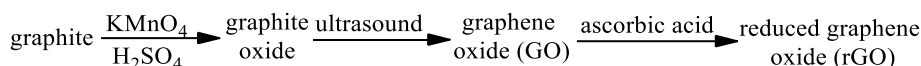
The quinoline derivatives were synthesized as described in Scheme 1. The rGO was prepared following the Scheme 2. Amino quinoline derivatives were then merged to create the conjugated. To ensure that the process work effectively, both chemical and physical preparations of the conjugated were submitted to thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) described in Scheme 3.



Scheme 3: Comparative thermogram of the compounds aaq4, rGO-CHO, rGO-CHO=aaq4 and rGO-CHO/aaq4.



Scheme 1: General reaction for production of amino-aryl-quinoline derivatives



Scheme 2: Procedure of synthesis of reduced graphene oxide using graphite as precursor³.

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Synthesis of fluorescent functionalized benzothiadiazoles bearing benzofuranes

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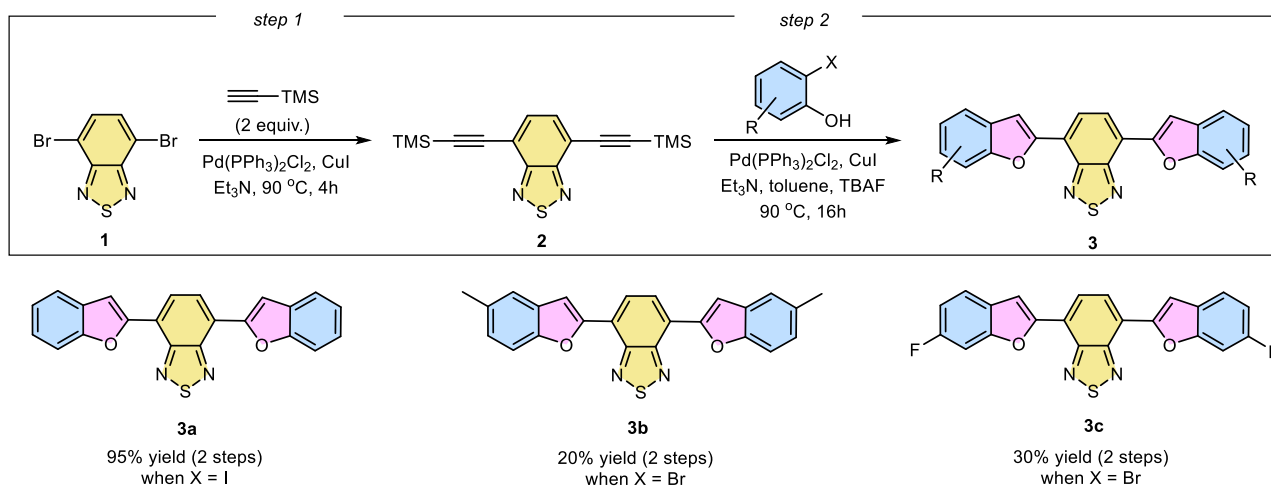
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ABSTRACT

Herein we report the synthesis of fluorescent benzothiadiazoles functionalized with benzofuranes. Initially, a Sonogashira coupling reaction was performed between dibrominated benzothiadiazole **1** and TMS-alkyne to obtain compound **2**.¹ After simple filtration, step 2 was performed with the initial addition of TBAF, to remove the TMS group. In addition to the Sonogashira coupling, forming a new C-C bond, cyclization also occurs with the formation of a new C-O bond and benzofuran **3a** with 95% yield. Attempts to perform both steps in a one-pot process have failed. Despite having several advantages, such as reducing the number of elementary operations and reducing the amount of solvent used, the one-pot process is challenging because unreacted materials and by-products remain in the reaction medium and might interfere or prevent the subsequent reaction.² Currently, the methodology is being expanded to obtain compounds with different substitution patterns. It was observed that the use of bromo-phenols instead of iodo-phenols resulted in a decrease in the isolated yields.



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Decarboxylative alkylation of C(sp³)-H bond in Naphthyridinones via photocatalysis

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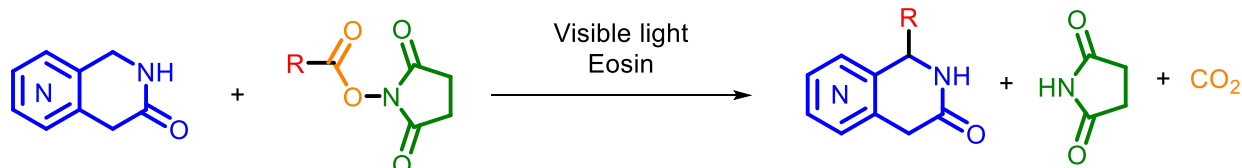
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ABSTRACT

In recent years, numerous molecules that made it to preclinical candidacy failed during clinical trials due to ADME and pharmacokinetic problems such as solubility, bioavailability, and toxicity.¹ One important related motive accounts for the presence of more unsaturated rings giving the compounds a flat conformation, less flexibility, and, consequently, poor solubility besides the reduced ability to adopt an optimal configuration within the target receptors.² Currently, there is a need to transition from entirely flat unsaturated systems by incorporating partially unsaturated systems. To achieve so, visible light can be of great help to drive C(sp³)-H selective functionalizations by decarboxylative alkylations.^{3,4,5,6} This approach enables the direct modification of typically unreactive C-H bonds, using visible light as a gentle and environmentally friendly energy source.⁷ Therefore, we intend to employ a sensitized dye and a semiconductor in the presence of visible light, to functionalize C(sp³)-H bonds in Naphthyridinones, an underexplored heterocyclic system (**Scheme 1**).



Scheme 1: The proposed synthetic route for the alkylation of Naphthyridinones.

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Conformational behavior and synthesis of chalcones derived from vanillin

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ABSTRACT

The antioxidant property of flavonoids and chalcones might present an expressive increase in the presence of hydroxyl groups in their structural aromatic rings. Such antioxidant potential is associated to a reduction in oxidative stress related to several diseases, including cancer¹. In addition since some nitroaromatic compounds have cytotoxic, antibacterial and antifungal activities². For these reasons, in this work we report the synthesis and conformational analysis of the chalcones shown in Figure 1. The compounds were synthesized and characterized by NMR spectroscopy. The presence of vinylic hydrogens doublets confirms the formation of chalcones. With theoretical calculations (GAUSSIAN 09 and NBO 5.9 programs) it was possible to determine the geometries involved in the equilibrium of these chalcones. The *s-cis* conformations were the most stable at equilibrium for both chalcones (Figure 2). These investigations are important, mainly because we select groups on aromatic rings that are potentially known to have pronounced biological activity.

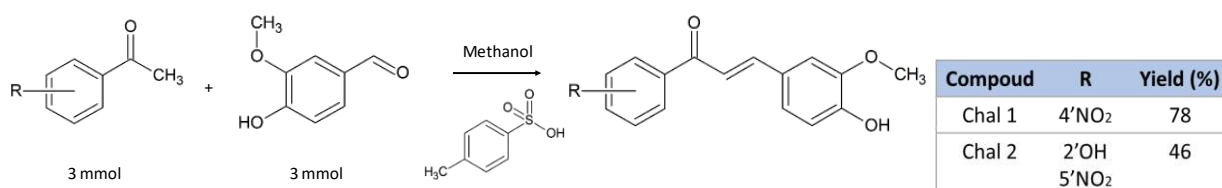


Figure 1. General reaction to obtain chalcones and yield obtained.

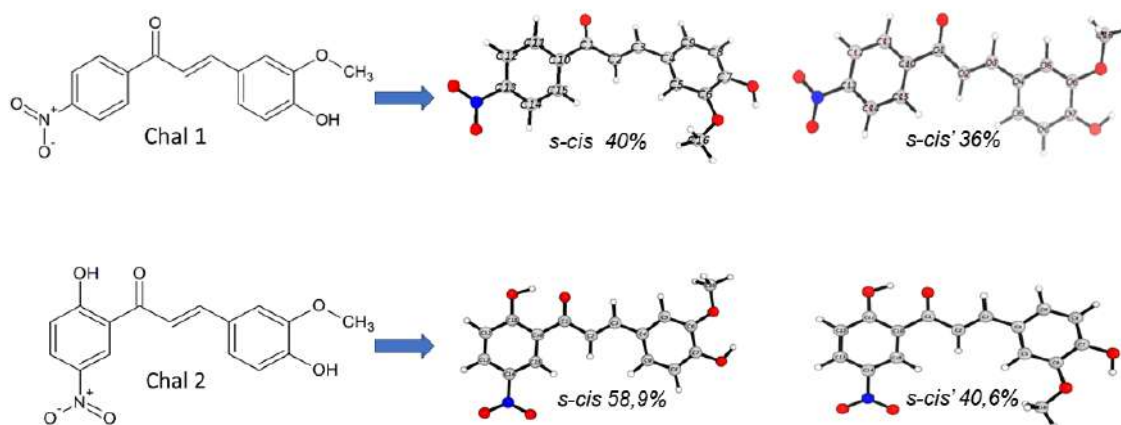


Figure 2. More stable conformations of chalcones.

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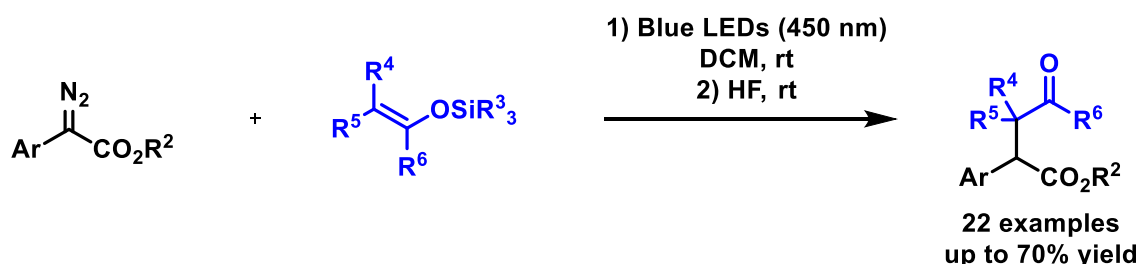
A Visible Light-Mediated Strategy for the Formal C-Alkylation of Silyl Enol Ethers with Aryldiazoacetates

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ABSTRACT

Diazo compounds have been known to undergo UV light-mediated photolysis for several decades. However, recently, an especial class of donor-acceptor diazo compounds, aryldiazoacetates, have been uncovered to also absorb in the visible region of the electromagnetic spectrum. Therefore, upon visible light irradiation (typically employing blue light, ca. 440-485 nm), they undergo photolysis leading to highly reactive free carbene intermediates, which can be trapped with several reacting partners in productive organic transformations.¹⁻⁵ In this context, continuing our studies in this area, we became interested in investigating visible light-mediated C-C bond forming events between electron-rich olefins and aryldiazoacetates. In the current work, we report the synthesis of 18 examples of products derived from the formal α -alkylation of aldehydes, ketones, and esters using the corresponding parent silyl enol ethers. In addition, 4 examples of formal [4+1]-cycloaddition products could be also accessed from the use of Danishefsky's diene. Experimental, theoretical, and kinetics studies are being performed in order to gain more insights into the reaction mechanisms involved in these transformations.



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Building a molecular library with heterocycles of the future: The synthesis of unprecedented nitrogen-containing [5,5]-fused rings

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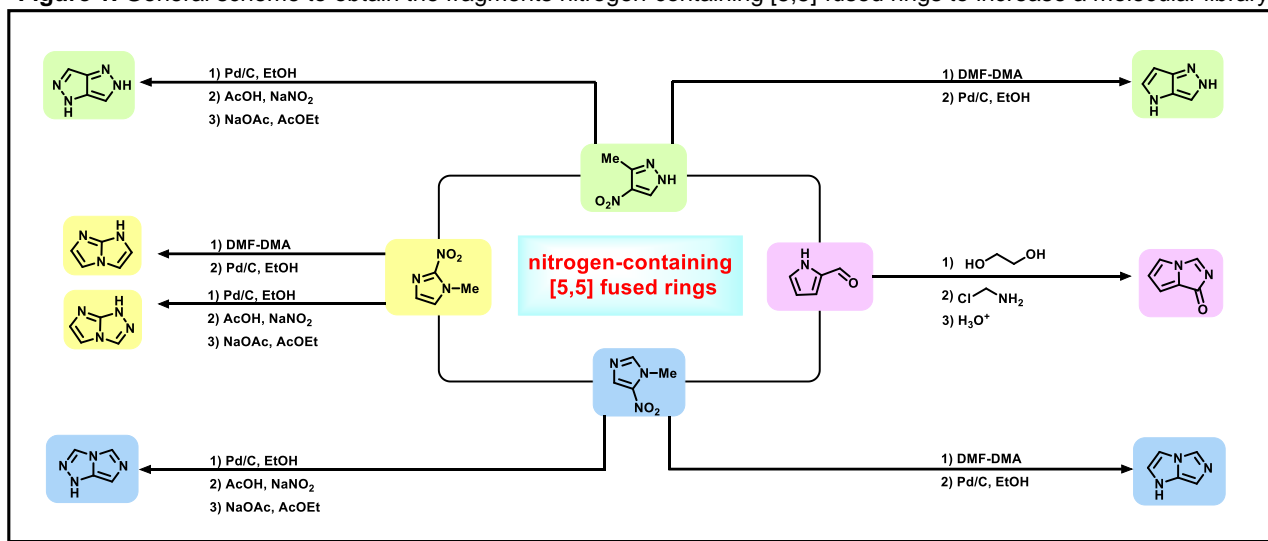
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ABSTRACT

Heterocyclic rings are fundamental in the pharmaceutical industry. Statistical surveys show that about 72% of the drugs released annually by the FDA have some heterocycle moiety in their structure, of which one-third is considered unprecedented,^{1,2} fitting the concept of heterocycles of the future, i.e., those underexplored or never explored before.^{3,4} In this sense, nitrogen-containing [5,5]-fused rings as fragments were planned and are already being synthesized. Through known reactions, different routes have been tested in order to obtain the non-substituted heterocycles of our interest, overcoming the synthetic challenges throughout the process (**Figure 1**). The research, planning, and synthesis of new heterocyclic entities are essential so that strategies such as fragment-based drug discovery can be applied in order to explore the potential of these rings for different biological targets.⁵

Figure 1. General scheme to obtain the fragments nitrogen-containing [5,5]-fused rings to increase a molecular library.



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Indium-Catalyzed 1,6-addition of Indolizines to *para*-Quinone Methides

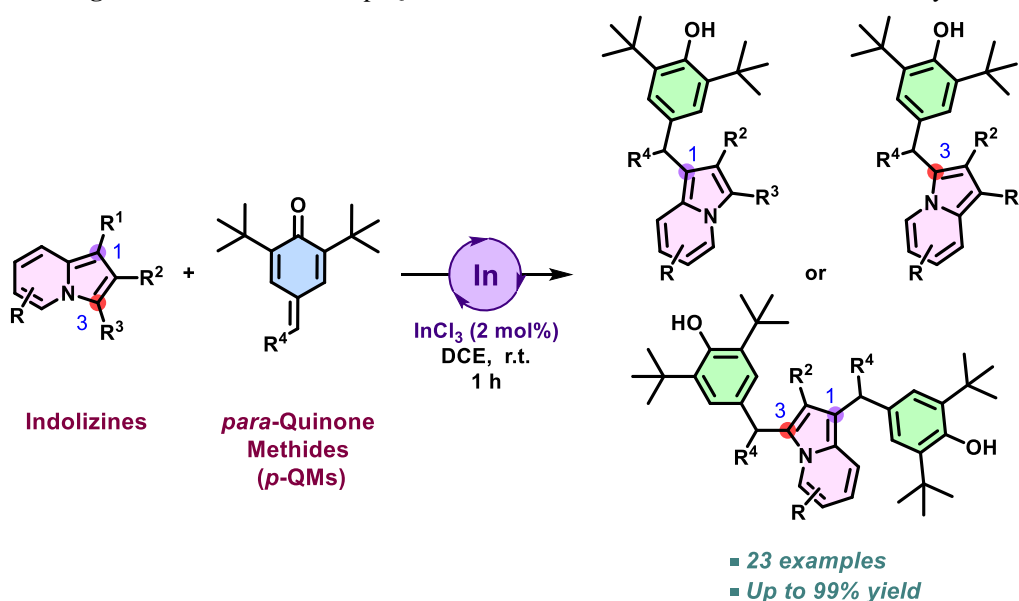
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ABSTRACT

para-Quinone methides (*p*-QMs) are a variety of compounds that have been extensively studied in the organic synthesis field over the past few years.¹ They can be characterized as reactive intermediates containing an electrophilic site² and can be used as 1,6- Michael acceptors in the presence of Lewis acids as catalyst.³ In this work we explored the use of InCl₃ as catalyst (2 mol%) to enhance the reaction between *p*-QM's and indolizines. The method successfully allows the regioselective addition of indolizines at positions 1 and/or 3 to *p*-quinone methides, leading to the formation of 23 analogues in excellent yields in most cases (up to 99%) under mild conditions and in short reaction time (**Figure 1**).

Figure 1. reaction between *p*-QM's and indolizines with indium chloride as catalyst.



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Development of an asymmetric version of the Morita-Baylis-Hillman reaction using vinyl-1,2,4-oxadiazoles as nucleophilic partners

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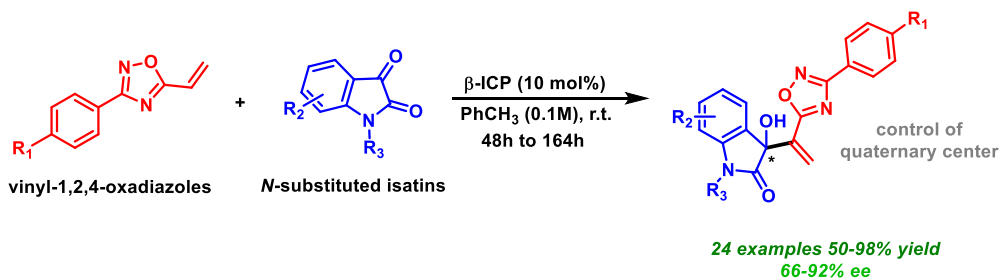
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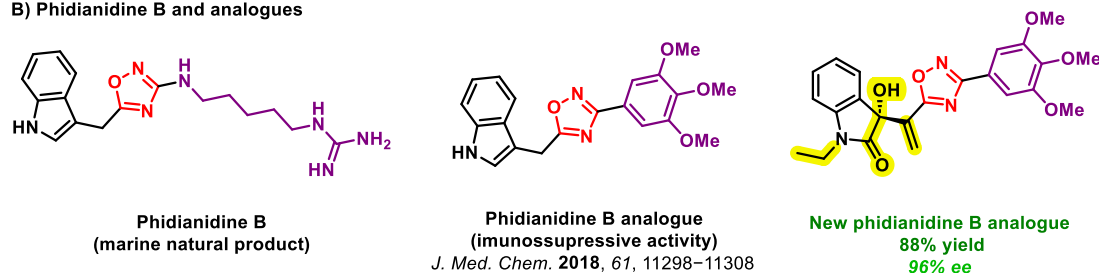
ABSTRACT

The development of new substrates for asymmetric Morita-Baylis-Hillman (MBH) reactions has been a challenge in the last decades.¹ Due to the great potential of the products for further transformation and the superior mild reaction conditions, the development of a suitable asymmetric version of this reaction has attracted considerable interest in recent years² and, so far, there is no report on the use of vinyl heterocyclics able to realize asymmetric MBH reactions. Recently, we discovered a novel class of antiparasitic agents bearing two heterocyclic scaffolds (1,2,4-oxadiazole and 3-oxindol) prepared by a MBH reaction.³ In this work we developed a new efficient method for the asymmetric construction of these chiral MBH adducts (Scheme 1A). This methodology allowed us to obtain a new analogue of natural compound “phidianidine B” (Scheme 1B). Theoretical studies are being conducted to understand the factors that influence enantiomeric excesses.

A) New asymmetric methodology developed in this work



B) Phidianidine B and analogues



Scheme 1. New asymmetric methodology of MBH reaction.

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Studies on the oxidation of aliphatic C—H bonds using Fe-PHI

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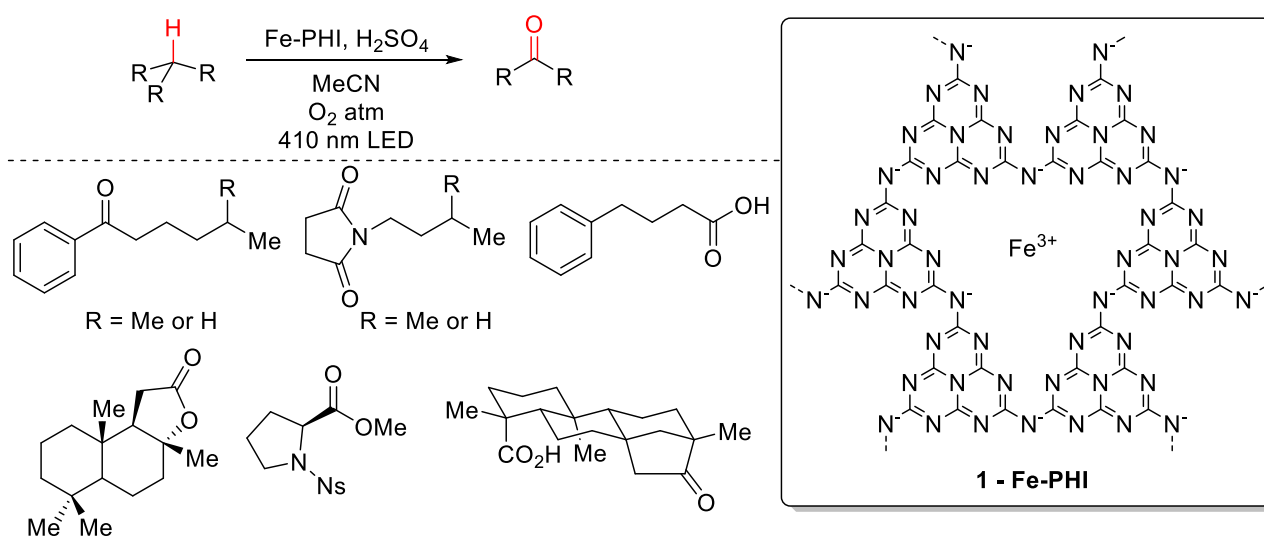
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ABSTRACT

Teixeira and coworkers successfully developed a single-atom photocatalyst for the oxidation of C—H bonds in a heterogeneous system, known as Fe-poly(heptazine imide) (1), or Fe-PHI. They achieved the conversion of methylenes to their corresponding ketones by utilizing O₂ as the terminal oxidant and 410 nm LEDs for electronic excitation of the catalyst. The catalyst works by the *in situ* generation of H₂O₂, which leads to the formation of the iron-oxo sites that promote the C—H bond oxidation.¹



Scheme 1. Substrates proposed for the study of C—H oxidation employing Fe-PHI.

We propose a study in which we aim to optimize the reaction conditions and explore the range of substrates compatible with this catalyst.

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Synthesis of new heterocycles arrangements from Morita-Baylis-Hillman adducts

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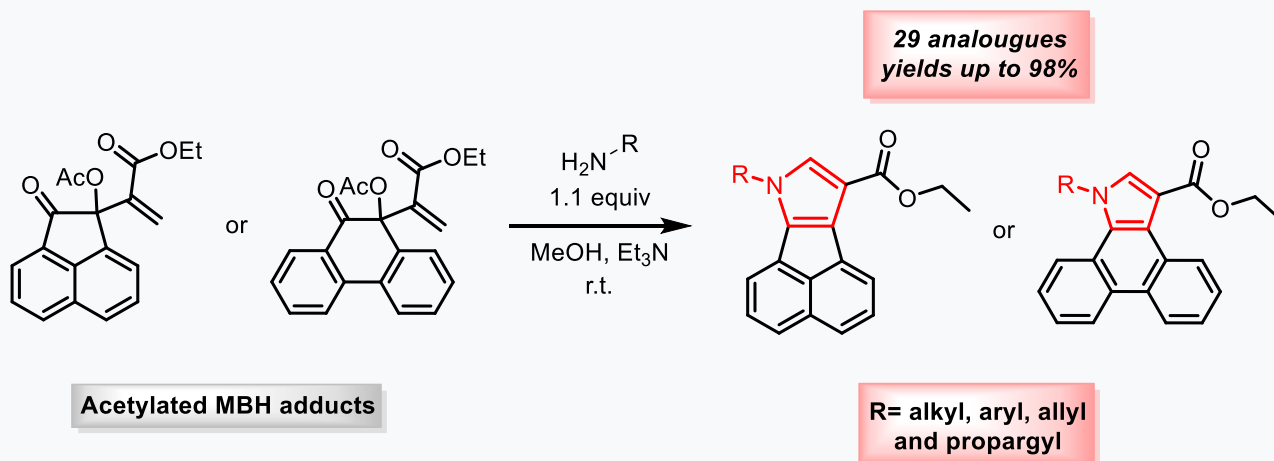
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ABSTRACT

In this work, starting with dicarbonilic compounds, different MBH adducts were synthesized^[1] followed by acetylation^[2]. The last synthetic step is the addition of a primary amine in the presence of triethylamine to give new acenaphtho[1,2-b]pyrroles and 1H-dibenzo-[e,g]-indoles (scheme 1). These classes of polycyclic N-substituted heterocycles are novel molecules readily accessible.

Scheme 1 – Synthesis of polycyclic N-heterocycles.



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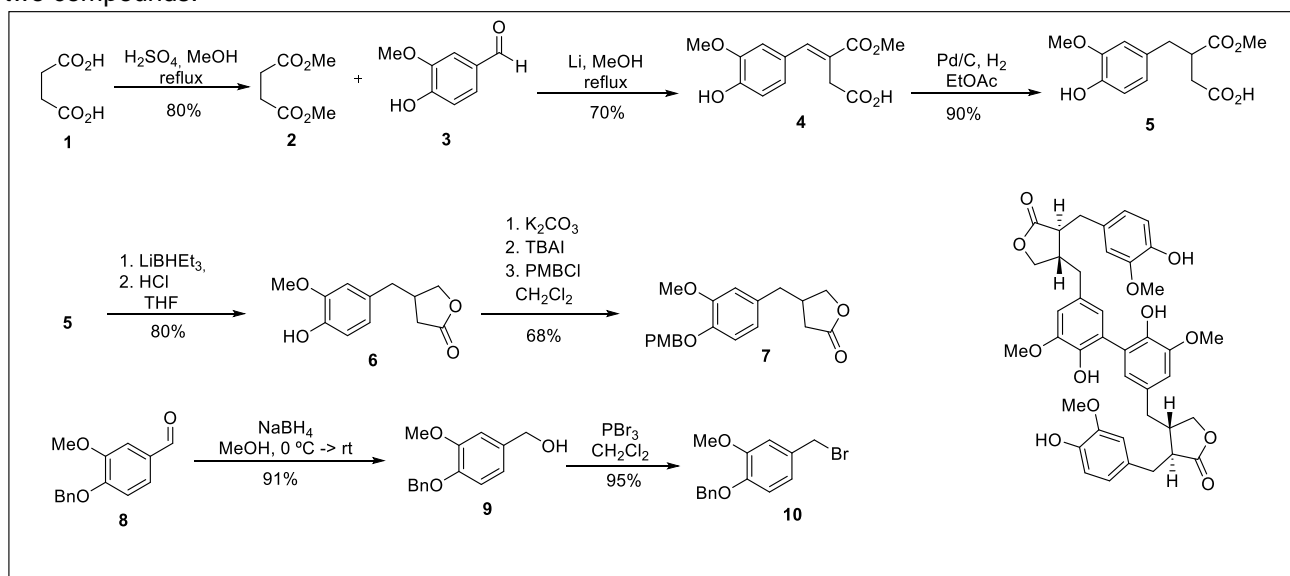
Synthetic Studies Towards the Total Synthesis of Dimatairesinol

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ABSTRACT

After Yang and coworkers isolated several dimers of lignans, extracted from the dried roots of an Asian plant, new paths and ideas were opened for the synthesis of these compounds, of which the focus of this work is dimatairesinol, a dimer of matairesinol.¹ Our proposal for the synthesis of this dimer is through the oxidative coupling of phenols, which is a C—H bond functionalization of the, an extremely versatile type of strategy.² Following this logic, it is possible to visualize the synthesis of dimatairesinol from vanillin, a commercially available compound.³ Starting from succinic acid forming product 7 in good yields and generating product 10 from vanillin protected with BN, the next step is to carry out an alkylation with these two compounds.



Scheme 1. Studies towards the synthesis of dimatairesinol

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Ecofriendly synthesis of 4-acyl-1,2,3-triazoles as precursors for novel p.Phe508del-CFTR traffic correctors

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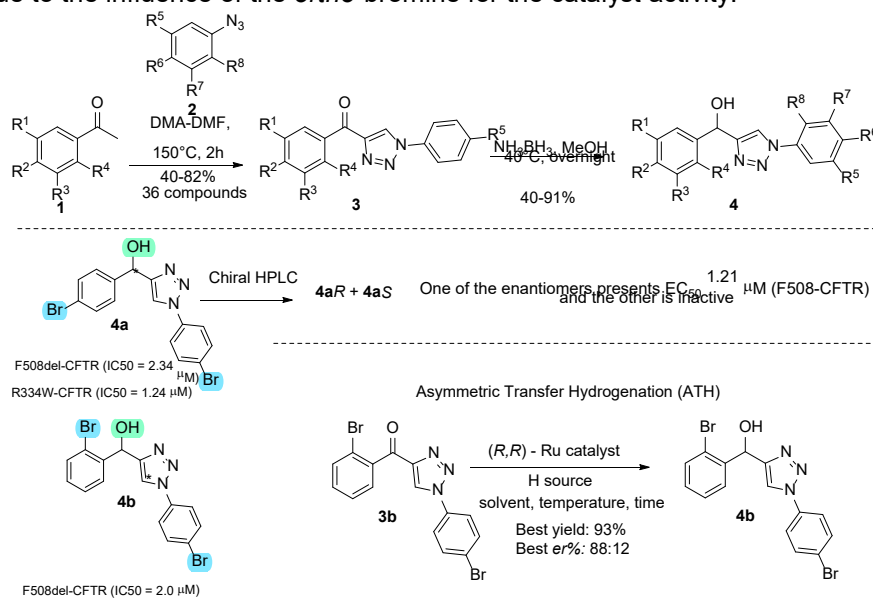
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ABSTRACT

This work describes a straightforward methodology to obtain 4-acyl-1,2,3-triazoles in a solvent, and metal-free telescopic reaction using readily-available acetophenones and different aryl azides. These compounds were used as precursors of bioactive 4-hydroxy-1,2,3-triazoles¹ as part of our research aimed at identifying new drug candidates based for the treatment of Cystic Fibrosis (CF) and compound **4a** presented the best activity toward F508del-CFTR and R334W-CFTR. The chiral resolution of the racemate and evaluation of each enantiomer individually allowed us to identify that there is only one enantiomer responsible for the biological activity. To obtain the bioactive (*R*) and (*S*)-4-hydroxy-1,2,3-triazoles, we are working on the ruthenium-catalyzed Asymmetric Transfer Hydrogenation (ATH)² employing different reaction conditions, starting from compound **3b**, due to the influence of the *ortho*-bromine for the catalyst activity.



Scheme 1. Synthesis of bioactive 4-hydroxy-1,2,3-triazoles as a racemate and enantioselective fashion

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Merging gold and enzyme catalysis for asymmetric synthesis

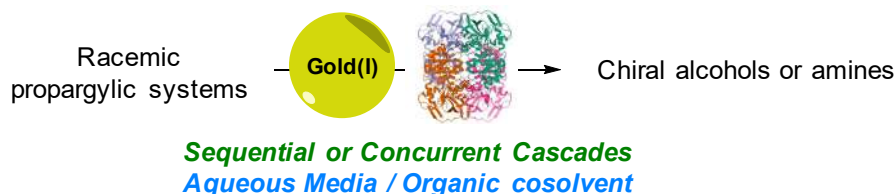
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ABSTRACT

The combination of metal- and enzyme-catalysis is a powerful tool for asymmetric synthesis, allowing the straightforward and stereoselective preparation of relevant organic molecules.¹ To overcome traditional limitations of stepwise sequence, the use of metalloenzymatic cascades is particularly attractive, the design of one-pot sequential or concurrent cascade approaches being highly dependent on the catalytic activity of both species under similar reaction conditions.² Gold catalysis has emerged in the last two decades as versatile tools to develop multiple C–C bond activation reactions under mild conditions,³ therefore combining both catalytic worlds open a myriad of synthetic possibilities.

In this context, the use of gold(I) species, especially N-heterocyclic carbenes, and biocatalysts such as alcohol dehydrogenases or amine transaminases permits the transformation of alkynes into chiral alcohols and amines with exquisite selectivity. The development of gold-catalyzed Meyer-Schuster rearrangements^{4,5} and hydration^{6,7} reactions will be here considered, to subsequently developed asymmetric bioreduction or biotransamination transformations. Remarkably, the optimization of reaction parameters and the identification of stereocomplementary enzymes has been identified as key to success for the production of both alcohol or amine enantiomers through one-pot fashion protocols.



Scheme 1. Gold(I)-enzyme combinations for the development of stereoselective cascade transformations.

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Chemical Signaling in Insect Microbiomes

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ABSTRACT

Specialized metabolites (natural products) play important roles in mediating symbiotic interactions between microorganisms and their eukaryotic hosts. Social insects establish multipartite symbioses with bacteria and fungi, ranging from mutualistic to parasitic interactions, some of them are mediated by specialized metabolites.^{1,2} Brazil harbors a huge diversity of native insect species, which represent prolific sources for research focused on chemical ecology and natural product discovery.³ Using a chemical ecology approach to study the microbiomes of neotropical social insects, our research group has described roles of microbial specialized metabolites in defensive and nutritional symbiosis in fungus growing ants and stingless bees.⁴⁻¹⁰ We have found that microbial metabolites may contribute to evolutionary and biogeographic understanding of these symbiotic systems.¹¹ Additionally, some new compounds showed potential pharmaceutical applications as antimicrobials, which are probably related to their ecological roles.¹²⁻¹⁴ During this presentation I will discuss our approach and some recent results in this exciting field.

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Engineered protein-based biocatalysts, nanozymes, and biomaterials

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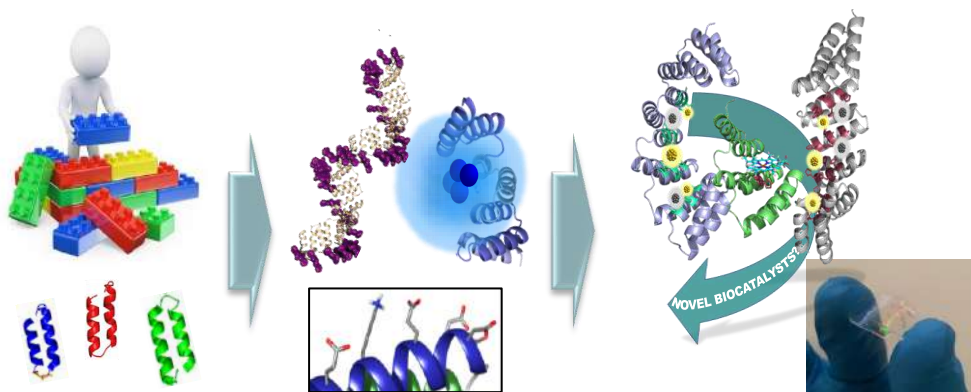
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ABSTRACT

Numerous challenging chemical reactions in nature are catalyzed by enzymes. In our laboratory, we work on protein engineering aiming at generating artificial biocatalysts based on proteins and mimicking nature in the coordination and bioconjugation of proteins with other functional elements. We have demonstrated the versatility of engineered protein-based scaffolds as biomolecular templates for patterning nanomaterials, organic molecules, and even carbon nanomaterials.¹ In particular we have developed a set of engineered protein scaffolds as stabilizing modules for luminescent and catalytic metal nanoclusters, allowing the fabrication of nanomaterials with defined properties.²

In the field of biocatalysis, taking advantage of the already demonstrated robustness of engineered protein modules we have developed robust protein platforms based on engineered super stable and modular protein scaffolds as the ideal candidates to encode novel catalytic properties³ and to template functional catalytic elements, that include: 1) metal centers for the generation of libraries of nanozymes; 2) photocatalytic molecules for biorthogonal catalysis; and organometallic catalysts leading into active catalytic systems. In addition, we use engineered proteins to generate robust scaffolding units to arrange complex multi-enzymatic systems with unprecedented control over the spatial features and physicochemical properties, which results in the final enhanced catalytic performance of scaffolded systems. Finally, we not only work at the molecular level but by engineering the self-assembly features of the scaffolds can bring these novel biocatalysts into ordered solid materials⁴ for heterogeneous catalysis and efficient reusability.



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Enabling technologies for the sustainable chemical synthesis of high added-value compounds from renewable sources.

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ABSTRACT

Raw materials from renewable sources, as well as agro-industrial waste, represent an attractive source of useful chemical functionalities.¹ Our research group has already identified continuous flow processing as a fundamental technology for the valorization of such materials. Flow chemistry offers unique opportunities for the conversion of biomass derivatives into chemical compounds with higher-added value, since it brings numerous advantages in terms of unique process experience, scalability, and reduced environmental footprint.² In this context, we will present our efforts for the synthesis of platform molecules (such as furanics)^{3,4} and new chemicals (monomers, nitrogenated aromatics)⁵ from biomass derivatives.

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Development of New Catalytic Systems. Applications in Asymmetric Catalysis

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ABSTRACT

In our group we are involved in the rational design of reagents, ligands or catalysts with modulated steric and electronic properties and the development of new activation modes to be implemented in (enantio)selective Organic Synthesis. Over years we have exploited the nucleophilic character of hydrazones (masked acyl anion equivalents) in asymmetric synthesis. In particular, the use of formaldehyde *N-tert*-butylhydrazone in combination with bifunctional H-bonding organocatalysts enabled efficient enantioselective functionalization of neutral electrophiles, mainly carbonyl compounds.¹ On the basis of this knowledge, we have recently developed an interesting strategy of anion-binding catalysis which is based on the simultaneous chloride recognition by H-bonding organocatalysts and *N-tert*-butyl hydrazones, affording a tool for asymmetric dearomatization of isoquinolines with high stereocontrol.²

On the other hand, and concerning our interest in Gold chemistry, recent results on Au(I)-catalyzed alkynylation reactions will be also discussed.³ Finally, results of silver-free gold-catalyzed heterocyclizations through intermolecular H-bonding activation using modulable monosulfonyl squaramides as an example of synergistic gold(I) and anion-binding catalysis, will be also presented.⁴

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Palladium-triggered Deprotection Chemistry for Small Molecule Activation in Living Systems

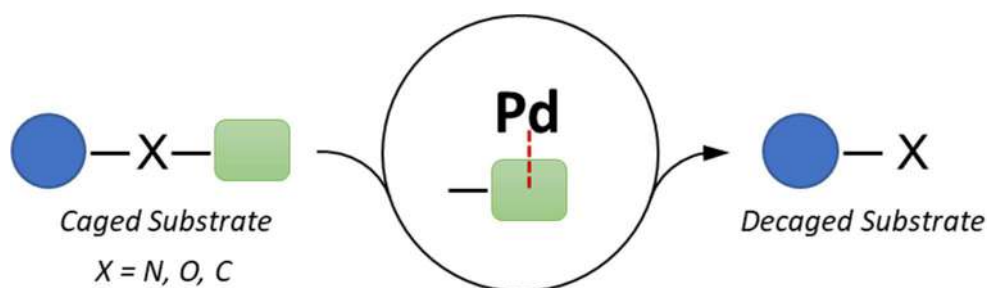
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ABSTRACT

Transition metals have for a long time now proved their efficiency in catalyzing difficult bond-making reactions. But just recently, a new application field has emerged for the transition metals promotion of decaging (bond cleavage) reactions, under biological conditions, for the activation of exogenous substrates and biomolecules, such as prodrugs, fluorophores, and proteins. Compared with natural systems, transition metals can rapidly catalyze chemical transformations that cannot be realized by enzymes for specific biological applications. Among the transition metals, the palladium-mediated decaging reaction is the most studied method for substrate activation within living systems, which relies on the cleavage of propargylic, allylic or allenylc moieties introduced into the target molecule.¹ These methods have great potential to achieve spatiotemporally controlled release of substrates within biological systems. This lecture will show the latest efforts of the LaCBio in the development of palladium promoted decaging reactions for the activation of small molecules under biological conditions.



Scheme 1. Pd triggered decaging reaction scheme.

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Organocatalytic Enantioselective Reactions Driven by the Release of Ring Strain

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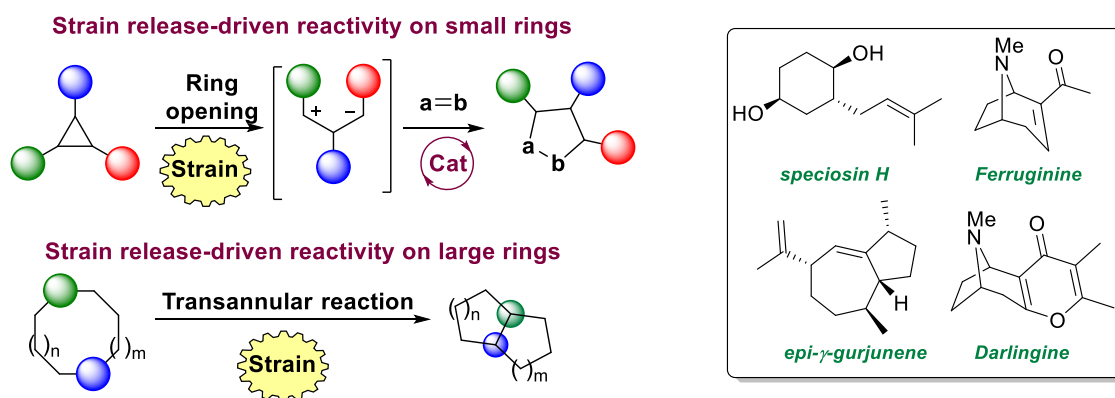
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ABSTRACT

In the last years, our group has focussed in the use of the strain release associated to the ring-opening process of cyclopropanes as an expedient thermodynamic driving force that can lead to the identification of unconventional reactivity patterns under organocatalytic activation. In addition, ring strain does not only appear within small cycles but also shows up in compounds incorporating medium and large size carbo- and heterocyclic scaffolds in which unnatural bond angles are needed in order to close the cyclic architecture. In this lecture, the different methodologies developed in our group for the stereoselective synthesis of relatively complex carbo- or heterocyclic compounds starting from strained starting materials will be presented. Two different approaches have been taken: (a) using ring strain to promote ring-opening processes on cyclopropane-containing substrates, generating a reactive polyfunctional intermediate, which can undergo subsequent chemical transformations, (typically a cycloaddition or rearrangement process)¹ and (b) using ring strain to promote a transannular reaction² in a conveniently functionalized large sized cyclic starting material.³ These reactions have been applied to the total synthesis of several examples of natural products or scaffolds with relevant biological activities.



Scheme 1.

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New approaches to the synthesis of polysubstituted aromatic compounds containing chalcogens

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ABSTRACT

Polysubstituted aromatic compounds are an important class of molecules and have attracted much interest in recent years. Some examples describe their biological activity or, most commonly, their applicability in organic conductor materials due their high rigidity and π conjugation, which may facilitate electronic flow. The introduction of a chalcogen atom can improve these properties and for that reason, lead us to develop alternative synthetic routes for their synthesis.

In addition, the balance between the development of new synthetic approaches with the extremely important and increasing need for efficient and easy procedures, is fundamental. In this sense, we have focused our efforts in propose some advances, based on easy and environmentally benign procedures for the synthesis of aromatic compounds containing chalcogens.^[1]

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Catalytic Approaches for Stereoselective Hydrocarbon Difunctionalization

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ABSTRACT

The development of efficient, safe, clean and operationally simple transformations is a primary challenge in modern synthetic chemistry. Traditionally, transition metal catalyzed C-C bond forming reactions have been developed using pre-made organometallic reagents. These procedures are inherently limited to the availability and reactivity profiles of the reagent itself and entail the formation of a stoichiometric amount of inorganic salt as a reaction by-product. The goal of our research program is to discover and study new metal-catalyzed reactions with the aim to develop highly selective synthetic methodologies based on the use of readily accessible materials. In this context, we have recently developed new synthetic transformations based on the use of simple unsaturated hydrocarbons as transient functionalized organometallic intermediates in multicomponent reactions.¹⁻⁵ From simple and readily available materials we can obtain complex structures with a high level of selectivity.

In this lecture, different catalytic strategies to accomplish stereoselective difunctionalization of unsaturated hydrocarbons based on selective carboboration processes will be presented.

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Why to inhibit ureases from agricultural and medicinal perspectives?

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ABSTRACT

Ureases (urea amidohydrolases EC 3.3.1.5) are nickel ion-dependent enzymes produced by plants, fungi, and microorganisms, which fasten up the hydrolysis of urea to NH₃ and CO₂^{1,2}. Urease activity is considered a natural response to urea availability in different matrices, contributing to nitrogen metabolism by plants and as a mechanism for the survival of pathogenic microorganisms^{3,4}. We have been developing potent and versatile urease inhibitors for agricultural and medicinal purposes. To achieve this goal, synthetic strategies were designed for Biginelli adducts, Schiff bases, benzothiazoles, benzimidazoles, (thio)hydantoins, benzoylthioureas, and benzylisothiocyanate among others. Reaction development, mechanistic investigations, and synthetic applications of the urease inhibitors synthesized by our research groups will be covered in this lecture.

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From ligand design to the synthesis of biologically active molecules

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ABSTRACT

In α -cationic phosphines at least one of the three substituents at phosphorus corresponds to a cationic (normally, but not always heteroaromatic) group, which is attached without any spacer by a relatively inert P-C bond. This unique architecture confers the resulting ligand strong acceptor properties, which frequently surpass those of traditional acceptor ligands such as phosphites or polyfluorinated phosphines. In addition, the fine tuning of the stereoelectronic properties of α -cationic phosphines is also possible by judicious selection of the number and nature of the cationic groups.

The opportunities offered in catalysis by α -cationic ligands arise from this ability to deplete electron density from the metals they coordinate. Thus, if in a hypothetical catalytic cycle the step that determines the rate is facilitated by an increase of the Lewis acidity at the metal center then, an acceleration of the whole process is expected by their use as ancillary ligands. In this regard our group has observed remarkable ligand acceleration effects by the employment of α -cationic phosphines in Au(I) and Pt(II)-promoted hydroarylation and cycloisomerization reactions. The applications of such ligands in natural product synthesis.

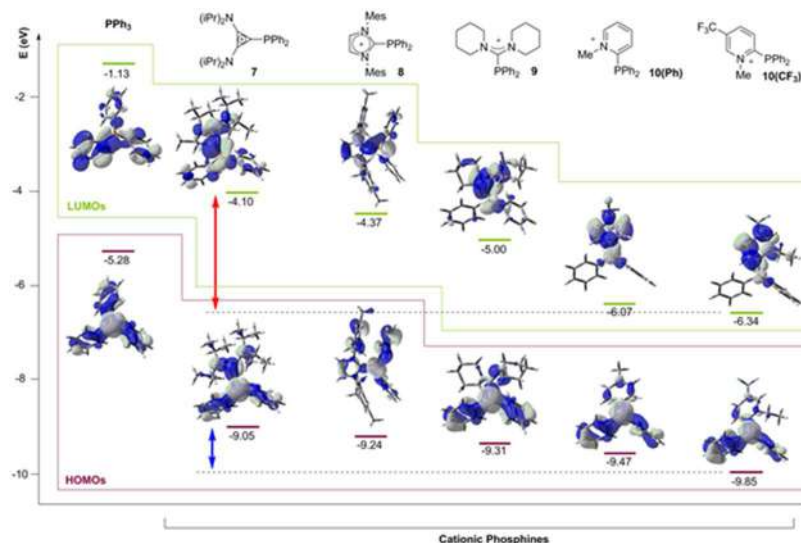


Figure 1: HOMO and LUMO of selected α -cationic phosphines

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Bicolor Fluorescent Sensors for Barium Tagging in the Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay Reaction of Xe-136

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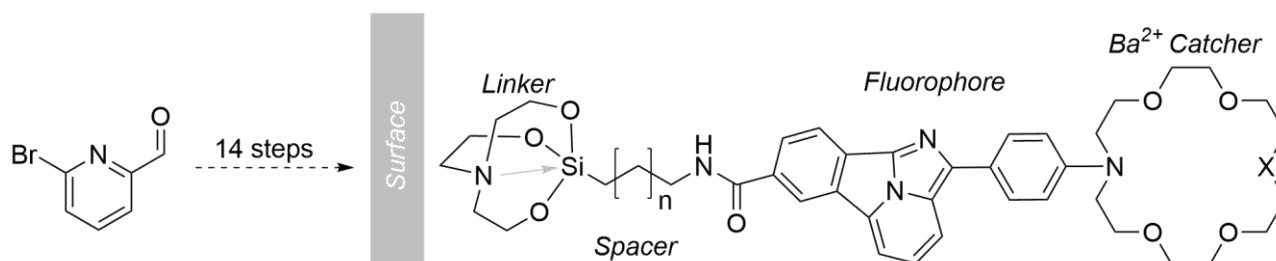
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ABSTRACT

Neutrinoless double beta decay (*bb0n*) processes constitute a very promising method to find out whether neutrinos are their own antiparticles. Demonstrating this hypothesis would constitute a major discovery in physical sciences and cosmology. One useful *bb0n* nuclear reaction involves the Xe-136 isotope and leads to the emission of two electrons, whose drift and energy can be recorded, together with a barium cation. Therefore, the second essential component to monitor this reaction is the BTD (Barium Tagging Detector). The BTD must incorporate a fluorescent sensor [1] whose photophysical properties are adequate to distinguish the free and Ba²⁺-bound states, thus giving rise to a bicolor fluorescent indicator (FBI) potentially useful for barium tagging [2,3]. The different emission spectra of the free and coordinated states stem from the decoupling between the aromatic components of the fluorophore after barium capture.



Scheme 1. Basic components of bicolor fluorescent sensors for barium tagging in *bb0n* experiments.

The basic components of our FBI molecules (Scheme 1) are an aza-crown ether to catch Ba²⁺, a coupled fluorophore incorporating aromatic rings whose photophysical properties are different at the free and bound states, a spacer and, finally, a linker to anchor the sensor to a suitable functionalized surface. In our presentation, details about the chemical synthesis and properties of these FBI sensors will be discussed, as well as the suitability of these FBI sensors for barium tagging experiments in *bb0n* reactions.

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Visible-Light-Driving Organic Chemistry: Synthesis of Small Molecules and Biomolecules Modifications

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ABSTRACT

In the last decades, the emphasis and application of sustainable chemistry principles have driven a change in behavior of both chemical industry and academy. They aim to obtain the desired product with fewest step, high yield and by using non-toxic reagents. Therefore, the recognition of environmental benefits presented in photochemical reactions has motivated the scientific community to develop efficient and simple strategies for the synthesis of biologically relevant organic compounds. In this regard, we will present our recent findings on visible-light-driving the synthesis of heterocyclic scaffolds^[1] and modifying biomolecules.^[2] Moreover, a versatile and robust photocatalytic methodology to forge amide functional groups from 1,3-dipoles will be also presented.^[3]

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Obtaining and characterizing studies of novel solid forms of ciprofibrate.

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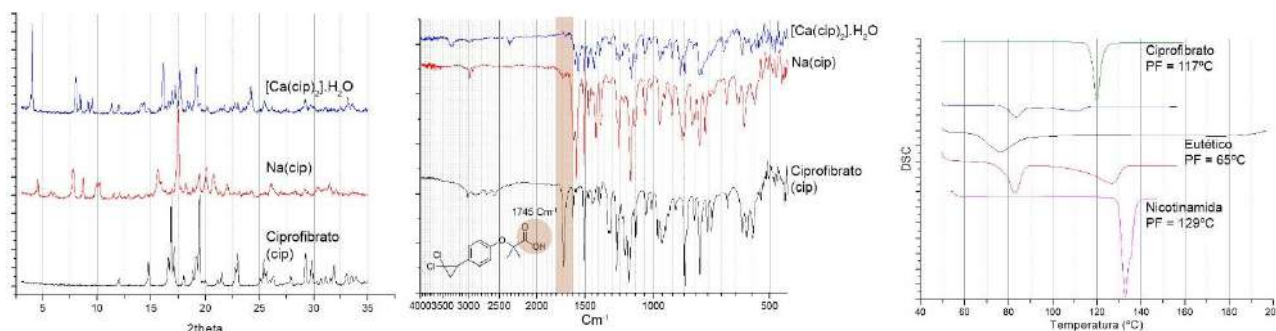
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ABSTRACT

Ciprofibrate is an API used for hyperlipidemia and dyslipidemia¹⁻³. It has solubility issues due to its hydrophobic nature⁴. Different solid forms like salts, co-crystals or polymorphs can improve solubility^{5,6}. In this work, attempts to obtain co-crystals and polymorphs were unsuccessful, but sodium and calcium salts of ciprofibrate and a eutectic mixture with nicotinamide were obtained using solvent evaporation and mechanochemistry techniques. The solid forms were characterized by thermal analysis (TG/DSC), elemental analysis (CHN), X-ray powder diffraction (XRD), infrared (FTIR) and scanning electron microscopy (SEM). Stability, solubility, and dissolution tests will be conducted. Quantification will be done using an HPLC method validated according to RDC 166 of 2017 regulations. Images below show the analysis by PXRD and FTIR of the obtained salts and the DSC results of the eutectic mixture.



Scheme 1. PXRD and FTIR of the salts obtained in comparison with the free form and the thermograms by DSC of the mixtures with nicotinamide in molar proportions of 2:1, 1:1 and 1:2.

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Screening of new solid forms of domperidone.

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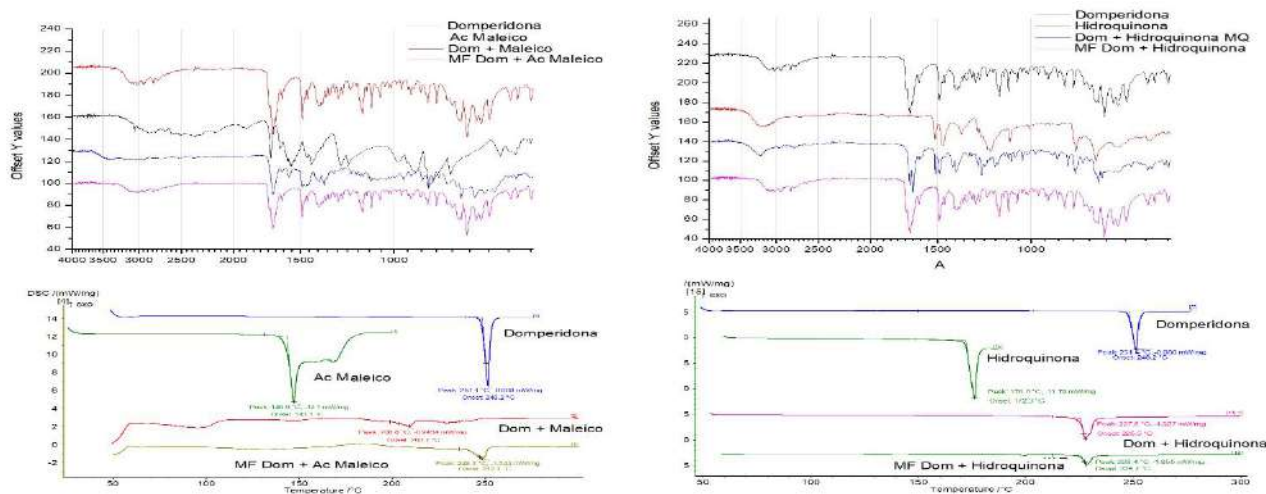
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ABSTRACT

Domperidone is an antiemetic medication used for symptoms like nausea, reflux, epigastric pain and gastroparesis. Its therapeutic effectiveness is hindered by low water solubility and extensive first-pass metabolism, resulting in poor bioavailability.¹ Strategies to enhance its properties involve obtaining new solid forms like salts or co-crystals and combining with orodispersible tablets for better solubility, dissolution and bioavailability.^{2,3,4,5} This research aims obtaining new forms of domperidone using mechanochemical synthesis. Initially, the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD) was used as a tool for designing co-crystals based on supramolecular synthons.⁶ Subsequently, various substances were tested as co-formers to achieve desired solid forms. Attempts to obtain new solid forms were carried out through solvent-assisted mechanochemical synthesis followed by characterization using differential scanning calorimetry (DSC), X-ray powder diffraction (XRPD) and Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR). The data below was obtained by analysis of domperidone, co-formers (hydroquinone and maleic acid), synthesized product and physical mixture in a 1:1 molar ratio.



Scheme 1. Comparison of FTIR spectra and thermograms obtained by DSC from domperidone with the co-former, product of the mechanochemical synthesis and physical mixture.

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