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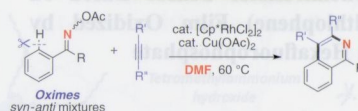
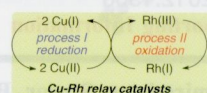
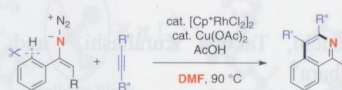


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### 1554 Cu–Rh Redox Relay Catalysts for Synthesis of Azaheterocycles via C–H Functionalization

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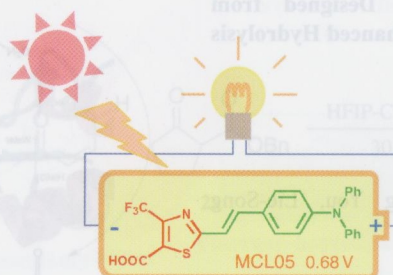
This Highlight Review described the Cu–Rh bimetallic redox relay catalytic system that enables efficient synthesis of highly substituted isoquinolines and their derivatives from readily available aryl ketoximes or  $\alpha$ -arylvinyl azides with internal alkynes via C–H bond functionalization. A preliminary mechanistic investigation revealed that both of Cu and Rh catalysts are prerequisites to achieve the present process, and play their particular roles with synergistic cooperation during the multistep sequence.

## Letter

### 1560 Novel 4-Trifluoromethylthiazole-5-carboxylic Acid as Acceptor in Photosensitized Dyes

Satoru Iwata,\* Misa Aoyama, Satoshi Uchida,  
 and Kiyoshi Tanaka\*  
 doi:10.1246/cl.2012.1560

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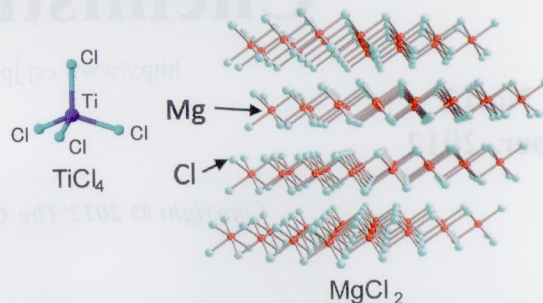


The novel photosensitized dyes having 4-trifluoromethylthiazole-5-carboxylic acid as an acceptor are synthesized. The dyes with this acceptor show high performance as the dye-sensitized solar cells. The trifluoromethyl group is assumed to act as a suppressor of the electron back-donation from the  $\text{TiO}_2$  conduction band to the electrolyte and as an accelerator of the charge separation in the photoexcited state.



1563 **Observation of  $^{47,49}\text{Ti}$  NMR Spectra of  $\text{TiCl}_4/\text{MgCl}_2$  Catalysts under an Ultrahigh Magnetic Field**

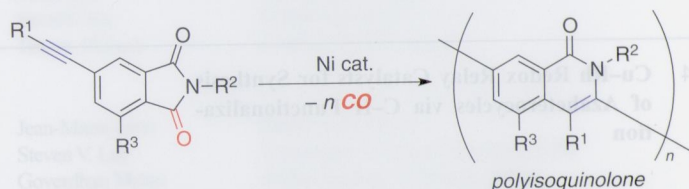
Ryutaro Ohashi, Masayoshi Saito, Takashi Fujita, Toshihito Nakai, Hiroaki Utsumi, Kenzo Deguchi, Masataka Tansho, and Tadashi Shimizu\*  
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1566 **Nickel-catalyzed Decarbonylative Polymerization of 5-Alkynylphthalimides: A New Methodology for the Preparation of Polyheterocycles**

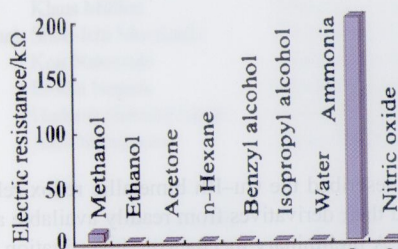
Makoto Takeuchi, Takuya Kurahashi,\* and Seiji Matsubara\*  
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Nickel-catalyzed decarbonylative cycloaddition was developed, where 5-alkynylphthalimides reacted to afford a new type of polyisoquinolones. It was demonstrated for the first time that decarbonylative cycloaddition can be an elementary process of polycondensation for preparation of heterocyclic polymers.



1569 **Ammonia Chemiresistor Sensor Based on Poly(3-Hexylthiophene) Film Oxidized by Nitrosonium Hexafluorophosphate**

Yan Li, Yong-Qiang Liu, Li-Wei Liu, and Ge-Bo Pan\*  
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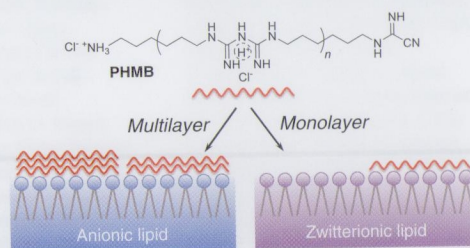


An ammonia chemiresistor sensor is demonstrated on the basis of poly(3-hexylthiophene) film oxidized by nitrosonium hexafluorophosphate. The sensor gave a good response to ammonia, while was insensitive to a variety of organic vapors. The detection limit was estimated to be ca. 0.22 ppm. The redox reaction between ammonia and bipolarons was attributed to the sensor signals.

1571 **Unique Adsorption Behavior of Antimicrobial Poly(hexamethylenebiguanide hydrochloride) onto Solid-supported Lipid Films**

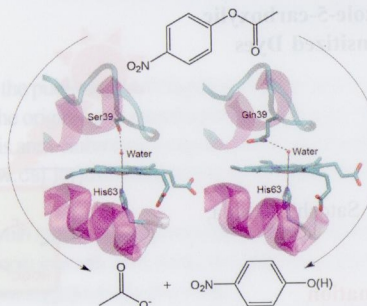
Takaaki Date, Yosuke Matsuoka, Nobuyuki Sakamoto, and Takeshi Serizawa\*  
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Antimicrobial poly(hexamethylenebiguanide hydrochloride) (PHMB) showed the multilayer adsorption onto negatively charged lipid films above a threshold concentration of PHMB.



1574 **Peroxidase-like Enzymes Designed from Cytochrome  $b_5$  Exhibit Enhanced Hydrolysis Activity**

Ying-Wu Lin,\* Xiao-Xing You, Lie-Song Chen, and Yi-Mou Wu  
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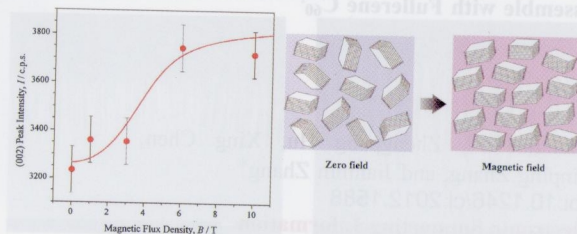
Rationally designed peroxidase-like enzymes, H39Q Cyt  $b_5$  and H39S Cyt  $b_5$ , exhibit hydrolysis activity by catalyzing the hydrolysis of 4-nitrophenyl acetate.



1576 **Magnetic Orientation of Hexagonal Carbon Layers at High Temperatures**

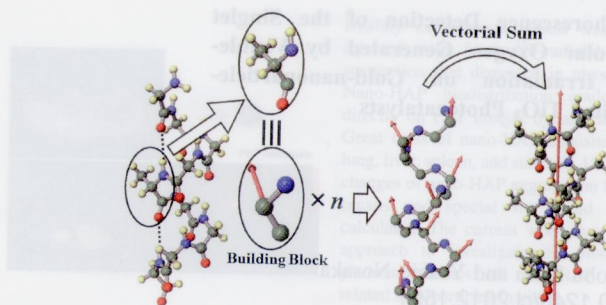
Ayumi Sakaguchi, Atom Hamasaki,\* Toyonari Sadatou, Yoshitaka Nishihara, Shou Yamamoto, Yuya Sekinuma, and Sumio Ozeki\*  
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Magnetic-field dependence of (002) XRD peak intensities of coal tar pitch treated at 773 K, indicating that hexagonal carbon layers should orient cooperatively in parallel to magnetic fields.



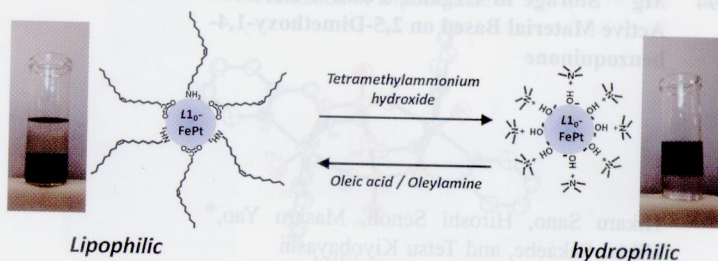
1579 **Dipole Moments of Amino Acid Residues, Gly and Ala, in  $\alpha$ -Helix: Quantum Chemical Building Blocks for Macrodipole Moment of  $\alpha$ -Helical Polypeptide**

Shunsuke Mieda and Misako Aida\*  
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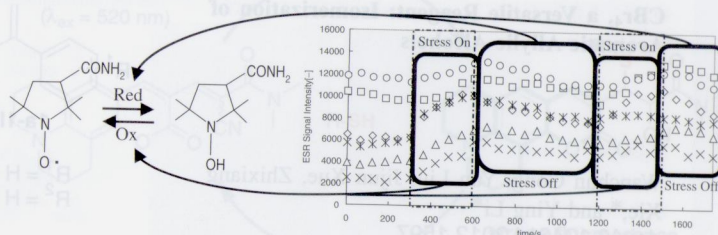
1581 **Reversible Phase Transfer of Ferromagnetic  $L1_0$ -FePt Nanoparticles**

Shinpei Yamamoto,\* Yoshinori Tamada, Teruo Ono, and Mikio Takano  
doi:10.1246/cl.2012.1581  
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1584 **In Vivo Real-time Detection of Plant Response to Physical and Chemical Stresses by Spin Probe ESR**

Mami Endo, Hidehiro Kurosawa, Takahiro Kawai,\* Tomohiro Ito, and Tateaki Ogata  
doi:10.1246/cl.2012.1584



1586 **Mild Synthesis of Furans with a Quaternary Carbon Substituent at the 2-Position**

Akihisa Iwamoto, Aki Katori, Yoshiaki Sashihara, and Satoshi Kojima\*  
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