

Special Issue

Organic Synthesis and Asymmetry

Message from the Guest Editor

I have been engaged for many years in the synthesis and photochemical evaluation of photosensitive 'caged' compounds as tools for neurophysiological investigations. I have also been involved the synthesis and application of chemical ligation auxiliaries for their effectiveness in solid-phase peptide synthesis. The scope of the work was not only to develop new technologies but also to improve existing tools for the synthesis of biologically useful proteins and other biomolecules. More recently my research has been focused in the design and synthesis of a variety of small molecules as tools for biomedical research, ranging from modified amino acids, heterocyclic compounds, labelled nucleosides, fluorescent probes for use as enzyme inhibitors or detectors, or as cross linkers in structural studies. Particularly synthesis of inhibitory compounds with potential to be developed as new types of antimalarial drugs or to study the role of Wnt signaling in tissue homeostasis or to study how the Wnt pathway is regulated in intestinal stem cell and cancer. Please note that all submitted papers must be within the general scope of the Symmetry journal.

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