



# **Atom Economy, Biodegradation, Catalysis, and Green Toxicology: Tools for the Delivery of Sustainable Chemistry based on Ionic Liquids**

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# 12 Principles of Green Chemistry

1. Prevent waste
2. Atom Economy
3. **Less Hazardous Chemical Syntheses**
4. **Designing Safer Chemicals**
5. Safer Solvents and Auxiliaries
6. Design for Energy Efficiency
7. Use of Renewable Feedstock's
8. Reduce Derivatives
9. Catalysis (vs. Stoichiometric)
10. **Design for Degradation**
11. Real-time analysis for Pollution Prevention
12. Inherently Safer Chemistry for Accident Prevention



P. T. Anastas and J. C. Warner, *Green Chemistry: Theory and Practice*, Oxford University Press, New York, 1998



# Three Tiers of Assessment

*Toxicity*

*Biodegradation*

*Bioaccumulation*

**PERSISTENCE OF 'TOXIC' CHEMICALS**



# Ionic Liquids

Poorly coordinated ionic species

Most often low melting points  
( $<100\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

Properties:

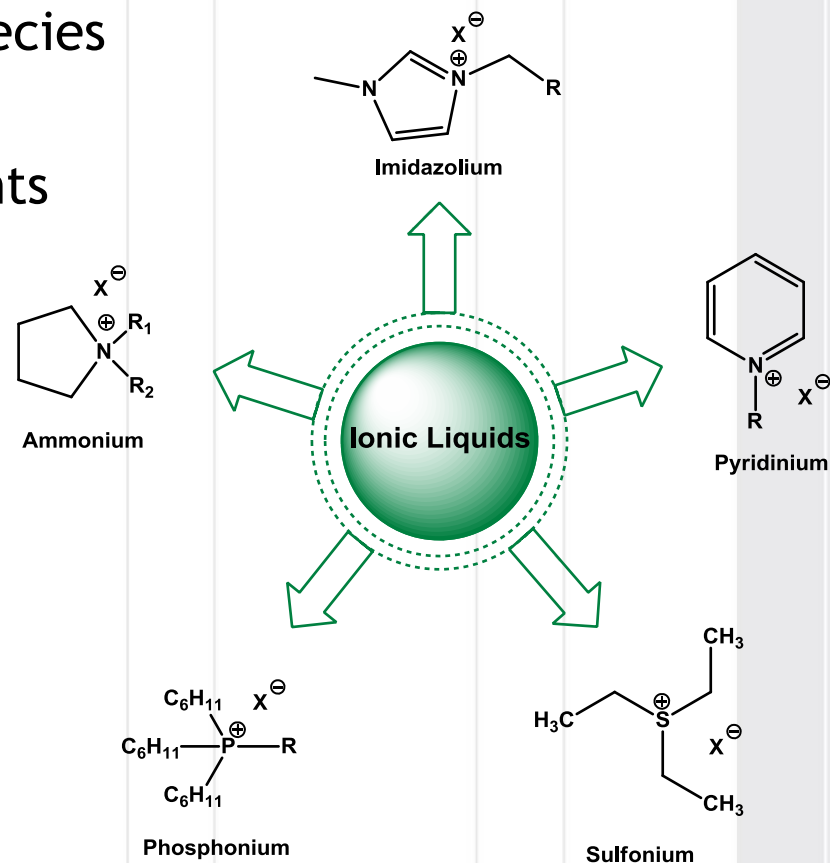
Highly solvating

Non-flammable

Low vapour pressure

High thermal stability

Large liquid range



X = Br, Cl, BF<sub>4</sub>, PF<sub>6</sub>, OctOSO<sub>3</sub>, N(CN)<sub>2</sub>, NTf<sub>2</sub> etc

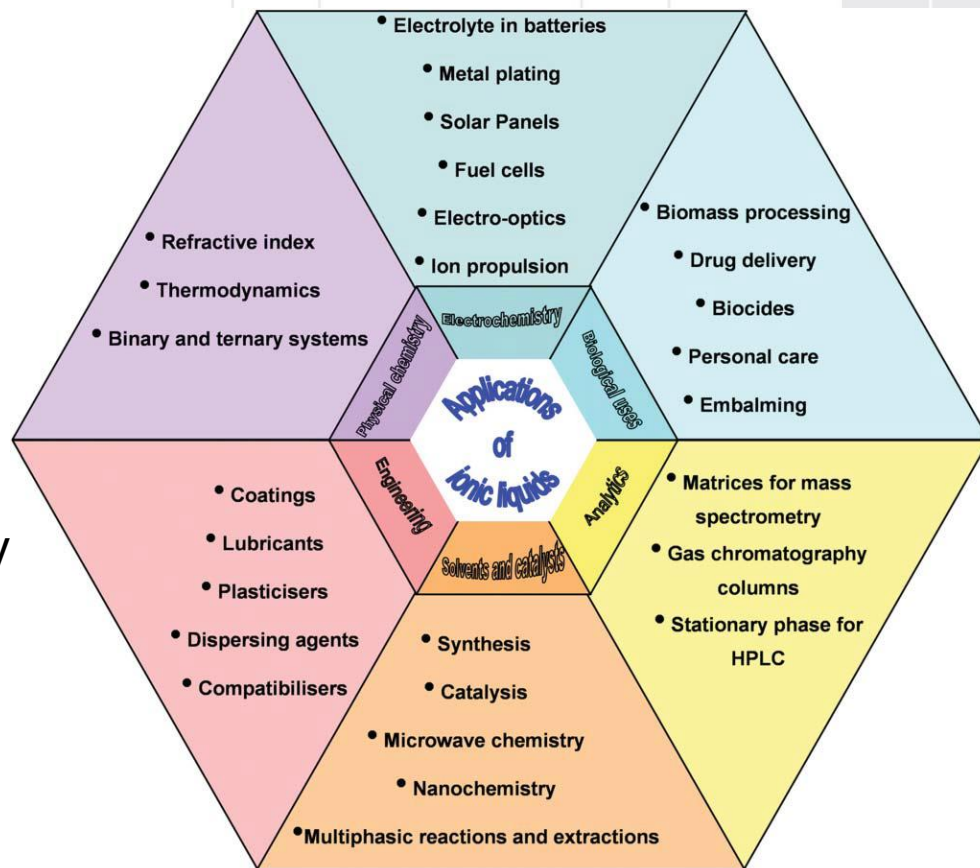


# Ionic Liquids

Suitable for a range of organic reactions and provide:

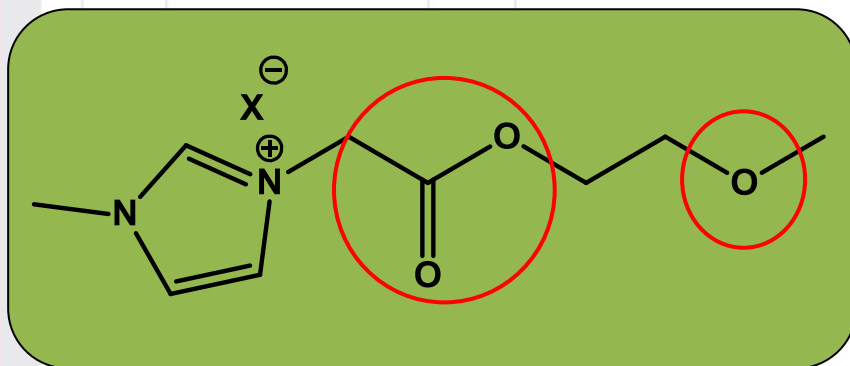
Control of product distribution  
Enhanced rate/or reactivity  
Ease of product recovery  
Catalyst immobilisation  
Recyclability

Green alternatives to VOCs?





# Designing Biodegradable ILs



X = Br, NTf<sub>2</sub>, BF<sub>4</sub>, Octyl sulfate,  
PF<sub>6</sub>, N(CN)<sub>2</sub>

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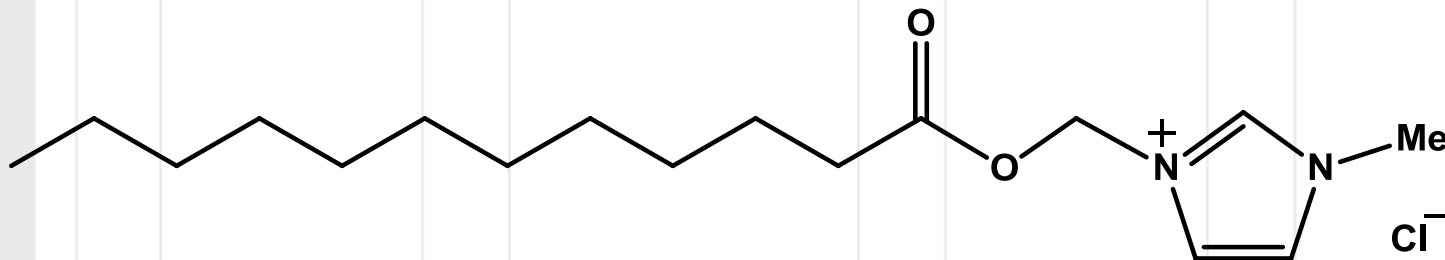
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PCT/EP2008/060978 & PCT/EP2010/052345

Effect of introduction of oxygen (i.e. ester/amide) on  
biodegradability and toxicity



# Soft Antimicrobials

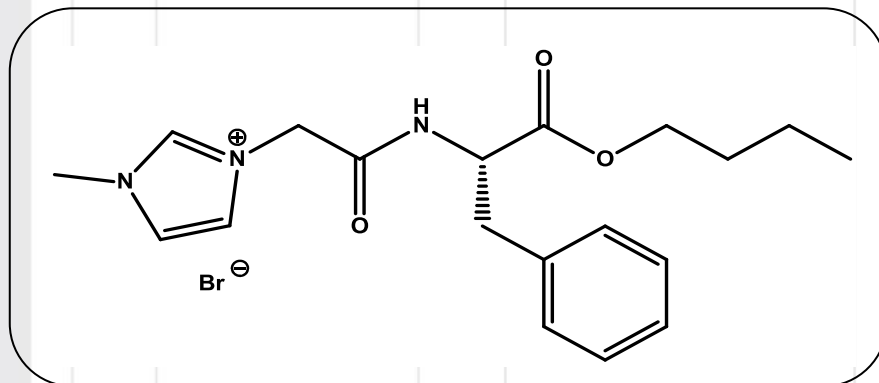


Effective at ppm concentrations

Bodor et al. *J. Med. Chem.* 1980, 23, 469, 474 & 566.

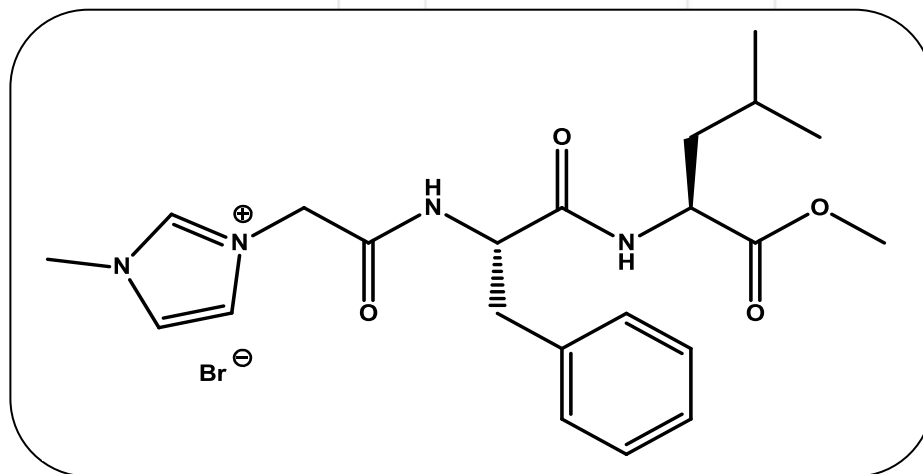


# Amino acid based ILs



Readily  
Biodegradable  
CO<sub>2</sub> headspace test  
61%, 28 days

Readily  
Biodegradable  
CO<sub>2</sub> headspace test  
64 %, 28 days



Low toxicity towards clinically relevant bacteria strains  
or fungi screened against





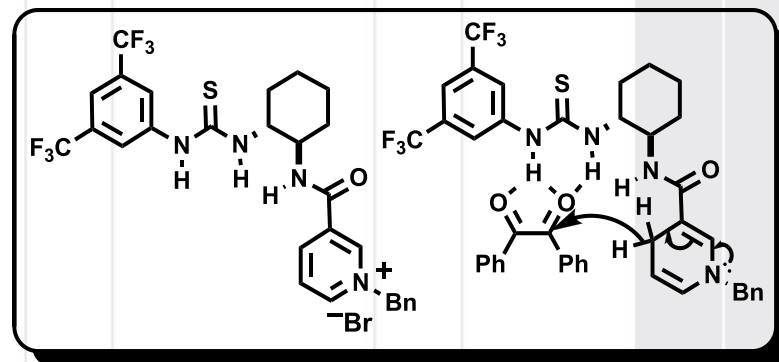
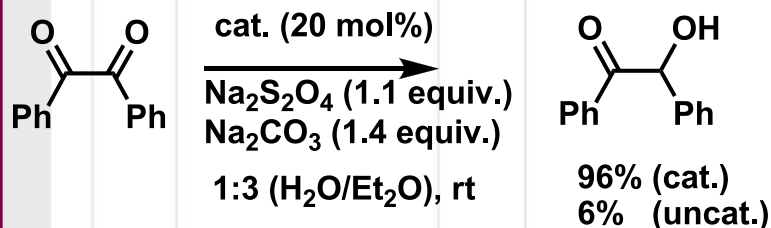
# Amino acid based ILs

- **Head Group**
- **Amide Bond**
- **Side Chain**

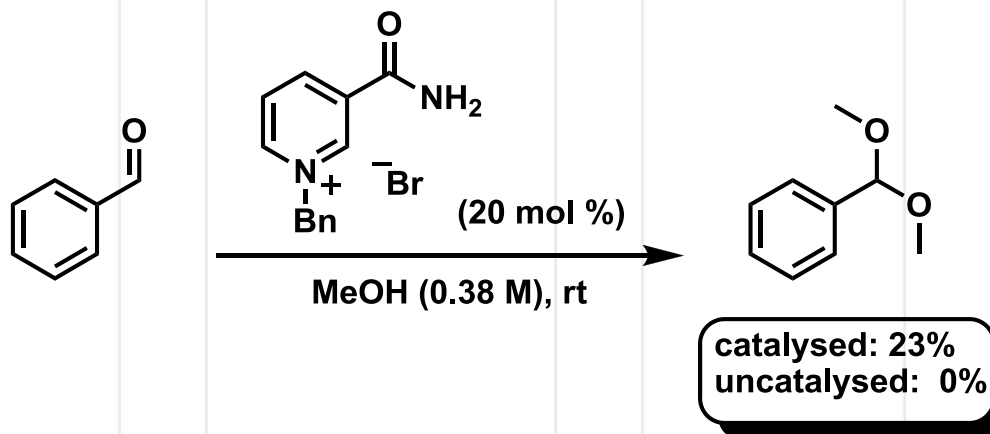


# Unexpected Catalysis

**Earlier study: thiourea catalysis of ketone reduction**

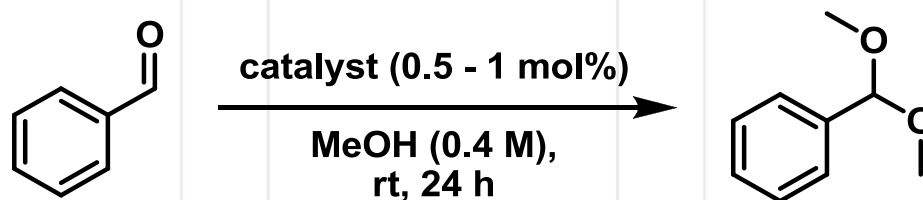


**Unusual observation:**  
**acetal protection of benzaldehyde in the absence of an acid**

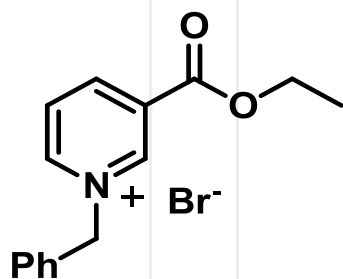




# Pyridinium Catalysis

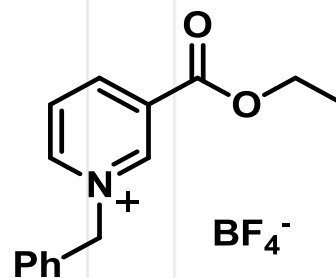


## Acetalisation of benzaldehyde:



1 mol%: 90% Yield

0.5 mol%: 35% Yield



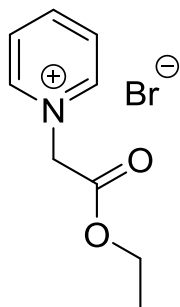
1 mol%: 95% Yield

0.5 mol%: 81% Yield

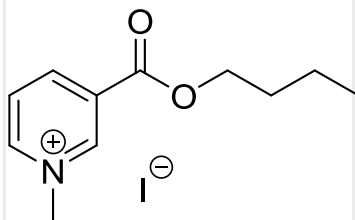
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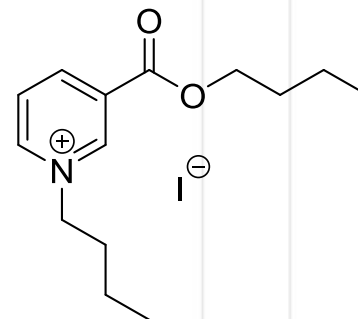
# Effect of ester group



CBT 87 %



72 %

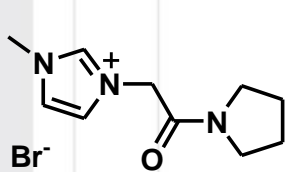


84 %

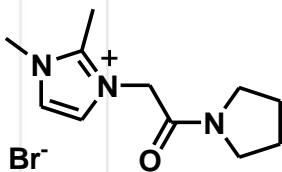
Change heterocycle from pyridinium to imidazolium  
Introduce EWGs, esters (c.f. amides)



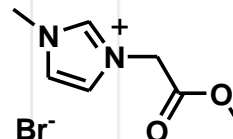
# 1<sup>st</sup> Gen Imidazolium Catalysis



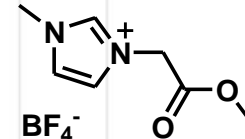
14% Yield



11% Yield

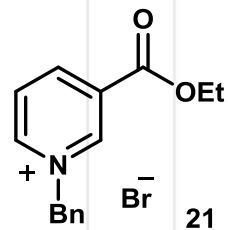
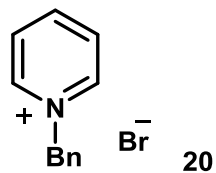
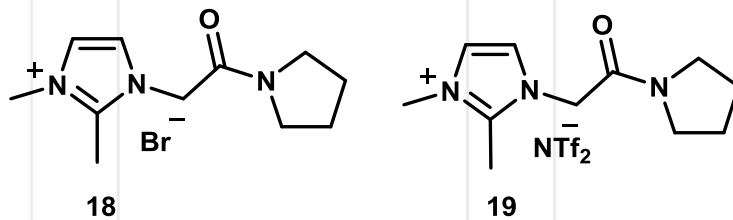
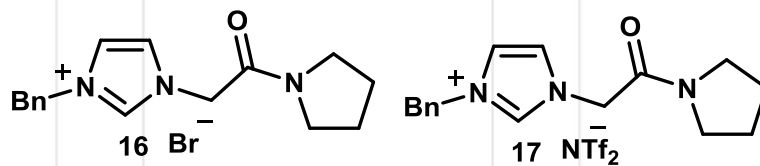
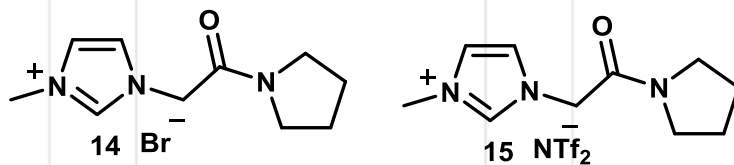
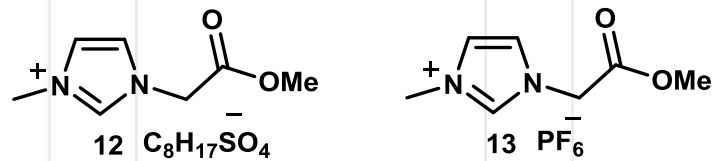
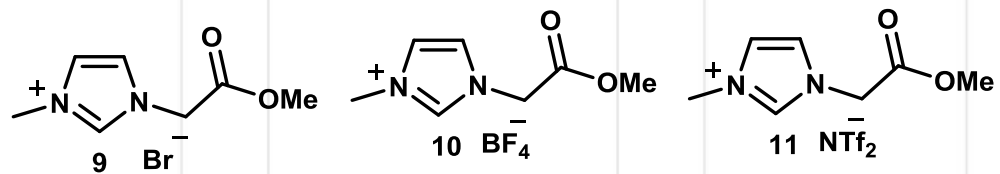


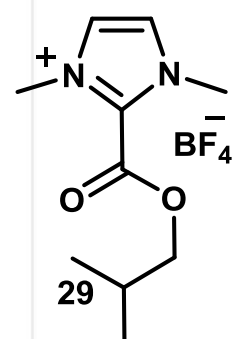
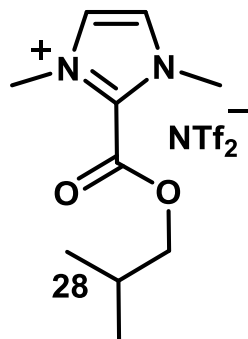
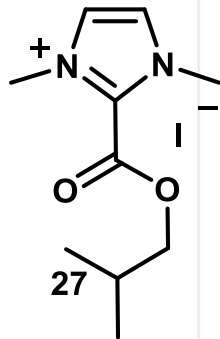
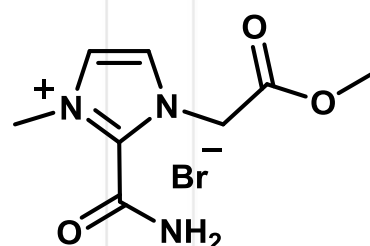
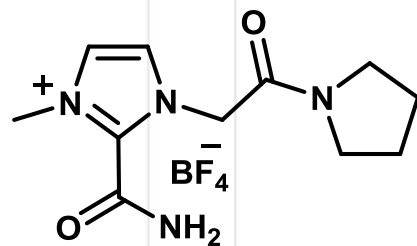
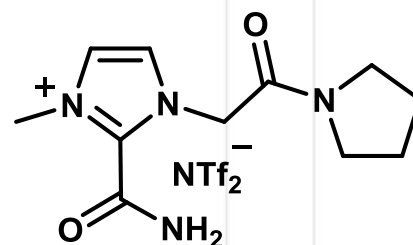
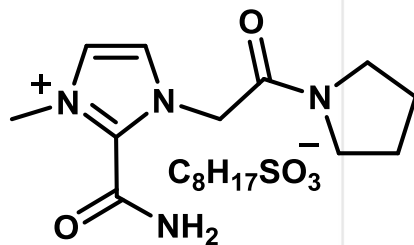
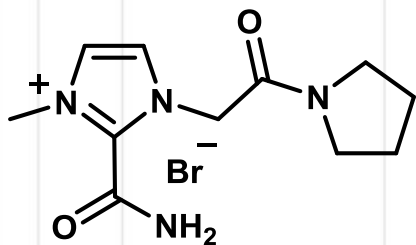
12% Yield

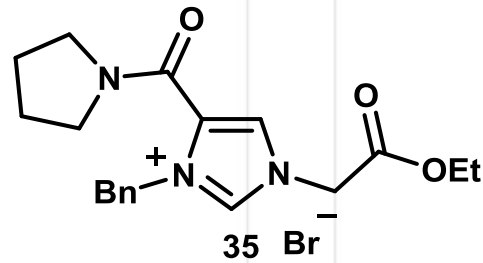
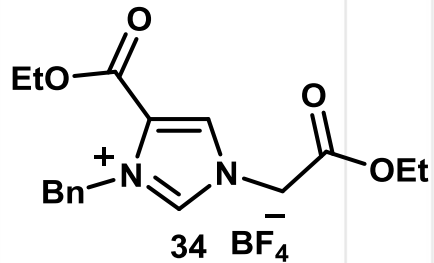
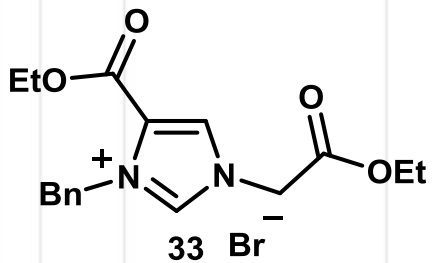
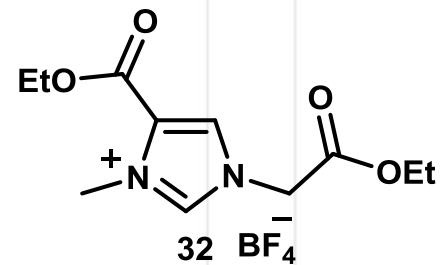
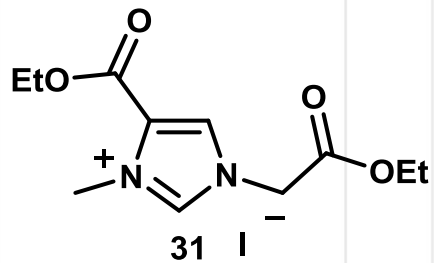
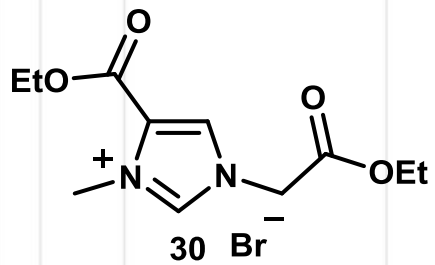


86% Yield

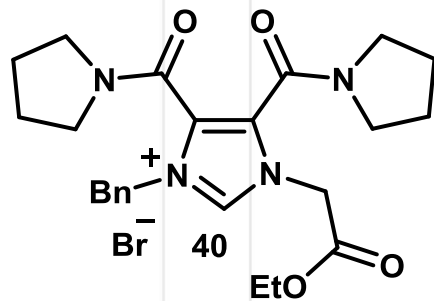
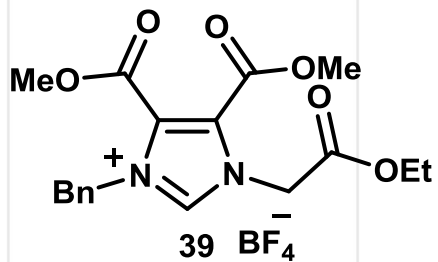
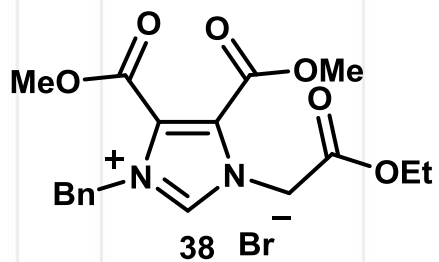
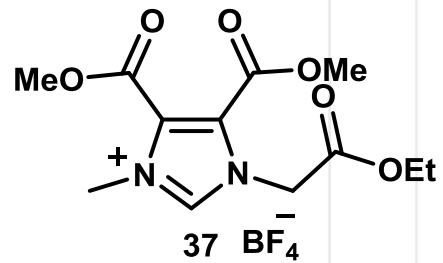
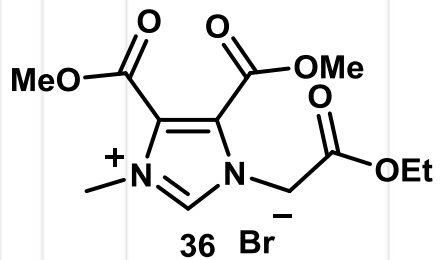
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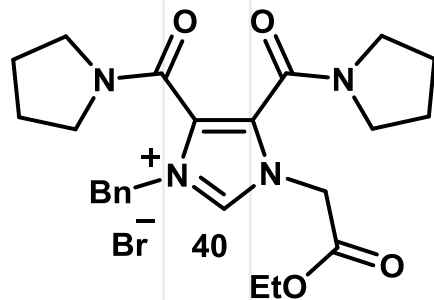
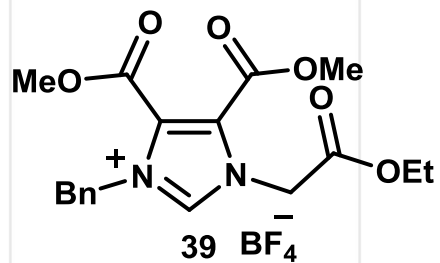
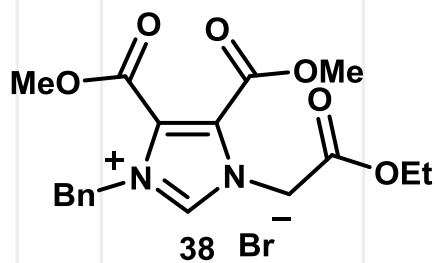
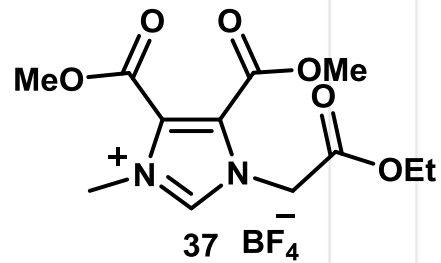
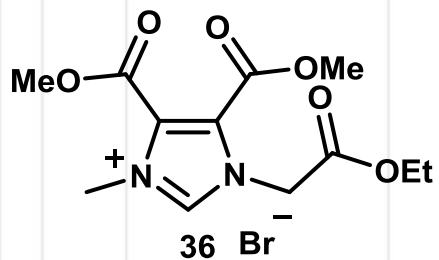




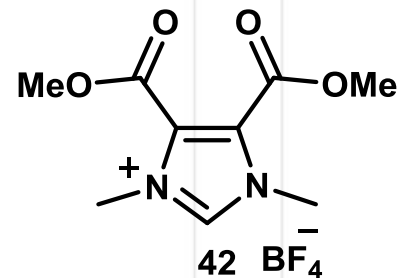
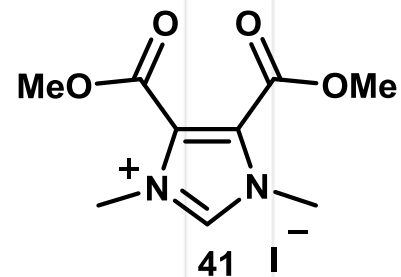
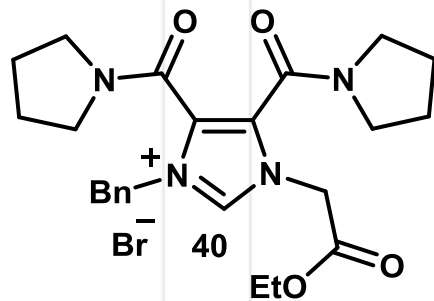
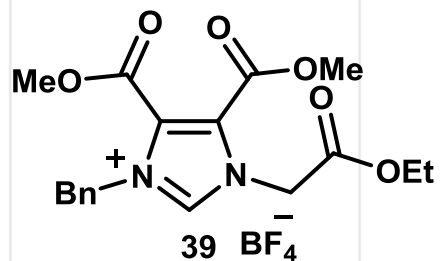
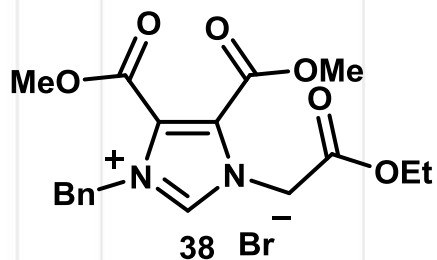
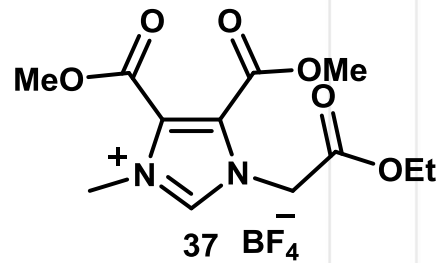
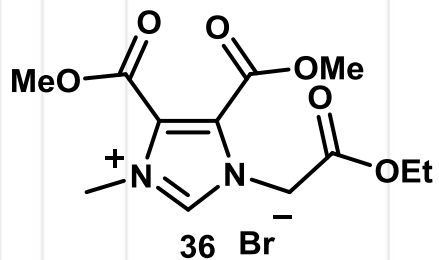








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Hydrogenation of cyclohexene

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Table 14 Proposed 'Traffic Light' system to applied to salts 9–42

Salt	Cat. Act.	Cat. Syn. (NS)	Cat. Syn. (AAE)	Tox. Bac.	Tox. Fung.	Biodeg.
9	R	G	G	G	G	R
10	R	G	G	G	G	R
11	R	G	G	G	G	R
12	R	G	G	G	G	A <sup>a</sup>
13	R	G	G	G	G	R
14	R	G	A	G	G	R
15	R	A	A	G	G	R
16	R	G	A	G	G	R
17	R	A	A	G	G	R
18	R	G	A	G	G	R
19	R	A	A	G	G	R
20	nr <sup>b</sup>	A	A	G	G	R
21	A	A	A	G	G	A
22	R	A	A	G	G	R
23	R	R	A	G	G	R
24	R	R	A	G	G	A <sup>a</sup>
25	R	R	A	G	G	R
26	R	A	A	G	G	R
27	R	G	A	G	G	A
28	R	A	A	G	G	A
29	A	G	A	G	G	A
30	A	A	R	G	G	R
31	A	A	R	G	G	R
32	A	A	R	G	G	R
33	A	A	R	G	G	R
34	A	A	A	G	G	R
35	A	A	R	G	G	R
36	A	A	A	A	G	A
37	G	R	R	G	G	A
38	A	R	R	A	G	A
39	G	R	R	A	G	R
40	A	R	A	G	G	R
41	A	A	A	A	A	R
42	G	A	R	G	G	R

<sup>a</sup> (OctSO<sub>4</sub> salt). <sup>b</sup> nr = no reaction at 20 mol% loading. Entries in italics are estimated. NS = number of synthetic steps, AAE = Average Atom Economy.

## Key for Traffic Signal Light Classification in Table

### **Catalyst Activity (Cat. Act.)**

Green: ≥90% yield with 0.1 mol% catalyst loading

Amber: ≥90% yield with 1 mol% catalyst loading

Red: <90% yield with 1 mol% catalyst loading

### **Catalysts Synthesis**

#### **(Cat. Syn., Number of steps, NS)**

Green: <3

Amber: 3

Red: >3

### **Catalysts Synthesis**

#### **(Cat. Syn., Average Atom Economy, AAE)**

Green: 1–0.85

Amber: 0.85–0.70

Red: <0.70

### **Antibacterial Toxicity (Tox. Bac.)**

Green: >2 mM all strains, or up to solubility limit

Amber: MIC 0.25–2.0 mM

Red: MIC <0.25 mM

### **Antifungal Toxicity (Tox. Fung.)**

Green: >2 mM all strains, or up to solubility limit

Amber: MIC 0.25–2.0 mM

Red: MIC <0.25 mM

### **Biodegradation (Biodeg.)**

Green: 60+% Readily Biodegradable

Amber: 20–59%

Red: 0–19%



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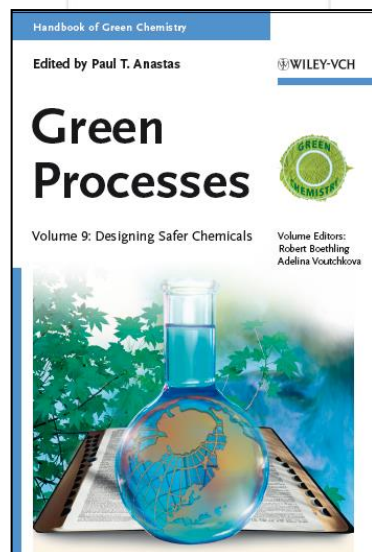




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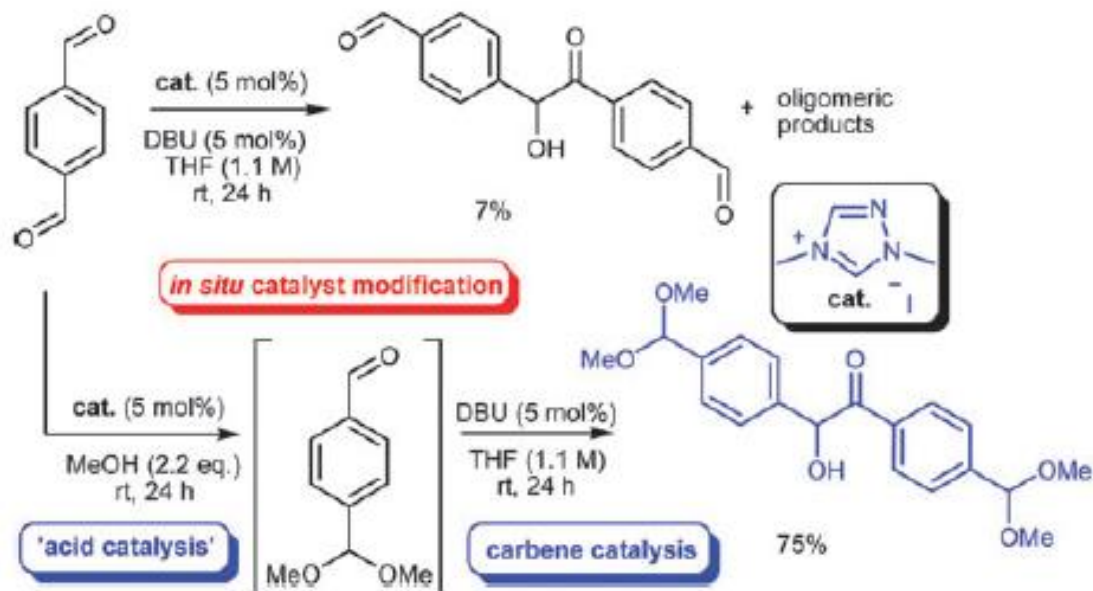
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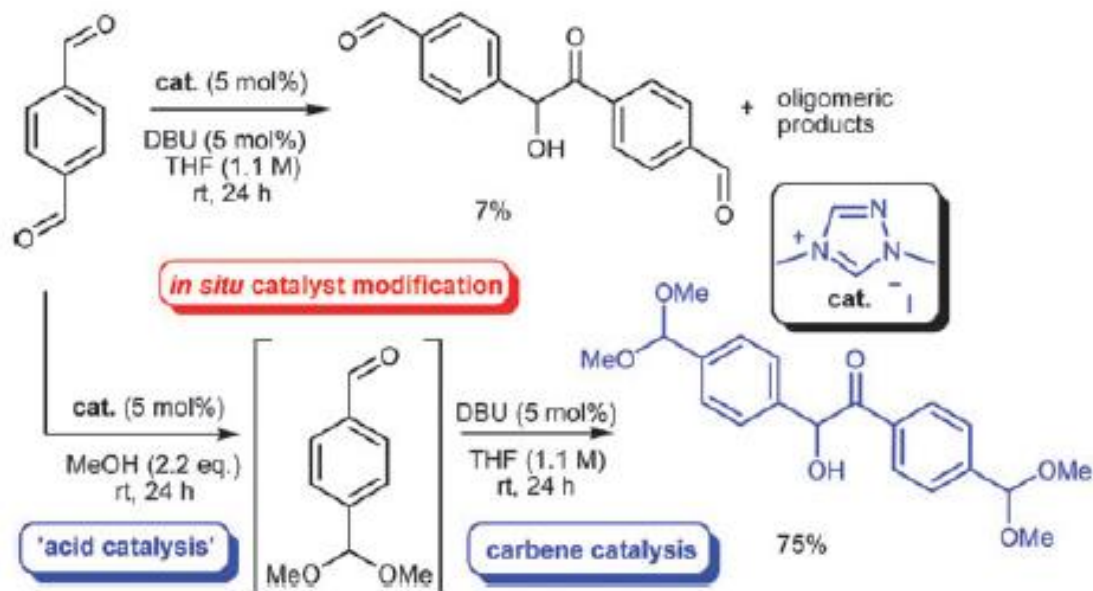
Lauren Myles, Nicholas Gathergood\* and Stephen J. Connon\*

A triazolium salt can serve as a precatalyst for both a strong acid and a powerful base/nucleophile simultaneously (depending on the additive employed) which allows a unique *in situ* modification strategy in which the role played by the catalyst is sequentially controlled in an 'on-off' fashion.

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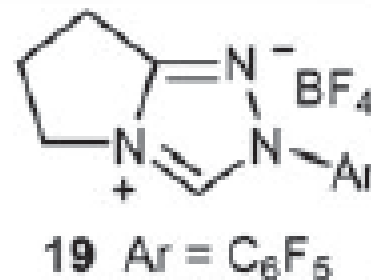


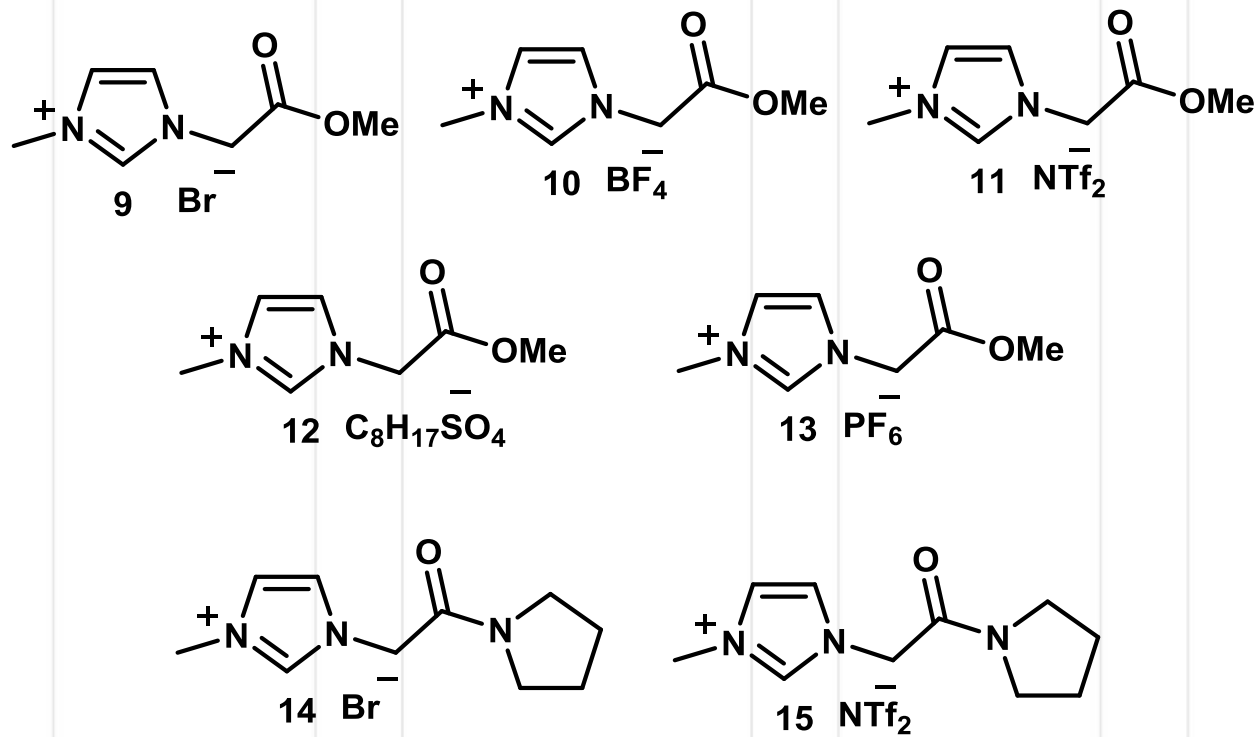
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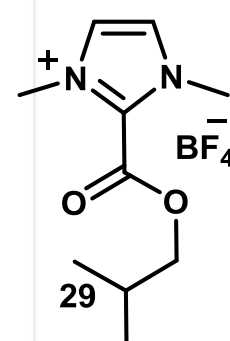
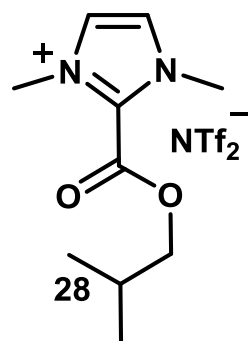
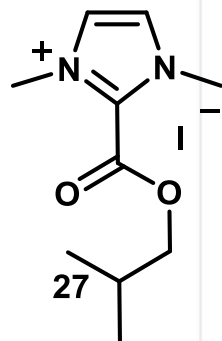
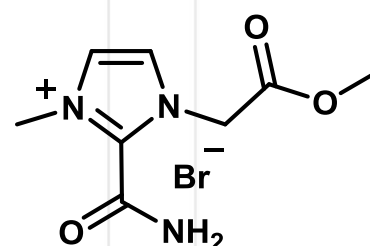
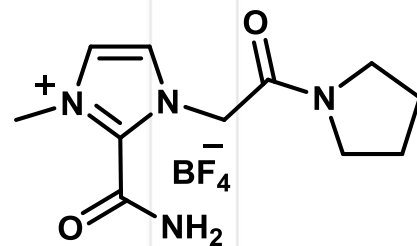
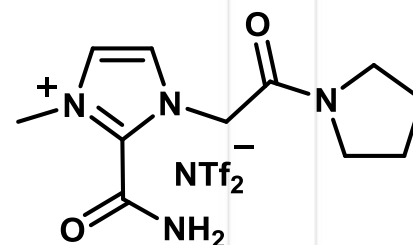
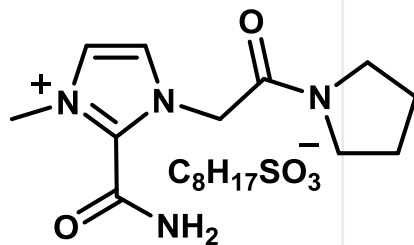
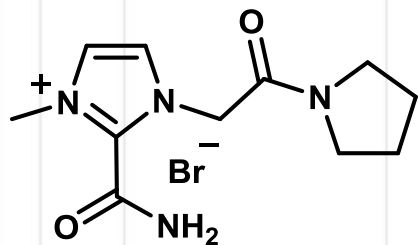
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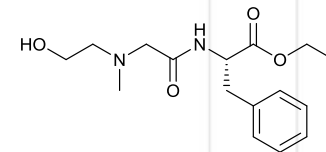
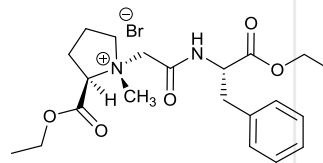
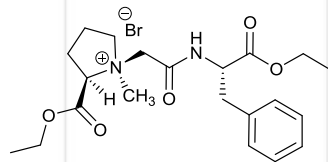
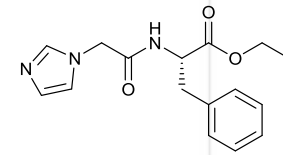
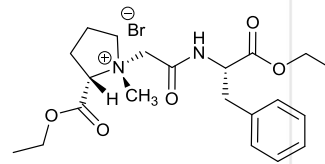
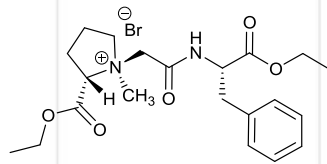
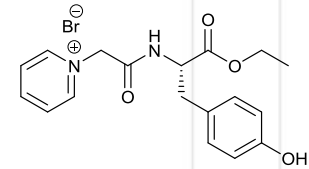
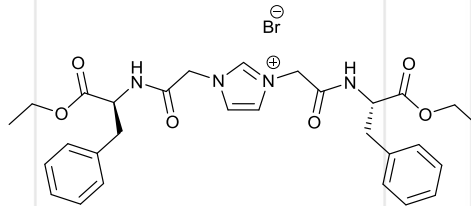
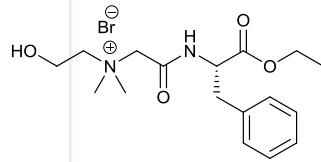
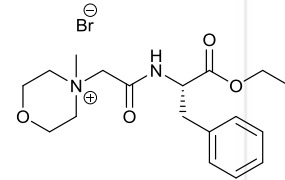
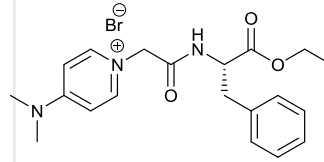
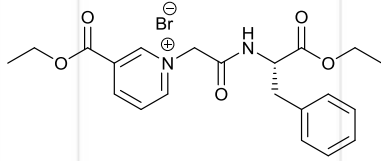
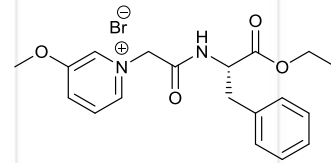
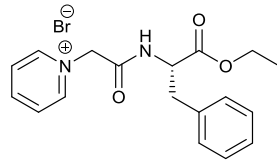
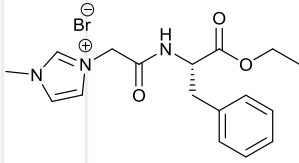
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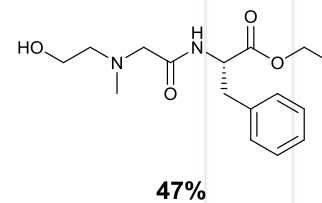
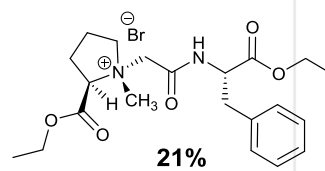
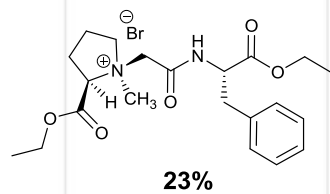
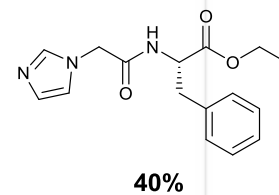
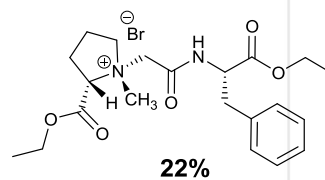
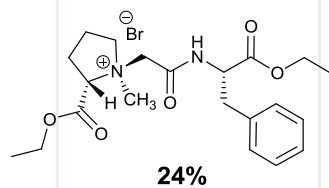
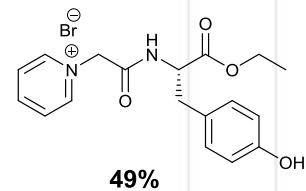
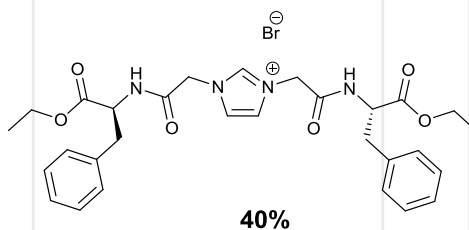
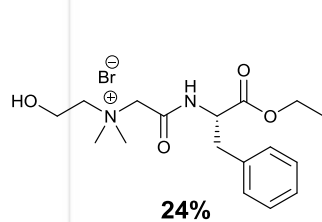
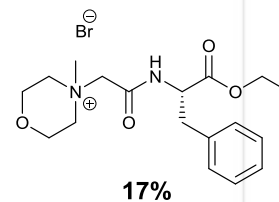
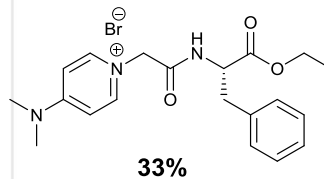
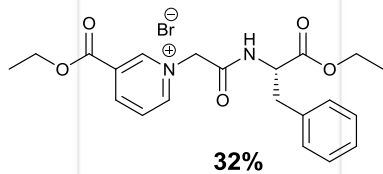
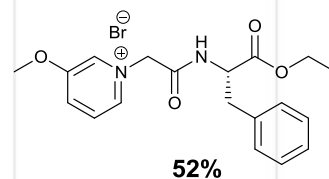
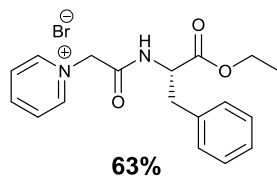
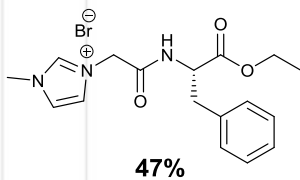
















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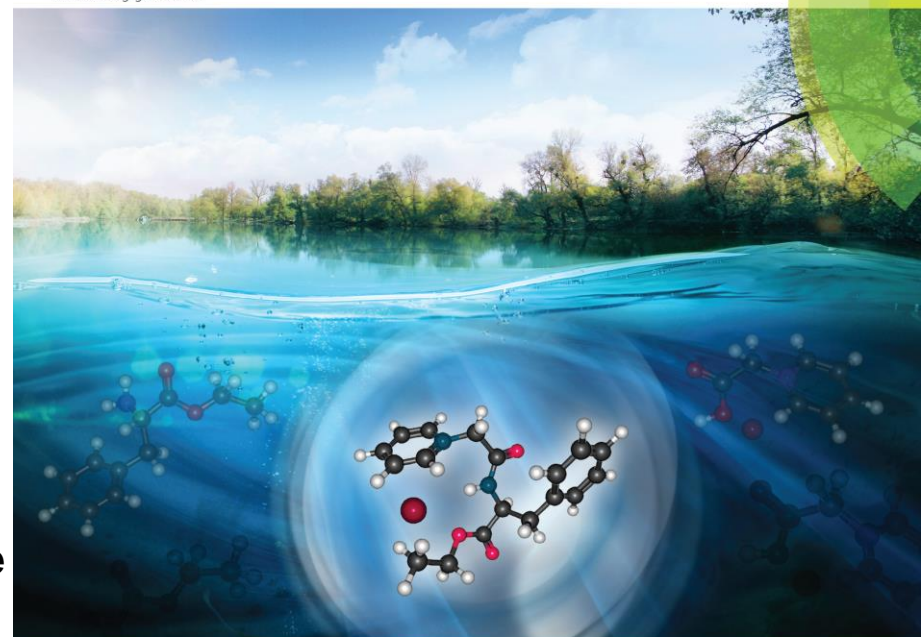
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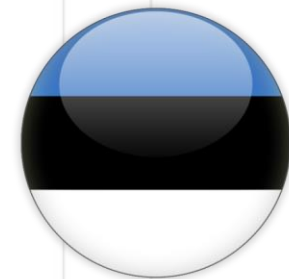
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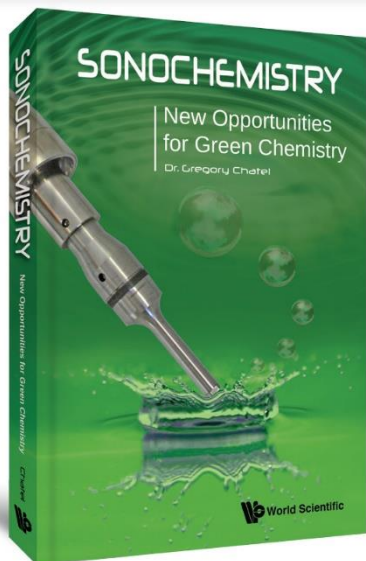
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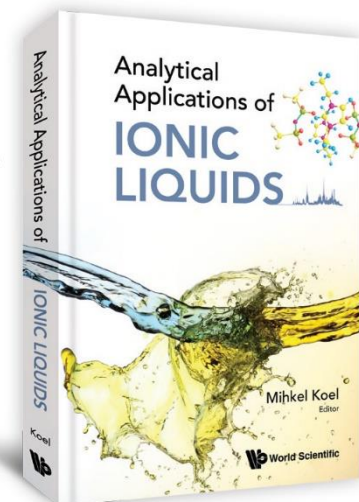
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- **Members:** 24, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Slovakia, Turkey, United Kingdom
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- EuCheMS Division of Analytical Chemistry supported ECOBALT 2016 conference in Tartu, Estonia in October
- DGSC presentation in DCE conference in Oslo 2017
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# DGSC Activities

Provide expert opinion on green and sustainable chemistry issues

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- 1st EuCheMS Green and Sustainable Chemistry conference in Budapest in the Autumn of 2013
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