

## Catalytic Tricks

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His current research interests are related to the total synthesis of macrolide-like antitumor agents, the discovery or development of new synthetic/catalytic methods, and the design of new HIV integrase inhibitors.