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Awards and Honors

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2014 Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award
2014 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Fellowship
2013 ISHC Katritzky Junior Award in Heterocyclic Chemistry
2013 Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science
2010 Roche Excellence in Chemistry Award
2008-2016 John K. Stille Chair in Chemistry
2007-2012 Herman Frasch Foundation Grantee
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