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*Mathematica*, version 5.1; software for technical computation; Wolfram Research: Champaign, IL, 2004.

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Unpublished conference paper
Dizman, B.; Elasri, M.O.; Mathias, L.J. Presented at the 227th National meeting of the American Chemical Society, Anaheim, CA, March 28–April 1, 2004; Paper POLY 229.


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**Electronic thesis**


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Chemical Information List Server, CHMINF-L@iubvm.ucs.indiana.edu (accessed Oct 13, 2004).
Computational Chemistry List, solvent discussion in archived messages of September 2003, chemistry@ccl.net (accessed Nov 10, 2004).

Molecular Diversity for Basic Research & Drug Discovery, mol-diversity@listserv.arizona.edu (accessed Nov 10, 2004).

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Solla, L.R. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Personal communication, 2005.

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