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Virtual  
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### Synopsis

Synthesis is at the heart of drug discovery and development. The industry has increasingly demanded higher quality clinical candidates and has sought to exploit less druggable biological targets. Densely functionalised small molecules with a high degree of synthetic complexity are often the result of these demands. Successful programmes therefore require the application of innovative synthesis in all stages of discovery and development. The medicinal chemist's toolbox is also enhanced by the introduction of novel bioisosteres, often made available only through the application of new synthetic methods. This symposium aims to celebrate the crucial role of synthesis in the success of drug discovery and development.

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### Confirmed Speakers

**Nathaniel Kadunce**, *Gilead*  
*Process Development of Lenacapavir and its Complex Pyrazole Fragment*

**Loic Pantaine**, *Pharmaron*

**Sophie Rousseaux**, *University of Toronto*  
*New Strategies for the Synthesis and Functionalization of Small Rings*

**Hatice Yayla**, *Pfizer*  
*Enabling challenging photocatalytic transformations for medicinal chemistry programs: a series of case studies*

**Tom McGuire**, *AstraZeneca*

**Mariola Tortosa Manzanares**, *Universidad Autónoma de Madrid*  
*Catalysis to increase complexity: stereoselective synthesis of sp<sup>3</sup>-rich building blocks*

**Daniele Leonori**, *RWTH Aachen University*  
*Novel synthetic methods using photochemistry*

### Organising Committee

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