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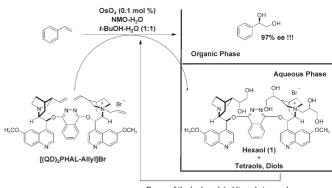
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Doo Seung Choi, Sang Seop Han, Eun Kyung Kwueon, Han Young Choi, Soon Ho Hwang, Yil Sung Park,\* Choong Eui Song\*



Reuse of the hydroxylated ligands trapped in aqueous layer

**2565** Microwave-Accelerated Coupling-Isomerization Reaction (MACIR) – A General Coupling-Isomerization Synthesis of 1,3-Diarylprop-2-en-1-ones

Adv. Synth. Catal. 2006, 348, 2565-2570

- 🔲 Oana G. Schramm (née Dediu) and Thomas J. J. Müller\*
- R = ERG, H, EWG

  OH

  R'

  2% PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>
  1% Cul, 20% PPh<sub>3</sub>

  THF

  5 equivs. NEt<sub>3</sub> or 2 equivs. DBU
  MW (120 150 °C, 15 30 min)

  (62 96%)

**2571** Lewis Acid-Catalyzed Sequential Transformations: Straightforward Preparation of Functional Dihydropyridines

Adv. Synth. Catal. 2006, 348, 2571-2574

Ramandeep Kaur Vohra, Christian Bruneau, Jean-Luc Renaud\*

- NH O + R<sup>4</sup> H Lewis Acid (5 mol %)

  CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

  40 99%

  R<sup>4</sup>

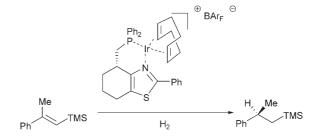
  R<sup>3</sup>

  R<sup>2</sup>

  CO<sub>2</sub>Et
- **2575** Iridium-Catalysed Asymmetric Hydrogenation of Vinylsilanes as a Route to Optically Active Silanes

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Klas Källström, Ian J. Munslow, Christian Hedberg, Pher G. Andersson\*



100% conversion 98% ee

**2579** Asymmetric Strecker Reaction of Ketoimines Catalyzed by a Novel Chiral Bifunctional *N*,*N*'-Dioxide

Adv. Synth. Catal. 2006, 348, 2579-2584

☐ Xiao Huang, Jinglun Huang, Yuehong Wen, Xiaoming Feng\*

12 examples 90 – 99% Yield

61 – 91% ee

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Chiral Scandium-Catalysed Enantioselective Ring-Opening of meso-Epoxides with N-Heterocycle, Alcohol and Thiol Derivatives in Water

Adv. Synth. Catal. 2006, 348, 2585-2589

Marine Boudou, Chikako Ogawa, Shū Kobayashi\*

$$Sc(DS)_3 \ (5-10 \ mol\%)$$

$$Ph \longrightarrow O + NuH \longrightarrow (6-12 \ mol\%)$$

$$H_2O, \ rt \longrightarrow NuH$$

$$34-85\%$$

$$85-96\% \ ee$$

Asymmetric Dihydroxylation of 2-Substituted 1-Vinylferrocenes: The First Non-Enzymatic Kinetic Resolution of Planar-Chiral Ferrocenes

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Adv. Synth. Catal. 2006, 348, 2597-2603

Bruno C. M. Fernandes, Cesar Mateo, Christoph Kiziak, Andrzej Chmura, Jan Wacker, Fred van Rantwijk, Andreas Stolz, Roger A. Sheldon\*

nitrilase R = H, CH<sub>3</sub>, CI, OH, OAc

Efficient Catalytic Asymmetric Synthesis of trans-5-Aryl-2substituted Cyclohexanones by Rhodium-Catalyzed Conjugate Arylation of Racemic 6-Substituted Cyclohexenones

Adv. Synth. Catal. 2006, 348, 2604-2608

Ken-ichi Yamada, Kiyoshi Tomioka\*

Qian Chen, Takahiro Soeta, Masami Kuriyama,

Internal Alkene Hydroaminations Catalyzed by Zirconium(IV) Complexes and Asymmetric Alkene Hydroaminations Catalyzed by Yttrium(III) Complexes

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Hyunseok Kim, Young Kwan Kim, Jun Hwan Shim, Misook Kim, Mijung Han, Tom Livinghouse,\* Phil Ho Lee\*

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**2619** Hydrolytic Kinetic Resolution of Epoxides Catalyzed by Chromium(III)-endo,endo-2,5-diaminonorbornane-salen [Cr(III)-DIANANE-salen] Complexes. Improved Activity, Low Catalyst Loading

Adv. Synth. Catal. 2006, 348, 2619-2625

Albrecht Berkessel,\* Erkan Ertürk

t-Bu O OTs t-Bu

 $R = n-C_6H_{13}$ ,  $CH_3$ ,  $CICH_2$ ,  $n-C_4H_9$ ,  $c-C_6H_{11}$ ,  $t-C_4H_9$ , Ph,  $CH_3O_2C$ 

2626 Enantioselective Synthesis of 4-(Dimethylamino)pyridines through a Chemical Oxidation-Enzymatic Reduction Sequence. Application in Asymmetric Catalysis

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- Eduardo Busto, Vicente Gotor-Fernández, Vicente Gotor\*
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Vitali I. Tararov,\* Gerd König, Armin Börner\*

HOOC COOH OET

(S)-malic acid

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