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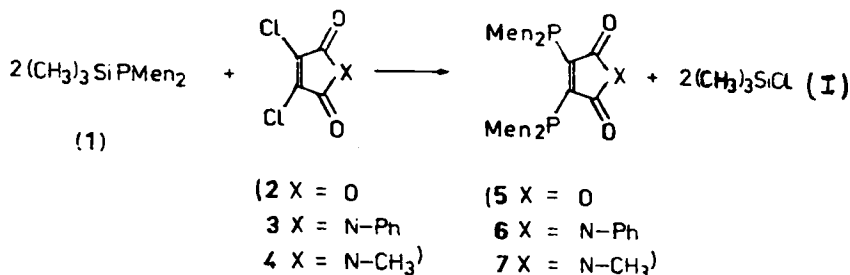
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HOMOGENEOUS ASYMMETRIC CATALYSIS BY MEANS OF CHIRAL METAL COMPLEXES OF 2,3-BIS(DIMETHYLPHOSPHINO)MALEIC ANHYDRIDE AND OF 2,3-BIS(DIMETHYLPHOSPHINO)MALE-IMIDE DERIVATIVES

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By treating of dimethyl(trimethylsilyl)phosphine with the compounds 2, 3 and 4 the ligands 5, 6 and 7 were synthesized according to eq. (I)



(Men = (-) - (1R, 3R, 4S) - menthyl)

These compounds have been used as ligands for Rh-complexes in the asymmetric hydrogenation (1) and hydrosilylation. Ni and Pd-complexes of these ligands were tested in the Grignard cross-coupling reaction between (E)-β-bromostyrene and 1-phenylethylmagnesium chloride.

The hydrogenation of -acetamido cinnamic acid gave 70 % enantiomeric excess, hydrogenation of acetophenone up to 47 % ee. Hydrosilylation of acetophenone led to 42 % ee. Attempts to asymmetric cross-coupling reactions resulted in very low enantiomeric excess.

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