

RhCl₃-catalysed Amide Bond Formation under Mild Conditions

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Summary The reaction of carboxylic acid esters with amines is accelerated in the presence of catalytic amounts of RhCl₃·3H₂O at a reasonably low temperature; optically

active 2,5-dioxopiperazines can be synthesized in high yield from the corresponding amino-acid esters using this procedure.

