

Book Reviews

Compendium of Organic Synthetic Methods. Volume 11. By Michael B. Smith. John Wiley & Sons, Hoboken, NJ. 2003. xx + 795 pp. 16 × 24 cm. ISBN 0-471-25965-9. \$225.00.

This is the 11th volume of this series, begun originally in 1971. This particular volume covers reactions from the literature of the years 1999, 2000, and 2001. Approximately 46% of the reactions cited are from *Tetrahedron Letters*, *Organic Letters*, and the *Journal of Organic Chemistry*. In past years, these journals have accounted for almost 60% of all of the citations. The experienced user of this compendium will not require special instructions for the use of Volume 11. The compendium covers functional group transformations and carbon-carbon forming reactions. Chapters 1-16 continue in the same format as in Volume 10. In addition, a complete alphabetical listing of all of the authors follows Chapter 16.

In contrast to Volume 10, the proofreading in this volume appears to be excellent. Random checks of Volume 11 found no discrepancies from the cited work. The material is presented in a clear and concise manner, and it will be of utility to industrial and academic chemists. In summary, this volume and the series remain an important addition to the library of practicing medicinal/organic chemists.

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