

*Gmelin Handbook of Inorganic Chemistry. Ge — Organogermanium Compounds, Part 2.* Springer-Verlag, Berlin etc., 1989, xix + 398 pages, DM1750. ISBN 3-540-93585-1.

This second volume on organogermanium compounds, written by F. Glockling, is concerned with compounds of the types  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeR}$ , where R is an alkenyl (including cyclic and polycyclic alkenyl), alkynyl, aryl, or heteroaryl group, and  $\text{Et}_3\text{GeR}$  where R is one of these groups or an alkyl or substituted-alkyl group. The account is very well organized, with most of the information presented very clearly and efficiently in tables. Literature coverage extends only up to 1985, but the form of presentation is such that it will be especially easy to update the material in an appropriate supplementary volume.

A valuable feature of the volumes on organogermanium compounds is that, in addition to the usual empirical formula index, there is a much more helpful index based on the identities of the ligands on germanium.

Research on organogermanium chemistry, currently an active and productive field, will be substantially facilitated by the availability of this series of volumes.

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## Corrigendum

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Re: Transition metal catalyzed asymmetric cross coupling reactions. New ligands and the effects of added salts. Crystal structures of  $[\text{Ph}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}\{(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{-SMe}\}\text{NMe}_2] \cdot \text{PdCl}_2$  and  $[\text{Ph}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}\{(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{SMe}\}\text{NMe}_2] \cdot \text{PdCl}_2$ ; by G. Cross, B.K. Vriesema, G. Boven, R.M. Kellogg and F. van Bolhuis (*J. Organomet. Chem.*, 370 (1989) 357–381).

Page 371, line 2 should read:

about 0.7 g of enzyme (MW  $1.05 \times 10^5$ ) or 0.32 g of complex (MW  $4 \times 10^2$ ) would