

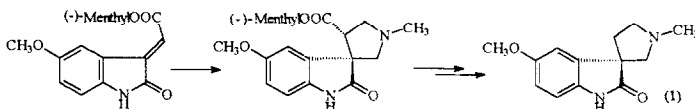
GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS

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OXINDOLE ALKALOIDS. A NOVEL NON-BIOMIMETIC ENTRY TO (-) HORSFILINE

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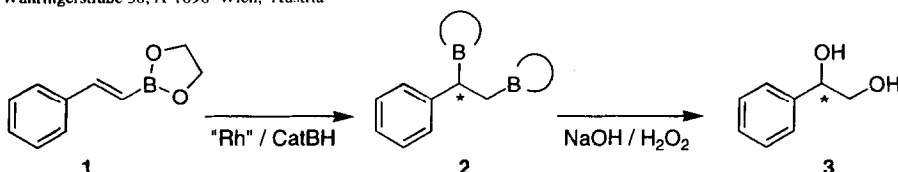
A novel non-biomimetic synthesis of (-)-Horsfiline (1) that takes advantage of a [3+2] cycloaddition to set the pyrrolidine unit is described.



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RHODIUM CATALYSED ENANTIOSELECTIVE HYDROBORATION OF ALKENYLBORONIC ESTERS WITH CATECHOLBORANE

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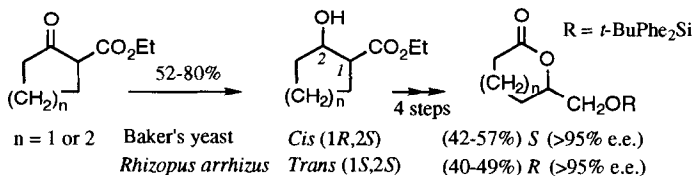
Catalytic addition of catecholborane to the α -position of vinylboronic esters was achieved by various rhodium-diphosphine systems resulting in optically active diol 3 after oxidative workup.

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A Chemoenzymatic Preparation of Both Enantiomers of ω -Hydroxymethyl-Substituted Lactones

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t-Butyl-diphenylsilyl derivatives of (*R*)- and (*S*)- δ -hydroxymethyl valerolactone and ϵ -hydroxymethyl caprolactone were prepared in 5 steps, starting with a microbial stereospecific reduction of the corresponding ethyl 2-oxocycloalkane carboxylate.



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ENANTIOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS OF (1*R*,2*R*)- AND (1*S*,2*S*)-2-NITROXYCYCLOHEXAN-1-OLS

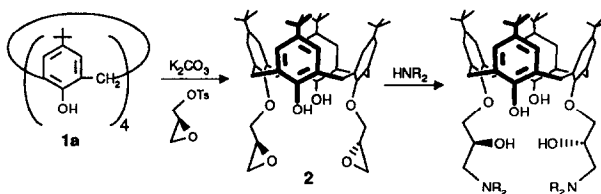
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SYNTHESIS OF GLYCIDYL CALIXARENES, VERSATILE SUBSTRATES FOR THE PREPARATION OF CHIRAL CALIXARENE-BASED LIGANDS

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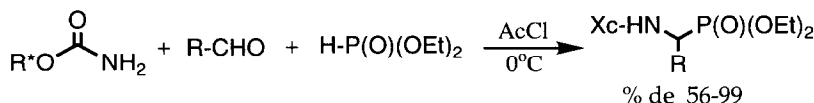
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ASYMMETRIC SYNTHESIS OF α -AMINOPHOSPHONATES VIA DIASTEREOSELECTIVE ADDITION OF PHOSPHITE TO CHIRAL IMINE DERIVATIVES

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Asymmetric synthesis of α -aminophosphonates via one pot three component reaction is described.

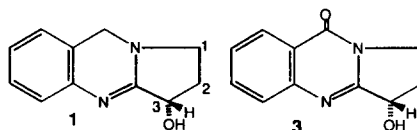


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Reversal of absolute stereochemistry of the pyrrolo [2,1b] quinazoline alkaloids vasicine, vasicinone, vasicinol and vasicinolone

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The absolute stereochemistry of (-)-vasicine (1) and (-)-vasicinone (3) have been shown to have the 3 S configuration on the basis of x-ray analysis of the alkaloid hydrobromides. Vasicinol and vasicinolone which have been interrelated should also have the 3 S configuration.

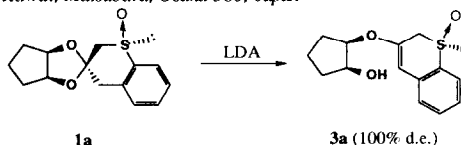


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Asymmetric Desymmetrization of the σ -Symmetrical Diols: The Role of Chelation in the Diastereoselective Acetal Cleavage Induced by the Chiral α -Sulfinyl Carbanion

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Diastereoselective β -elimination of 1a and the diastereomeric isomer was examined. The results show that these reactions are kinetically controlled rather than thermodynamically controlled and the C—O bond *syn* to the sulfinyl oxygen is selectively eliminated.



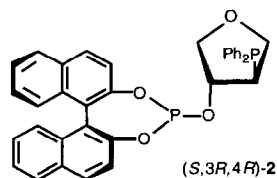
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Chiral Phosphinephosphites Having Axial and Central Chirality in Asymmetric Hydroformylations

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Chiral phosphinephosphite ligands such as (*S*,*3*R**,*4*R**)-**2** were prepared by the reaction of the corresponding hydroxy phosphines with atropisomeric chlorophosphites. The ligands were tested in the rhodium catalyzed hydroformylation in order to investigate the importance of axial and central chirality to this reaction.

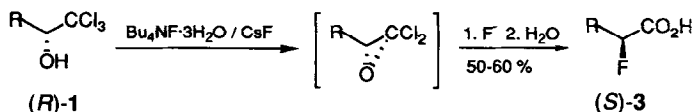


Enantioselective Synthesis of 2-Fluoro Carboxylic Acids from Trichloromethyl Carbinols: an Efficient Approach to Chiral Fluorine Introduction into Insect Sex Pheromones.

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Conversion of trichloromethyl alcohols to 2-fluoro carboxylic acids with inversion of configuration



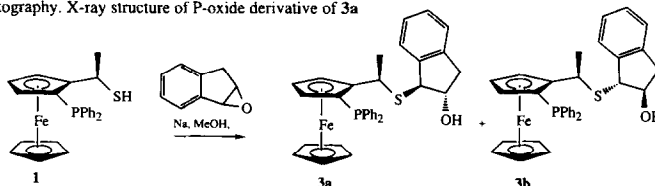
Synthesis of P,S,O Ligands Incorporating a Planar Chiral Ferrocenyl Motif

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Diastereomers of **3** separated by column chromatography. X-ray structure of P-oxide derivative of **3a** and of its Pd allyl complex determined.



Isolation and Structural Characterisation of a Reactive Chiral Palladium(II) Complex Containing a ClO₄ Ligand

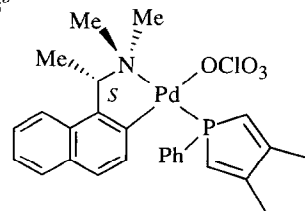
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An X-ray structural analysis and conductivity measurements reveal that the highly reactive chiral Pd(II) complex adopts an unexpected Pd-OCIO₃ bonding in both the solid state and in solution.



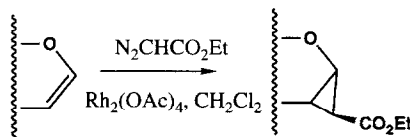
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Rhodium(II) Catalyzed Asymmetric Cyclopropanation of Glycals with Ethyl Diazoacetate

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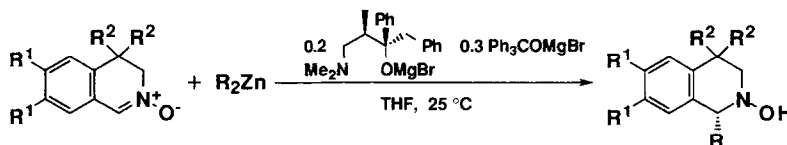
Carbenoid species generated from ethyl diazoacetate and catalytic $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$ react smoothly and with a high degree of stereoselectivity with glycals resulting in the predominant formation of doubly branched adducts containing an α -*exo*-oriented ethyl cyclopropanecarboxylate moiety.



Asymmetric Addition Reaction of Organozinc Reagents to Nitrones Using a Catalytic Amount of External Chiral Auxiliary

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Highly Enantioselective Asymmetric Diels-Alder Reaction of

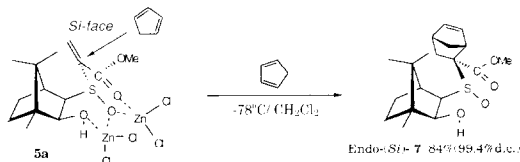
α -Sulfinylacrylate Derived from (1*R*, 2*S*, 3*R*)-3-Mercaptocamphan-2-ol

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The Diels-Alder reaction of cyclopentadiene with a new chiral α -sulfinylacrylate, which was prepared from MerCO [(1*R*, 2*S*, 3*R*)-3-mercaptocamphan-2-ol] at -78°C in the presence of ZnCl_2 produced an endo-cycloadduct with 99.4% d.e. in 84% yield.



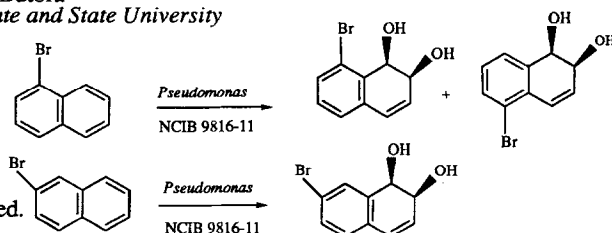
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New Chiral Synthons from the Microbial Oxidation of Bromonaphthalenes

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1-Bromo- and 2-bromonaphthalene were subjected to bio-oxidation with whole cells of *Pseudomonas putida* NCIB 9816-11. The major metabolites were isolated and their absolute stereochemistry determined.

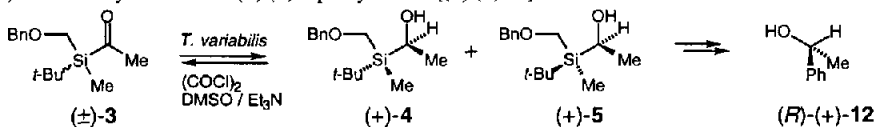


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CHIRAL SILICON GROUPS AS AUXILIARIES FOR ENANTIOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS: ACCESS TO OPTICALLY ACTIVE SILANES BY BIOTRANSFORMATION AND THE ENANTIOSPECIFIC PREPARATION OF (R)-(+)-1-PHENYLETHANOL

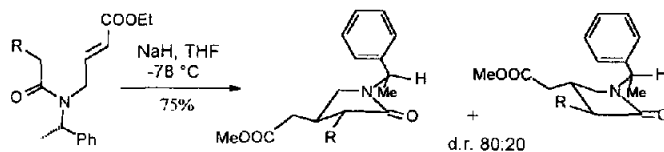
Priska Huber, Svetoslav Bratovanov, Stefan Bienz, * Christoph Syldatk, and Markus Pietzsch, Org.-chem. Inst. der Universität Zürich, Winterthurerstrasse 190, CH-8057 Zürich and Inst. f. Bioverfahrenstechnik der Universität Stuttgart, Allmandring 31, D-70569 Stuttgart.

Silane (\pm)-3 was reduced by *Trigonopsis variabilis* (DSM 70714) to (+)-4 and (+)-5, which were separated and oxidized to (R)-(-)-3 and (S)-(+)-3. (R)-(-)-3 was finally converted to (R)-(+)-1-phenylethanol [(R)-(+)-12].



Diastereomerically Pure Pyrrolidin-2-ones by Intramolecular Michael Reaction. Synthesis of Both (S)- and (R)-3-Pyrrolidineacetic Acid

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The major isomer can be converted into (S)-3-pyrrolidineacetic acid

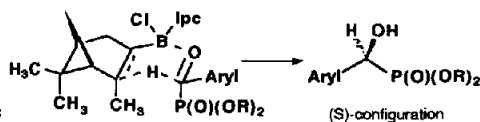
R = PhSO₂ or MeOOC

Asymmetric Synthesis of Chiral, Nonracemic Dialkyl- α -Hydroxy alkylphosphonates via (-)-Chlorodiisopinocampheylborane (Ipc₂B-Cl)

Reduction

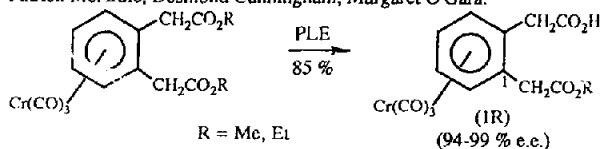
Chris Meier and Wolfgang H. G. Laux, Institut für Organische Chemie,
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The enantioselective synthesis of dialkyl α -hydroxybenzylphosphonates is described using the (-)-Ipc₂B-Cl reduction method. The results are compared to the catecholborane reduction method.



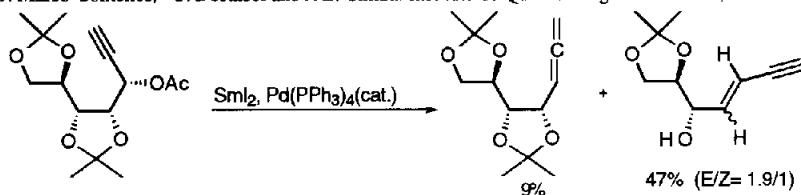
ENZYMATIC GENERATION OF PLANAR CHIRALITY IN THE (ARENE)Cr(CO)₃ SERIES: EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND MODELLING STUDIES

James A.S. Howell, Michael G. Palin, Gérard Jaouen, Bernard Malezieux, Siden Top, Jean Michel Cense, Jacques Salaün, Patrick McArdle, Desmond Cunningham, Margaret O'Gara.



Palladium-Catalyzed Reduction of a Propargylic Acetate Derived from a Sugar with Sml₂. Some Unexpected Results.

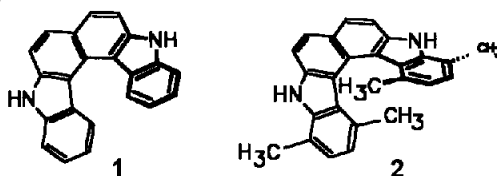
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A Configurationally Stable Pyrrolohelicene: Experimental and Theoretical Structure-Chiroptic Relationships

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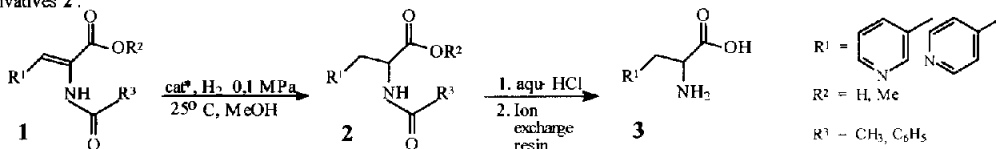
Synthesis, ab initio and X-ray Structure, Enantiomeric Separation, CD Calculations and Absolute Configuration of the new optical stable derivative 2 of the longest known hexahelicene 1.



ASYMMETRIC SYNTHESIS OF PYRIDYLALANINES

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Synthesis of 3- and 4-pyridylalanines 3 (up to > 99% ee) by homogeneous catalytic hydrogenation of the unsaturated precursors 1 using [Rh-PROPRAPHOS]⁺ and [Rh-norbornane-aminophosphinephosphinite]⁺ complexes (ee 70-90%) followed by recrystallisation and deacylation of *N*-acyl-derivatives 2.

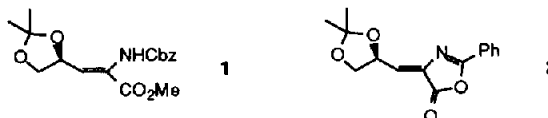


HIGH-PRESSURE AND THERMALLY INDUCED ASYMMETRIC DIELS-ALDER CYCLOADDITIONS OF HETEROSUBSTITUTED DIENES TO CHIRAL α,β-DIDEHYDRO AMINO ACID DERIVATIVES

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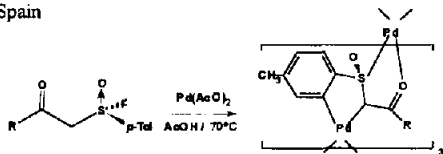
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The title reactions were investigated by using 1 and 2 as dienophiles



Enantiomerically Pure Palladacycles with one Stereogenic Csp³ Center

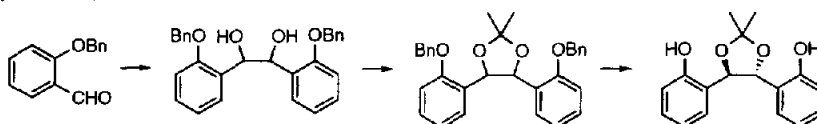
Directly Bonded to the Metal.

José L. García-Ruano,^a Ana M. González,^b Ana I. Bárcena,^b María J. Camazón,^b Carmen Navarro-Ranninger,^{*b}^a Departamento de Química Orgánica, ^b Departamento de Química Inorgánica, Universidad Autónoma, Cantoblanco 28049-Madrid, SpainEnantiomerically pure palladium C-enolates were obtained from (*R*)-homochiral β-ketosulfoxides.

R=Me, Et, Ph

Synthesis of Pure Enantiomers of a New Diol Ligand,
trans-4,5-Bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane

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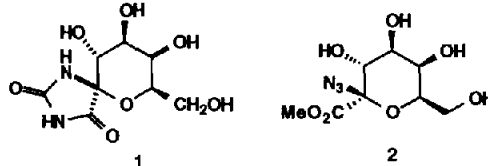
A new chiral diol ligand, *trans*-4,5-bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-diol was synthesized in an enantiomerically pure form from *O*-benzylated salicylaldehyde.

A GALACTOPYRANOSE ANALOGUE OF HYDANTOCIDIN

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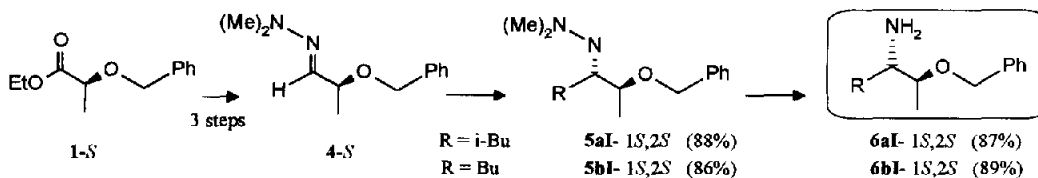
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The synthesis of the galactopyranose analogue 1 of hydantocidin is reported. The azidoester 2 may be a useful intermediate for the generation of libraries of compounds of galactose mimics.



Synthesis of Enantiomerically Pure Threo 1-Alkyl-2-benzyloxy-propylamines.

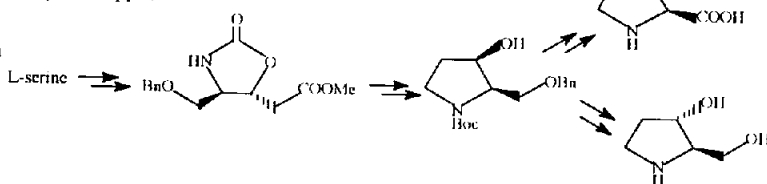
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A Straightforward Synthesis of (2*S*,3*R*)-3-Hydroxyproline and *trans*-(2*R*,3*S*)-2-Hydroxymethyl-3-hydroxypyrrolidine

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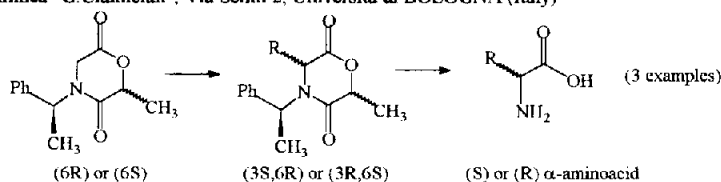


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ENANTIOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS OF (R)-AND (S)- α -AMINOACIDS USING (3*R*,6*S*)-AND (3*S*,6*R*)-3-ALKYL-6-METHYL-MORPHOLINE-2,5-DIONES

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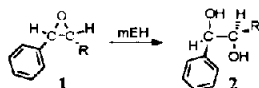


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Enantioconvergent Transformation of Racemic *cis*- β -Alkyl Substituted Styrene Oxides to (R,R) Threo Diols

by Microsomal Epoxide Hydrolase Catalysed Hydrolysis. Giuseppe Bellucci, Cinzia Chiappe, Antonio Cordoni

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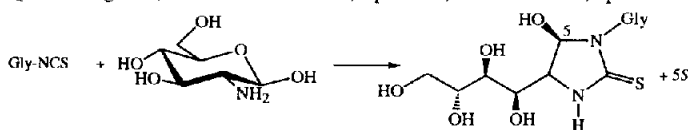
Both enantiomers of epoxides **1b-e** are hydrated by the microsomal epoxide hydrolase to give the (R,R) *threo* diols **2** in a >90% e.e. Epoxides **1a** and **1b** also undergo a complete kinetic resolution.

a: R = CH₃, b: R = CH₂CH₃, c: R = CH₂CH₂CH₃, d: R = CH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃, e: R = CH₂(CH₂)₄CH₃

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STEREOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS OF NUCLEOSIDE ANALOGUES OF CHIRAL IMIDAZOLIDINES FROM SUGAR ISOTHIOCYANATES.

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The 5*R*:5*S* ratio depends on the anomeric configuration of Gly-NCS

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Gly = per-OAc- β -D-Glcp; per-OBz- β -D-Ribp;
per-OBz- α -D-Ribp; per-OAc- β -D-Glcp-
(1-6)- β -D-Glcp; per-OAc- α -D-Glcp-
(1-4)- β -D-Glcp-(1-6)- β -D-Glcp

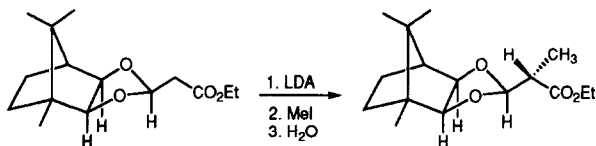
ELIMINATION VERSUS DIASTERESELECTIVE ALKYLATION IN HOMOCHIRAL 2-(β -ETHOXY CARBOXYL) ACETALS

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The reaction of the chiral 2-(β -ethoxycarbonyl) dioxolane derived from (-)-*exo*-camphanediol with methyl iodide in the presence of one equivalent of LDA lead to the alkylated product in very good chemical yield and poor diastereomeric excess.

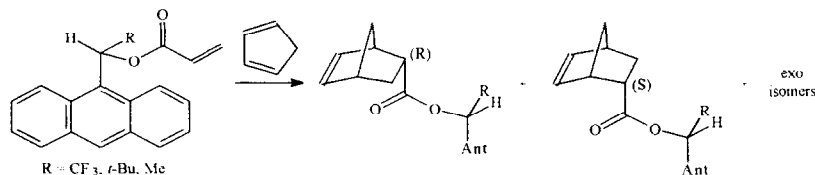


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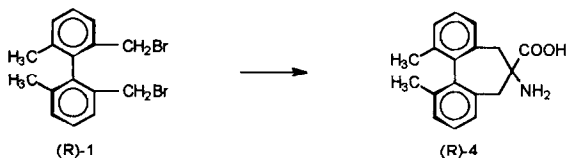
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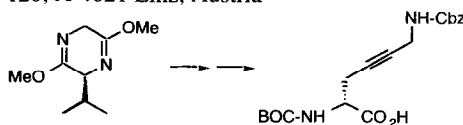


Stereoselective Synthesis of (2*R*)-6-Benzoyloxycarbonylamino-2-*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino-hex-4-ynoic Acid. Dirk Heering^a,

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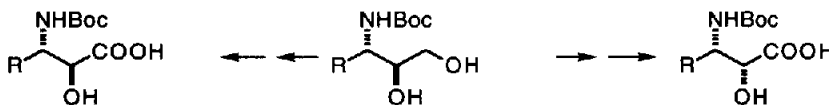


An Enantioselective, Stereodivergent Approach to *anti*- and *syn*- α -Hydroxy- β -amino acids from *anti*-3-Amino-1,2-diols. Synthesis of the Ready for Coupling Taxotere[®] Side Chain.

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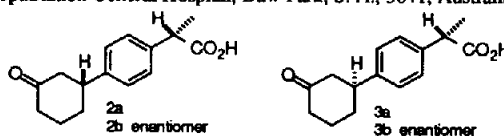


Enantioselective Synthesis of the Four Isomers of the Biologically Active Metabolite of the 2-Arylpropanoic acid NSAID, Ximoprofen, and Assessment of their Inhibitory Activity on Human Platelet Cyclo-oxygenase *in vitro*.

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Asymmetric syntheses of the four stereoisomers 2a, 2b 3a and 3b of the parent keto acid of the oximino drug ximoprofen are reported.

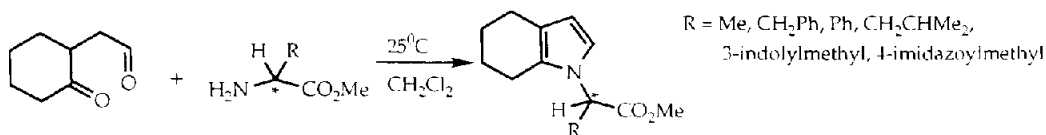


Chiral N-Substituted 4,5,6,7-Tetrahydroindoles.

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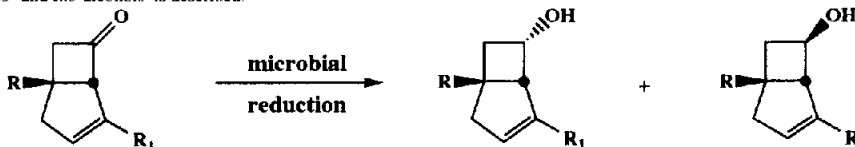
2-Formylmethylcyclohexanone reacts with α -amino esters at ambient temperature to give N-substituted 4,5,6,7-tetrahydroindole in good yield and 92-100%ee.

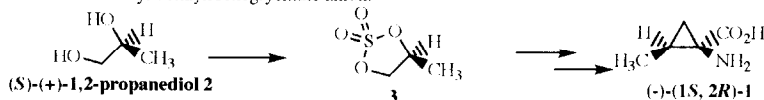
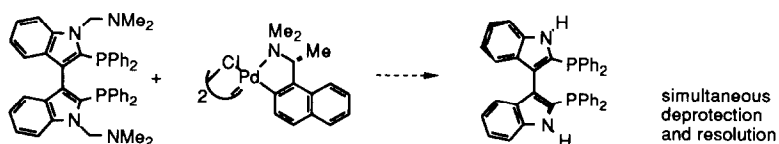
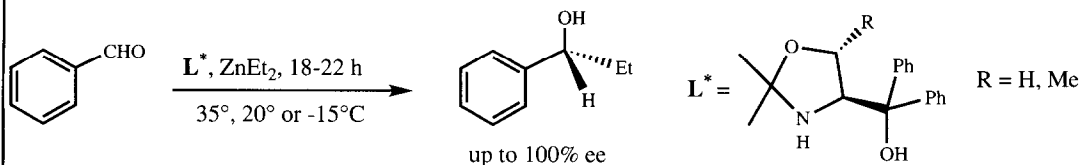
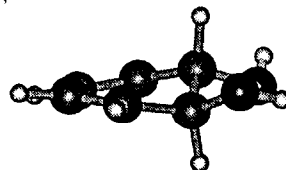


MICROBIAL REDUCTION OF METHYL-SUBSTITUTED BICYCLO[3.2.0]HEPT-3-EN-6-ONES: A SCREENING TO HOMOCHIRAL *endo*- AND *exo*-ALCOHOLS

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 A screening to *endo*- and *exo*-alcohols is described.



Expedient Synthesis of (-)-(1*S*, 2*R*)-Allonocoronamic AcidAlain Hercouet, Bernard Bessières and Maurice Le Corre
Laboratoire de Synthèse Organique, Université de Rennes I, France.The title compound **1** was synthesized from (*S*)-(+)-1,2-propanediol **2** via condensation of cyclic sulfate **3** with methyl benzylidene-glycinate anion.**Synthesis and Resolution of 2,2'-bis-diphenylphosphino [3,3']biindolyl ; a New Atropisomeric Ligand for Transition Metal Catalysis**Ulrich Berens^{a,b}, John M. Brown^a, James Long^a and Rüdiger Selke^b ^aDyson Perrins Laboratory, South Parks Road, Oxford, U.K. ^bMax-Planck Group, Universität Rostock, Germany**Chiral Ligands Containing Heteroatoms. 14. 1,3-Oxazolidinyl Methanols as Chiral Catalysts in the Enantioselective Addition of Diethylzinc to Aldehydes**Massimo Falorni^{*}, Cristina Collu, Sandra Conti and Giampaolo Giacomelli
Dipartimento di Chimica dell'Università, via Vienna 2, I-07100 Sassari, Italy**Conformational Preference of *trans*-3,5-Cyclohexadiene-1,2-diol, a Benzene Metabolite, from Circular Dichroism, Molecular Mechanics and X-Ray Diffraction Study.**J. Gawronski^{*}, K. Gawronska, G. Buczak, A. Katrusiak, P. Skowronek, and H. Suemune,
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and Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyushu University, Fukuoka 812, JapanThe title compound is more stable in the diequatorial form, $\Delta G^{\circ}_{\text{ax-eq}} = 0.71$ kcal/mol (from variable temperature CD). The intermolecularly hydrogen-bonded diequatorial conformer is also found in the crystal.

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