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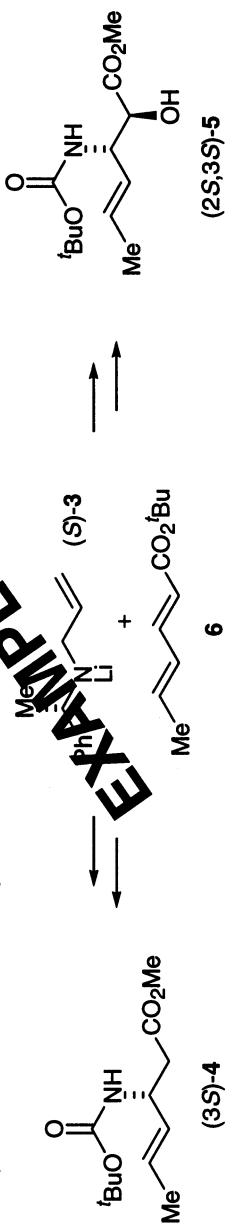
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The use of lithium (α -methylbenzyl)allylamide for the asymmetric synthesis of unsaturated β -amino acid derivatives

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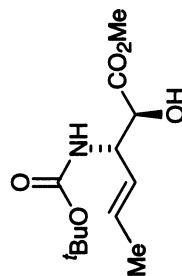
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$C_{12}H_{21}NO_5$

Methyl (2*S*,3*S*)-(E)-3-(*N*-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino-2-hydroxyhex-4-enoate

EXAMPLE

Ee = 100%

$[\alpha]_D^{24} = +15.5$ (c 1.50, $CHCl_3$)

Source of chirality: asymmetric synthesis

Absolute configuration: (2*S*,3*S*)

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