GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS



















Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 8433 A SIMPLE AND HIGHLY DIASTEREOSELECTIVE PREPARATION OF GLYCAL EPOXIDES USING THE MCPBA-KF COMPLEX Giuseppe Bellucci, Giorgio Catelani, Cinzia Chiappe, Felicia D'Andrea, - Dipartimento di Chimica Bioorganica, University of Pisa (Italy). Epoxidation of glycals with MCPBA-KF gives the corrisponding epoxides in high yields and with high diastereoselectivity. BnO BnC ° OMe OM_a BnO BnO. Z^OCH2OBn HO' BnO[^] CH2OBn CH₂OBn CH₂OBn BnO Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 8437 SYNTHESIS OF y-METHOXY CARBOXYLIC ACIDS VIA NUCLEOPHILIC ADDITIONS TO OXYCARBENIUM IONS DERIVED FROM 5-METHOXY-2(3H)-DIHYDROFURANONES. Arjan van Oeveren, Ben L. Feringa*, Department of Organic and Molecular Inorganic Chemistry, Groningen Center for Catalysis and Synthesis, University of Groningen, Nijenborgh 4, 9747 AG, Groningen, The Netherlands. 5-methoxy-2(3H)-dihydrofuranones were treated with TiCl, and addition of silylated nucleophiles to the resulting oxycarbenium ions gave y-methoxy carboxylic acids. Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 8441 LIPASE CATALYZED ENANTIOSELECTIVE TRANSESTERIFICATION OF 5-ACYLOXY -2(5H)-FURANONES. Hanneke van der Deen, Robert P. Hof, Arjan van Oeveren, Ben L. Feringa* and Richard M. Kellogg*, Department of Organic and Molecular Inorganic Chemistry, Groningen Center of Catalysis and Synthesis, University of Groningen, Nijenborgh 4, 9747 AG Groningen, The Netherlands. Several lipases in organic solvents catalyse the enantioselective transesterification of 5-acyloxy-2(5H)-furanones with e.e.'s ranging from 68-98%. 1 hexane / n-BuOH n-BuOCR RÜC $R = CH_3, C_2H_5$ Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 8445 SmI2-MEDIATED CYCLIZATION OF VINYL RADICALS Laura Capella and Pier Carlo Montevecchi Dipartimento di Chimica Organica 'A. Mangini', Viale Risorgimento 4, I-40136 Bologna, Italy SmI2-mediated vinyl radicals give stereoselective 5- and 6-exo cyclization on the intramolecular triple bond. Me₃Si-Me₁Si-





