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**Asymmetric hetero-Diels–Alder reactions of carbonyl compounds** Hélène Pellissier\*



This review is intended to update the most recent developments in asymmetric hetero-Diels–Alder (HDA) reactions of carbonyl compounds, covering the literature from 2000 to 2008. The reactions of unactivated aldehydes, activated aldehydes, activated ketones and the inverse HDA reactions of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ketones and  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes are successively investigated. This review clearly demonstrates the power of asymmetric HDA reactions of carbonyl compounds for the construction of chiral six-membered oxygen-containing heterocycles, with extensive synthetic applications in natural or unnatural products with a wide range of biological activity.

#### ARTICLES

## Highly diastereo- and enantioselective direct aldol reactions promoted by water-compatible organocatalysts bearing pp 2879–2888 a pyrrolidinyl-camphor structural scaffold

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Efficient synthetic routes have been developed for the synthesis of a series of pyrrolidinylcamphor containing organocatalysts (1–10). Structural modifications were made by varying the stereo- and electronic properties of the camphor scaffold and the aromatic substituents. These readily tunable and amphiphilic organocatalysts were evaluated for the direct asymmetric aldol reaction of various aromatic aldehydes and cyclohexanone either in organic solvents or in the presence of water. The aldol reaction proceeded smoothly with excellent chemical yields (up to 99%), enantioselectivities (up to 99% ee), and *anti*-diastereoselectivities (up to 99:1) with a catalytical amount of the bifunctional organocatalysts (20 mol %) under optimal reaction conditions. Mechanistic transition models are proposed and the stereochemical bias of the asymmetric aldol reaction is presented.







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# Convenient and efficient Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling reactions catalyzed by palladium complexes containing *N*,*N*,O-tridentate ligands

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The experimental and DFT studies on the Suzuki reaction catalyzed by palladium complexes with *N*,*N*,*O*-tridentate ligands revealed that the catalytic performance may differ greatly upon a small variation in the structure of the ligand. Comparison of the optimized geometries of the presumed reaction intermediates, **TS4a** and **TS4b**, showed that a bulkier group, <sup>*t*</sup>Bu, in **TS4b** exerts a greater steric effect on the nearby phenoxide moiety than a smaller –OMe group does in **TS4a**.

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H2.HCI

R = Me or Bn chiral recognition of amino acid methylesters

#### **Anti-Pseudomonas aeruginosa xanthones from the resin and green fruits of Cratoxylum cochinchinense** Nawong Boonnak, Chatchanok Karalai<sup>\*</sup>, Suchada Chantrapromma, Chanita Ponglimanont, Hoong-Kun Fun, Akkharawit Kanjana-Opas, Kan Chantrapromma, Shigeru Kato

Cochinchinones I–L (**1–3** and **13**) along with 11 known xanthones (**4–12**, **14**, and **15**) were isolated from the resin and green fruits of *Cratoxylum cochinchinense*. In addition, four new acetylated compounds (**16–19**) were derivatized from 7-geranyloxy-1,3-dihydroxyxanthone (**14**) and 3-geranyloxy-1,7-dihydroxyxanthone (**15**). All compounds were characterized on the basis of spectroscopic analyses. The structures of cochinchinone I (**1**), a monoacetate (**18**) and a dibrosylate (**20**), were also confirmed by X-ray diffraction analysis. The anti-bacterial and antifungal activities of selected compounds were evaluated as well.

### Chiral calix[4]azacrowns for enantiomeric recognition of amino acid derivatives

Havva Nur Demirtas, Selahattin Bozkurt, Mustafa Durmaz, Mustafa Yilmaz, Abdulkadir Sirit\*



5' R' = H

6: R' = Me

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