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Silver(I)–Monophosphine-Catalyzed Asymmetric Mannich Reaction

Selected examples:

Proposed transition state:

Significance: The authors developed a new class of axially chiral monophosphine ligands for silver-catalyzed asymmetric reactions. This catalytic system shows good catalytic activities and good enantioselectivities in an asymmetric vinyllogous Mannich reaction.

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Comment: These air-stable ligands can be synthesized easily on gram scale in good yields from available starting materials. The benzyl group of the chiral monophosphine not only offers weak silver- π/π stacking, but also provides steric repulsion to favor the diastereoselective *re*-nucleophilic addition of siloxyfuran to the imine.