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Enantioselective Synthesis of 1,2-Dihydronaphthalene-1-carbaldehydes by Addition of Boronates to Isochromene Acetals Catalyzed by Tartaric Acid

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Asymmetric [4+2] Cycloaddition of Isochromene Acetals with Boronates

Selected examples:

The reaction of α -substituted vinylboronate:

Significance: The authors present the tartaric acid catalyzed asymmetric [4+2] cycloaddition of isochromene acetals with vinylboronates. A series of 1,2-dihydronaphthalene-1-carbaldehydes were prepared with excellent yields (up to 91%), diastereo- (dr up to >99:1), and enantioselectivities (er up to 98.5:1.5).

Comment: This method provides a facile access to chiral dihydronaphthalene building blocks that can be used to make important natural products and biological active compounds. Tartaric acid in combination with $\text{Ho}(\text{OTf})_3$ is highly effective for the reaction.

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