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Modular Catalysts for the Enantioselective Allylation of Aldehydes

Significance: The formerly developed Mn-Cr(II)-mediated allylation of aldehydes for the first time has been performed in an enantioselective variant using a set of modular amino acid-derived ligands. Enantioselectivities of up to 95% were achieved after screening of different catalyst diastereomers.

Comment: A modular approach for the search for new enantioselective ligands is very promising as it offers a rational method for improving the enantioselectivity by changing the building blocks at will. Modular ligands can be developed for most metal-catalyzed reactions, starting usually from available naturally occurring materials, in several simple steps.

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