Asymmetric 1,4-Addition with a Chiral Calcium–Pybox Catalyst

Significance: A polymer-supported homochiral Pybox–calcium chloride complex catalyzed the asymmetric 1,4-addition of 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds 1 to nitroalkenes 2, to afford the corresponding adducts 3 in up to 98% yield and 95% ee under batch or flow conditions.

Comment: The flow system worked for 204 hours without significant loss of catalytic activity to give 3a in 95.5% yield with 92.0% ee on average. The total amount of product was 291.4 mmol and the turn-over number (TON) reached 228.