D. R. WHITE, J. T. HUTT, J. P. WOLFE* (UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, USA) Asymmetric Pd-Catalyzed Alkene Carboamination Reactions for the Synthesis of 2-Aminoindane Derivatives *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2015**, *137*, 11246–11249.

Palladium-Catalyzed Asymmetric Carboamination of Alkenes

82% yield, 94% ee

Significance: The authors presented an asymmetric alkene carboamination reaction that uses an external amine nucleophile. A combination of a palladium(II) salt and the (S)-t-BuPHOX ligand worked efficiently to deliver 2-aminoindane derivatives in high yields and excellent enantioselectivities (>98% ee).

Comment: The intermolecular *anti*-aminopalladation with an external amine nucleophile is the major highlight of this work. This group previously reported an intramolecular *anti*-aminopalladation for the synthesis of cyclic sulfonamides (*Chem. Eur. J.* **2014**, *20*, 8782). A deuterium-labelling study supported the *anti*-aminopalladation pathway. The choice of the chiral ligand and nucleophile are crucial for high yields and selectivities.

77% yield, 96% ee

56% yield, 94% ee

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47% yield, 78% ee