Amino Acid Derivatives

Stereoselective Michael Addition Reaction for Synthesis of Unnatural Amino Acids

Significance: Unnatural amino acids are vital building blocks for the synthesis of complex natural products, biologically active molecules, and peptides. In this context, the authors developed a stereoselective Michael addition reaction of camphorderived tetrahydropyran (camTHP*)-desymmetrized glycinamide with nitro-olefins, α,β -unsaturated ketones, esters, and lactones for the synthesis of unnatural amino acids.

Comment: A series of unnatural amino acids were synthesized using the developed method. The reaction is highly stereoselective and the product unnatural amino acids were transformed for the synthesis of 3-substituted pyroglutamides.

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